



# NEWSLETTER

## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSS

We know that we will all have to face some kind of suffering, and so we try to prepare ourselves for it. Yet when it comes, as prepared as we try to be, it can overtake us with such fury that we fall back defenceless. We look to others for support and assistance, and if we are fortunate, we find it. However, even in the most supportive of communities, suffering tends to alienate us from those who are healthy and secure. Suffering reminds us of our own finitude and the contingent nature of all of life. It threatens our sense of order.

Jesus is not deterred by human suffering. He welcomes all who approach him; his healing touch reincorporates those who have been ostracised; his loving embrace reassociates those who have been alienated. In the reign of God, there are no outsiders. All belong to Jesus, and, therefore, all belong to each other. When the one afflicted is embraced by the community, the community is an authentic manifestation of the inclusive reign of God.

In suffering we witness human vulnerability and our desperate need of each other and of God. There, at the edge of life and on the fringes of the community, we may experience the tenderness and compassion of God. The loving touch of Christ that can heal our souls, if not our bodies. It is there that we may most authentically participate in the cross of Christ. Joined to him we are anything but unproductive or worthless.



## Parish News:

### Ash Wednesday Masses:

*St Augustine's 14th February 10am*

*St Peter's 14th February 12pm and 6pm*



**World Day of Prayer . Friday March 2nd @ 7PM at St Johns Church, Creswick .** focusing on the tiny South American nation of Suriname. A collection will be taken for the education of children at risk. See Angeline for details /more information

**Congratulations** to Clare and Todd Duke on the Baptism of their daughter **Arna Penelope** at St Peter's today

**St Peter's Parish Leadership and Finance Team meeting—Wednesday 4pm in Parish Centre.**



### St Peter's Church: Sunday

Mass time 10.30am.

### St Augustine's Sunday

Mass time 8.45am.

### St Joseph's Blampied

11.03.18 @ 11.00am

### Parish Staff:

**Parish Priest:** Fr Gary Jones

### Parish Admin:

Leah Monaghan

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**Parish Office-Phone (03) 53018161**

### **Creswick School Principal:**

Mr Terry Brennan

### **Daylesford School Principal:**

Mr Ethan Corfee

### **Parish Office hours:**

*Tuesday—Creswick 9.30—11am*

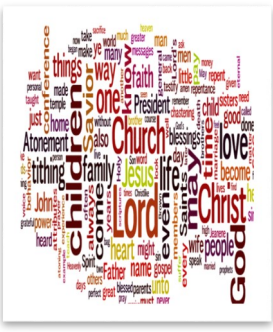
*Daylesford 12—3pm*

*Wednesday Daylesford 9.30 - 3pm*

*Closed Thursday*

*Friday Daylesford 12—1pm*

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**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*

Creswick Parish Collections: 1st Collection \$305.50 2nd Collection \$115.00  
 Daylesford Parish Collections: 1st Collection \$332.00 2nd Collection \$280.40



**Recent Death:**

**Anniversaries:** Daylesford: Peter Wake, Allan Hall, Ivan Cizmadija, Alice Doyle, Martin Talty, Bobby Doherty,

**Anniversaries:** Creswick: William Retson, Alice Foley, Leonard Dixon, Judith Edmends

**Parish – School Sacramental Program 2018:**

*In 2018 the Sacramental Program will be offered to children in Grade 4, and will include Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist. A Parent Meeting will be held in February for those families wishing to enrol their child in the Sacramental Program. Should you require further information please contact the schools.*

Parent Meeting- gathering in preparation of program.

Tuesday Feb 20<sup>th</sup> at 4.00pm St Augustine's School Creswick.

Wednesday Feb 21st at 4.00pm St Michael's School Daylesford.

*The final Sunday Mass at St Joseph's Blampied will be celebrated on Sunday March 11th at 11am.*

*Mass will be followed by a BBQ in the Church grounds.*

*All Welcome*

# Liturgy Roster Creswick & Daylesford Parishes:



**Sunday February 18th @ St Augustine's Creswick:**

**Welcomers/Offertory:** Loretta/Roland **Remote:** Loretta K  
**Commentator:** Brian RW **Reader:** Barb H  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Roland K, Brian RW, Alastair H  
**Weekday Mass:** 10am Wednesday for ASH Wednesday



**Sunday February 18th @ St Peter's Daylesford:**

**Reader:** I Tinetti **Offertory:** Bolton Family **Ministers:** C Bartholomew, M Phipers, C Collins **Sacristan:** Denise

**Counters:** Feb 11th (Team 6) F & K Stephens, T Torpy, V & M Richards  
 Feb 18 (Team 7) W Chamberlain, S Whiffin

**Weekday Mass:** 12pm & 6pm Wednesday, 10am Thursday, 10am Friday