

## Parish Newsletter - August 21st 2016

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### St. Joseph's Church Blampied

Lay Led Assembly (2nd Sunday of the Month) 9.00am

Vigil Mass Sat 6.00pm (4th Sunday of the Month)

Diocesan Website: [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

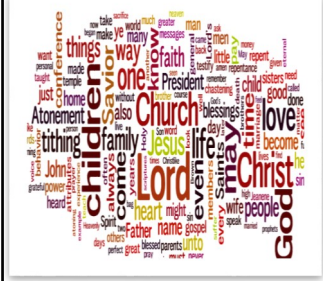


### REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel passage picks up one of the major themes that runs throughout the gospel of Luke: the message of salvation is not reserved exclusively for the Jews, but is for all people; Jew and Gentile alike. A number of times in this gospel, the writer makes a point of having Jesus relate this controversial and fairly unpopular message to his audience. Today's gospel makes clear that to gain salvation, you have to do more than just show up! Like those knocking on the locked door and claiming friendship, we can't just turn up at the last minute and expect to be received. Salvation – entrance into the kingdom of God – belongs to those who accept the message of Jesus and act on it for the rest of their lives.

The gospel makes plain to the Jewish people of the time that unless they accept the message of Jesus and act upon it, they will get a terrible shock ('weeping and grinding of teeth') at the coming of the kingdom. Those who believe in name only will find themselves looking in from the outside and will see the greatest prophets in the kingdom while they themselves are denied access. To further make the point, they are told that people from east and west, north and south will be welcomed into the feast of the kingdom. References to people from the four points of the compass always indicate people from other lands – non-Jews. Jesus tells his audience that people who are faithful to his message, even though they may be Gentile, will gain salvation before anyone who thinks they deserve it because of their birth or title. The kingdom must be earned through faithful effort, not by just turning up and claiming to be a believer.





**Last Week's Collections:** *Two collections are taken up after the Prayers of the Faithful. The 1<sup>st</sup> Collection is the Presbytery Collection – this collection is for the support of the local priest, with 13% going towards the support of the retired priests and the Bishop. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection is the Planned Giving (envelopes) for the support of Parish endeavours and structures.*  
 1st Collection (Presbytery – supporting our Priest) \$516.30  
 2nd Collection (Planned Giving): \$765

**RECENT DEATH:** Mark Timmins, Jack Higgins, Josie Bird (Bishop Paul's sister)  
**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Tony Capes, Tony Whitely, John O'Loughlin, Margaret Richards, Heidi Roleff, Gertrude Dwyer, Helen Paton



**St Michael's School Fete Sunday October 30th.**  
 Trash and Treasure stall donations welcome—next time you are having a clean out. Please note we can not accept electrical items. Second hand books and clothes also welcome. Please deliver to St Michael's.

**Diocesan News**  
**Fr Shane Mackinlay's Silver Jubilee** Fr Shane Mackinlay will celebrate his 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood on 6 September this year. The Bungaree and Gordon parishes will celebrate this event with Fr Shane at 10.30am Mass on Sunday 11 September, at St Michael's, Bungaree, followed by lunch in the Parish Centre; and at 10.30am Mass on Sunday 18 September, at St Brigid's, Ballan. All welcome.  
**An End of an Era Celebration at St Michael's School, Springbank** St Michael's School Springbank will close at the end of the 2016 school year and on December 3, 2016 we will be celebrating the life and times of the school. Celebrations will commence with an afternoon tea at 4.00pm, Mass at 6.30pm, then join us for a spit roast tea, meeting old friends, colleagues and dance the night away. A recovery brunch will be held on Sunday, December 4 (this will be a BYO drinks event). Please register your interest to attend to one or all of the events by email to [quinlanwater@gmail.com](mailto:quinlanwater@gmail.com) or by message to Margie Quinlan, ph. 0417587235. Please note that you will not be catered for if your name is not on the guest list.  
**Loreto College 2017 Year 7 Parent Orientation Evening** Wednesday, November 9, 2016 from 7.00pm – 8.30pm at Mary's Mount Centre, Loreto College Ballarat.

**St Vincent de Paul**  
 We have confirmation from our region of Ballarat that those of us who have shown interest in re-forming our St Peter's Conference here in Daylesford, will be contacted, and an information session will be run at our Parish Centre with the blessing of our Parish Priest Fr Gary, and a date will be set soon. Contact Ian Tinetti 5476 4277

**Reminder:**  
**Sacrament of Confirmation: Year 3 children:**  
 Parent information sessions:  
 Tuesday Oct 4<sup>th</sup> at 4.00pm – St Augustine's School.  
 Wednesday Oct 5<sup>th</sup> at 4.00pm – St Michael's School.



**Roster - Sunday 28th August**  
**Reader:** S Whiffin **Comm:** L Righetti **Ministers:** T Tinetti, D McMinn, M Bruce **Offertory:** Chamberlain Family **Counters** *August 21st (Team 1)* J Adriaans, L & M Righetti *August 28th (Team 2)* J Egan, C Collins  
**Weekday Mass - Wednesday Creswick 10am, Friday Daylesford 10am**

