

## Parish Newsletter - June 4th 2017

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**St. Joseph's Church Blampied**

***No Mass until Further notice.***

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



**RECENT DEATHS:** Anna Oellering

**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Timothy Gilmartin, Robert Carman, Brendan Kenny, Alexander Edwards, Mary Thomas, Jeanne Courtney, Mick Daly, David Grant

**Prayers for Sick:** Gary Eyles



### Prayer of Pentecost 2017:

When was the last time  
that we heard the wind of your Spirit  
roar through this place?  
When was the last time  
your fire lit up this room?  
When was the last time  
we took you at your word  
and met together in expectation  
of your Spirit filling this place,  
and these lives with your Glory and Power?  
Lord, you challenge us with Pentecost.  
Do we believe that this  
was a once in eternity experience,  
never to be repeated?  
That the Holy Spirit was poured out  
on your followers for a single purpose,  
and ended His work at that instant?  
If so, then maybe that is why the Church  
seems so powerless in this age,  
helpless when faced with the needs  
both spiritual and physical,  
that we see in the world.  
Lord, as we meet together,  
and celebrate once again  
the memory of that first Pentecost,  
may it be for us as it was then  
a moment of empowerment,  
an awareness of your Glory in this dark world,  
a life changing experience.



### ***Shannon's Bridge***

Shannon's Bridge is a new not for profit volunteer organisation to help connect patients and existing palliative care services and supports. We are here to support you with issues about illness, dying and loss. The aim is to remove the taboo and change attitudes about death and dying. The focus is on not just a "good death" but "better living". Shannon's Bridge is based on the "Compassionate Communities" international movement to help people to live well within our communities to the very end of our lives. A Compassionate Community is one that acknowledges that care for one another at times of crisis and loss is not simply a task solely for health and social services but is everyone's responsibility. Shannon's Bridge welcomes interest and questions from members of the public, other volunteer groups, faith or spiritual groups, community organisations, service providers, local government, health services and educational institutions. Contact Jeremy McKnight, ph. 0448 827956 or [www.shannonbridge.com](http://www.shannonbridge.com).



**Last Week's Collections:** *Two collections are presented after the Prayers of the Faithful. The 1<sup>st</sup> Collection is cash toward the Presbytery for the sustenance of our Priest – with a contribution of 13% to provide support for our retired priests and the Diocese. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection is the Planned Giving (envelopes) or cash for the administration of the Parish & general running costs:*

1st Collection \$384.10

2nd Collection \$75.00

### Planned Giving 2017

Thankyou to all those parishioners who are involved with the Planned Giving Program here at St Peter's Parish.

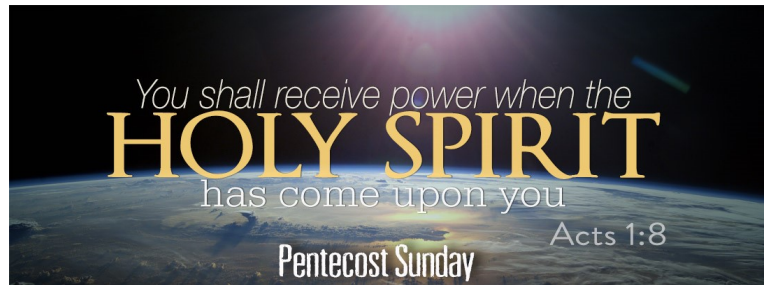
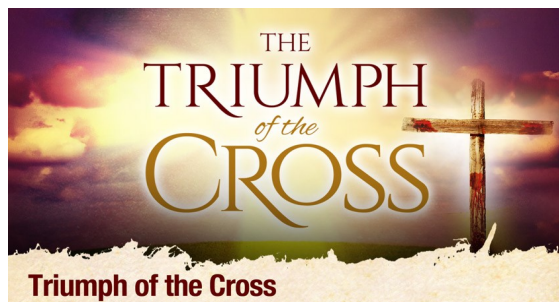
As we reach the halfway point of the year, it is a good time to look at our Program for 2018 and beyond.

We are one of few parishes who do not offer a direct debit option for our givers, and hence we are looking to introduce this option from now.

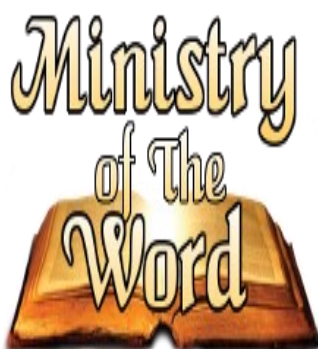
The Direct debit would be run through the CDF, allowing givers to contribute regularly and without the worry of bringing an envelope each Sunday.

The account at the CDF will be able to process Credit cards and will be transferred to our Bendigo Account to assist in the day to day running of the Parish.

Forms have been provided from the CDF and are available at the rear of the Church. These can be returned to the Office and forwarded to the CDF for processing.



***Today we welcome our First Communion Candidates— Harry Jenkin, Max Lynch, Brendan Monaghan, Jessie Quinn and Hayley Smith - to their final Dismissal Mass as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of First Communion On June 18th. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.***



### Sunday June 11th

**Reader:** I Tinetti **Commentator:** B Arnell **Offertory:** Keynes Family **Ministers:** C Bartholomew, M Bruce, M Coffey **Sacristan:** Rose

**Counters:** (June 4) team 2— J Egan, C Collins

(June 11) team 3— D Leonard, M Bolton, V & L Hayes

**Weekday Masses:** Creswick Tuesday 10.00am

10am Thursday & Friday—Daylesford