



Parish Newsletter - November 6th 2016

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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

Confirmation Candidates: Confirmation will be celebrated in the Parish on Sunday November 20th. Please remember the following candidates and their families as they prepare for this Sacrament—Jessica Quinn, Hayley Smith, Brendan Monaghan, Harry Jenkin and Max Lynch



Parish Dates:

Morning Tea after Mass TODAY. Please join us.

Tuesday November 8th 12.00 noon Mass at Clunes– luncheon after.

Sacrament of Confirmation 10.30am Sunday November 20th.

St Michael's Class Mass - Sunday November 27th

Friday December 9th - St Michael's School Final Year Mass

St Thomas Aquinas Clunes

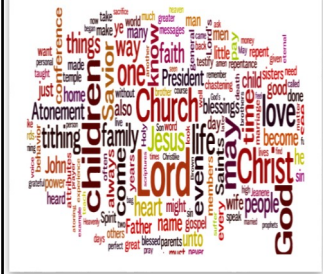


This Tuesday Fr Gary will be celebrating All Souls Mass at Clunes at 12 noon. Also Anointing of the Sick will take place during Mass. All most welcome, please come and join us. Mass will be followed by lunch.

'Dying Well in Hepburn Shire: At Home with Hospice Help'

In November, a forum called 'Dying Well in Hepburn Shire: At Home with Hospice Help' will be held in Daylesford, Creswick and Clunes. This program aims to encourage people in the Shire to think about how and where they would like to die, at whatever age that might be. To help get the conversation started, local performers - **Musician Danny Spooner, Storyteller Anne E Stewart and Poetry Reader Richard Perry** - will weave their performances at all three events helping to raise questions, give courage and bring laughter to a difficult subject. The program, an afternoon of gentle entertainment and facilitated discussion about the services that Ballarat Hospice offers, will be held in:

Daylesford – 2-4pm **November 6** Victoria Park Pavilion, Corner Ballan Road and Burrall Street, **Clunes** – 2-4pm **November 13** The Warehouse 36 Fraser Street, **Creswick** – 2-4pm **November 20** Community Health Centre 1 Napier Street *Everyone is welcome, from any locality.*



Last Week's Collections: *Two collections are presented after the Prayers of the Faithful. The 1st 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 2nd Collection is the Planned Giving (envelopes) for the administration of the Parish*

1st Collection \$ 479.00 2nd Collection \$195.85

RECENT DEATHS:

John Dwyer, Sr Rita Hayes

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:

Nell Muller, Henry Maddicks, Andrew Matyus, Brian Hosie, Marie Butler,

Prayers for the Sick: Des Dwyer



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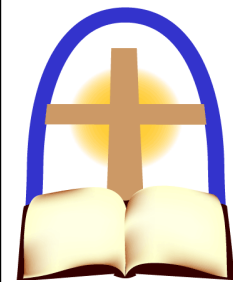
An End of an Era Celebration at St Michael's School, Springbank St Michael's School Springbank will close at the end of the 2016 school year and on December 3, 2016 we will be celebrating the life and times of the school. Celebrations will commence with an afternoon tea at 4.00pm, Mass at 6.30pm, then 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 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.

Mass of Thanksgiving for the Jubilee Year of Mercy You are invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving for the blessings of the Holy Year of Mercy to be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat by Bishop Paul Bird CSsR on Sunday, November 13, 2016 at 10.30am.

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter



Life after death, in one form or another, is a common belief of most of the major faiths of the world. It is certainly a basic tenet of Christian faith. Because the gospels record Jesus as speaking about an afterlife, we tend to assume that this was a common belief of his time. However, within the different groups of Judaism, there was significant diversity of belief about this point. While the Pharisees believed in resurrection, the Sadducees did not. The Sadducees, whose name means 'righteous ones' were an elite group within the Jewish faith. They were purists in their adherence to the Torah and their rejection of any later teachings or writings – this actually put them in conflict with the Pharisees, although the two groups are often portrayed in the gospels as being united against Jesus. Today's gospel passage depicts an attempt by the Sadducees to ridicule belief in an afterlife by questioning Jesus about an extremely exaggerated scenario. The reply Jesus gives largely ignores the farcical nature of the question. Rather, Jesus makes clear that the resurrected life is not merely an extension of the earthly life. The things that are of concern in this world are not an issue in the next. Through death and resurrection, life is changed; not ended. This idea can be challenging at a time when we are mourning the loss of a loved one, yet we are called to respond to that challenge with a genuine hope and trust in the life that goes on in a different way. Jesus, in fact, dismisses the whole idea of death as an ending by saying that to God all people are alive, whether on earth or in the resurrection.



Roster - Sunday 13th November

Reader: B Arnell **Comm:** B Barlow **Ministers:** C Bartholomew, I Tinetti, D McMinn ,
Offertory: Cummings Family **Counters:** Nov 6 (Team 4) D & P Doherty Nov 13 (Team 5) M Phipers, B Ryan

Weekday Mass Tuesday Clunes 12pm, Wednesday Creswick 10am, Friday Daylesford 10am