



Parish Newsletter -St Augustine's Creswick & St Peter's Daylesford

We are child safe Parish's & We acknowledge the Dja Dja Wurrung People as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we live. We pay our respect to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

SUNDAY APRIL 17th 2022—EASTER SUNDAY Year C

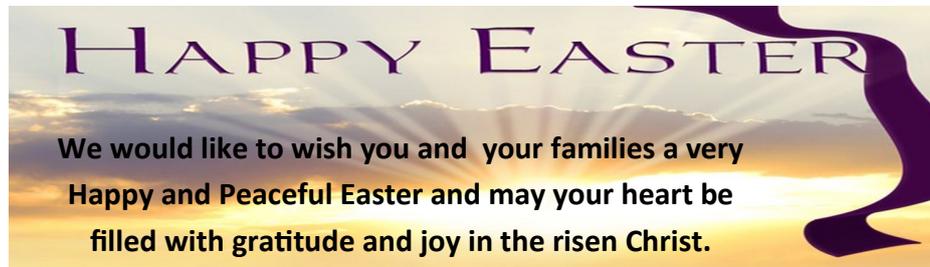


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Bishop Paul's Easter Message.



Over the past couple of months, I have been on the road again, travelling around the diocese. This is in contrast to the last couple of years when travel has been limited because of the COVID-19 pandemic. While the virus is still having an impact, sometimes causing severe illness, we have been able to resume many of our usual activities. This includes moving around more freely. For this I am most grateful, because it has allowed me to resume visits to our parishes and schools.

It has been wonderful to celebrate Sunday Masses in churches in the Swan Hill parish and join the students and staff of St Joseph's College Mildura for Mass in their college gym. I have been able to join in a meeting in the parish office in Warrnambool and prayer times with primary school students in Wendouree. These visits have brought home to me how much people all around our diocese have done to bring their communities through the pandemic and how much they are doing to help one another as we resume more normal activities in our parishes and schools and our lives as a whole.

I offer my thanks to you all for your patience during the pandemic and the kindness you have shown in supporting one another during this time. May that patience and kindness stay with us even as the pandemic subsides.

As we come to celebrate Easter this year, we are conscious of various trials that people are suffering around Australia and around the world – the ongoing effects of bushfires that have charred the lives of communities in the past couple of years, the recent devastation of floods, the terrible destruction of war in Ukraine. In the face of such sorrows, the joy of Easter might seem far away. Yet, our Christian faith can be a source of joy even in the midst of distress. The gospel assures us that God is close to us in times of struggle as well as in times of peace, that Christ has shared our pain, and that, just as God's love raised Jesus from the grave, so God's love can raise us to new life.

The Ukrainian word for "Easter" is "Velykden", meaning "Great Day". Easter does indeed celebrate a great day, the day of Christ's resurrection. The traditional Ukrainian greeting at Easter is "Christ is risen!" The response is "Christ is risen indeed!" Even as they endure much suffering, may this Easter be a great day for the people of Ukraine as they rejoice in the resurrection of Christ. May this Easter be a great day for us as well as we too rejoice in Christ's resurrection. May you have a blessed Holy Week and a Happy Easter.

Mass Schedule

Weekday Mass

St Augustine's Creswick
Fri April 22nd **10.30am**

St Peter's Daylesford
Sat April 23rd **10.30am**

Sunday Mass

St Augustine's Creswick
9am
St Peter's Daylesford
10.30am

Recent Death

James Moloney



Anniversaries: Apr 17th —Apr 23rd

Creswick— Gerald McDermott,
Mary Bell, John Bennett, Lorna Nihill,
Reta Simpson.

Daylesford— Ronald Green, Julia Frost,
John Clohesy, Margaret Lafranchi,
Anne Dwyer, Vincent Milesi,
John Farmer, Brendan Macken ,
Rene Wright.

Daylesford—

Creswick—



Sunday Collections

From Easter Sunday we return to the familiar pattern of taking up two collections at Masses. These occur after the Prayers of the Faithful as part of the Preparation of the Gifts of bread and wine at the commencement of the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The first collection is for the support of the clergy, including the Parish Priest, Fr Justin. The second collection is for the support of the Parish. Thank you to our collectors and to all for any contributions you are able to make.



Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

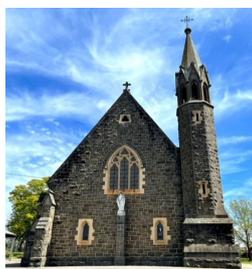
Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting www.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.

Walking in the Spirit

The People of God are invited to make a prayerful journey towards the Second Assembly of the Plenary Council through the “Walking in the Spirit” prayer campaign. “Walking in the Spirit” begins on Easter Sunday, April 17, and runs until the Second Assembly, which opens on Sunday, July 3. Resources have been created for use by individuals, families, schools, parishes and other Catholic communities. Find out more at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthepirit/

Caritas Australia Ukraine Crisis Appeal In a matter of weeks, millions of people have fled the conflict in Ukraine. Our long-standing partner, Caritas Ukraine, is on the ground, supporting people in need during this unfolding humanitarian crisis. Help provide urgent humanitarian assistance including shelter, food, clean water, medicine and psychological support to people affected by this crisis. Donate today at www.caritas.org.au/ukraine or call 1800 024 413 toll free. Keep up to date on the latest activities by Caritas agencies on the ground www.caritas.org.au/ukraine-news



St Augustine's Church Creswick 150th Anniversary

On the weekend of September 17th – 18th 2022 celebrations will be held for the 150th anniversary of St Augustine's Church, Creswick. Preparations are underway, planning a series of events that will include a celebration dinner on

the Saturday evening as well as 12 Noon Mass on Sunday with Bishop Paul Bird. A display of photos and memorabilia is also being planned, together with a publication that will include an updating of “*The Murderers Bell.*” All parishioners, former parishioners and descendants of the pioneers of St Augustine's are invited to **save the date** with more information to come. The next meeting for the 150th anniversary planning will be held at **7pm on Sunday April 24th** at the home of Aileen & David Preston, 65 Bald Hills Rd Creswick.



Many thanks to all those involved in the preparation & celebration of our Holy week liturgies. A big thank you to those that attended liturgy meetings and to those who have prepared the churches, our sacristans, readers, singers, musicians, data projector operators, commentators, welcomers, special ministers, and collectors.

Thank you to all that attended the Mass of the Oils on our behalf.

Roster:	Creswick	Daylesford
24/04/22		
Welcomer	Aileen & David P	Brian
Reader	Alastair	Ann K
Commentator	Bernie T	N/A
Special Minister	Brian Rowe	Denise Leonard
Sacristan	Ann/Margie	Denise
Data Projector	Loretta	Sandra
Offertory	Volunteers	Volunteers
Collectors	Volunteers	Volunteers

Volunteers for St Peter's Roster May-August

With collection and offertory back from today, we are looking for volunteers for St Peter's. Don't hesitate if you feel that you don't have 'the experience', we have people that can assist you. What qualification do you need? - that's the easy part, you only need the desire to help the parish community. The roster sheets will be at the front of the church for you to fill in your name. So go on, do something new and get involved. Any questions regarding the roster please ask Leonie or Fr Justin.

