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Christmas - The Nativity of the Lord
December 25th 2023
(Year B)

*We are child safe Parishes,
committed to safeguarding children & vulnerable adults.
We acknowledge the Dja Dja Wurrung People as the
Traditional Custodians of the land on which we live.
We pay our respect to Elders, past, present and emerging.*

Parish Priest

Fr Justin Driscoll

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Mass Times

Sunday December 31st

Feast of the Holy Family

9.00am Creswick

10.30am Daylesford

Monday January 1st

New Year's Day

Solemnity of Mary

9.00am Creswick

10.30am Daylesford

Sunday January 7th

Feast of the Epiphany

6.00pm Vigil 6th Creswick

10.30am Daylesford

Parish Office Closed

The office will be closed 'til
Wednesday 10th January.

We pray for

Recent Deaths

Laurie Jones (Ballarat)

John Pirrie (Malvern)

Anniversaries

Creswick

Catherine Brennan,

Dominic Camenzuli,

William Fox, Kevin Loyer,

Daniel Moore, Monica Morgan

Daylesford

Irene Banhidi Keith Conroy,

Mavis Gilmartin,

Reg Linton, Joan Murphy.

Collections for November

Creswick

1st Collection \$905.40

2nd Collection \$1438.20

Daylesford

1st Collection \$1010.60

2nd Collection \$1259.30

Thank you to all who have

contributed to these

collections.

Welcome to all who gather

with us for Christmas Masses
in Creswick and Daylesford.

From Bishop Paul Bird

Bishop Paul has written to announce the groupings of parishes across our region of the Ballarat Diocese that will walk together in synodality, work together, and share a Parish Priest. The Parishes of Creswick, Daylesford and Wendouree (including Lexton and Waubra) will form a ministry district from Easter 2024. The other ministry districts are Redan, Sebastopol and Linton Parishes, Ballarat Cathedral, Ballarat North and Beaufort Parishes and Ballarat East, Bungaree and Gordon Parishes. The priests will be appointed late January to these ministry districts and take up their appointments on April 10th 2024.



Celebrating the Sacraments in 2024

Both the Creswick and Daylesford Parishes invite families to prepare to celebrate the sacraments of Confirmation, Reconciliation and First Eucharist (Communion) with their children in 2024.

Confirmation (Year 3 children) will be celebrated on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th 2024,

First Eucharist (Year 4 children) will be celebrated on Christ the King, November 24th.

Presentation Sisters 150th Anniversary

On December 21st 1873 the first group of Sisters disembarked at Port Melbourne. The Presentation Sisters arrived in Daylesford to Holy Cross Convent in 1891 and served in Catholic education and pastoral ministry in the Parish. The Sisters also served in Creswick, 1913 – 1950.

Vatican approval of blessing same-sex couples

Fr James Martin SJ believes that this declaration from Pope Francis is an important step toward inclusion and pastoral care for L.G.B.T.Q. Catholics, their families and friends. Martin said he feels the Church is trying to listen to people's experiences. "This is a pretty big shift. And, I think we can be really grateful that the Church is looking at these couples who really just want God's blessing more compassionately."

Diocese of Ballarat 150th Anniversary

2024 will mark the 150th anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat. Until 1874 the Ballarat and Sandhurst Dioceses were established. They had both been part of the Diocese of Melbourne, established in 1848. Both the Parishes of Creswick and Daylesford had been established in 1861, when the Melbourne Diocese included all of the state of Victoria. Creswick Parish became part of the Diocese of Ballarat in 1874, while the Daylesford Parish continued within the Archdiocese of Melbourne until 1992 when it was transferred to Ballarat.

In 2024 many events are planned including the annual Mass of the Oils on the Monday of Holy Week (March 25th) at 11.30am (note the earlier time) followed by lunch and an exhibition of history. Each parish in the Diocese will acknowledge the 150th anniversary on Sunday April 28th at their Sunday Masses. Bishop Paul will visit every Parish in the Diocese as part of the 150th anniversary, visiting Creswick and Daylesford on the Feast of Christ the King, Sunday November 24th.

A Diocesan Assembly will be held on November 15th—16th as part of the re-establishment of the Diocesan Pastoral and Mission Council.

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