



NEWSLETTER

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

Like so many other important events in the Bible, the events of this week's gospel occur on a high mountaintop. Mountaintops were places of special and dramatic encounter with God and the disciples' experience of the transfiguration is clearly no exception! In this instance, the disciples suddenly see Jesus' power fully revealed but they fail to fully understand what is going on. One might think how much more obvious could God be about trying to reveal Jesus' identity to the disciples, but still they don't really catch on. Peter thinks he has caught on to the message. When the great prophets Elijah and Moses appear beside Jesus, Peter understands Jesus to be part of the line of prophets in the Hebrew tradition. He believes he has had a great insight and is so impressed that he wants to remain on the mountaintop – setting up tents in honour of Jesus, Elijah and Moses. In essence, Peter has still only partially understood who Jesus is. He thinks he is the Messiah, but a Messiah in the same mould as the prophets of old, a prophet of the old tradition. He has not understood that Jesus is breaking that mould and creating a new vision, a new tradition – one that is endorsed by the voice of God on the mountaintop.

Rather than allowing the disciples to set up tents and remain in the 'high' of this experience, Jesus immediately leads the boys back down the mountain. This is perhaps the greatest message of this passage: that life is not lived on the mountaintop but back down in the valley. Although the mountaintop experience may have provided some new insight and new energy, it is back down in the valley that the world waits; that the real work needs to be done; that the sick and the poor are crying out for God's love and mercy.

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

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Parish Office hours:

Tuesday—Creswick 9.30– 11am

Daylesford 12—3pm

Wednesday Daylesford 9.30 - 3pm

Closed Thursday

Friday Daylesford 12—1pm

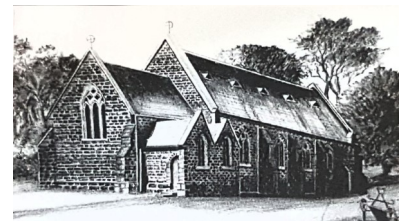
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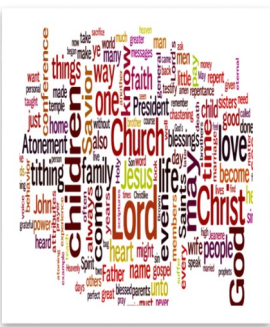
Parish News:

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

World Day of Prayer Friday March 2nd 7pm Daylesford Uniting Church. All Welcome

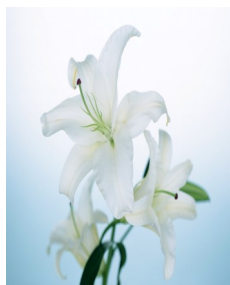
Working Bee— St Joseph's Blampied Community working bee Friday 9/3/18 at 10am to prepare Church and Grounds for Final Sunday Mass.





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) or cash for the administration of the Parish & general running costs

Creswick Parish Collections: 1st Collection \$311.00 2nd Collection \$164.00
Daylesford Parish Collections: 1st Collection \$319.20 2nd Collection \$667.40



Recent Death: Peter Hender

Anniversaries: Daylesford: David Bolton, Harvey Pardon, Pauline Carmody, John Hare, Frank Wright, Eva Lynch

Anniversaries: Creswick: Angelo Uljanic, Nei ITaylor, Kevin Haintz, Elizabeth McKay, Edna Kierce, Ellen Pearce, Ronald Edwards, Robert Taylor,



Rattanak in Cambodia contracted polio as a child and also became deaf. The Deaf Development Program, supported by Caritas Australia, helped him become a barber and he is now supporting himself, his wife and

baby.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help deaf youth in Cambodia to build a just future, and live in communities that uphold everyone's dignity.

A Just Future starts with your support! You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



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 March 4th @ St Augustine's Creswick:

Welcomers/Offertory: Aileen P, David P **Remote:** Neil D

Commentator: Alastair H **Reader:** Lois K

Eucharistic Ministers: Judy S, Barb H, Josie R

Weekday Mass: 10am Tuesday



Sunday March 4th @ St Peter's Daylesford:

Reader: S Whiffin **Offertory:** Bartholomew Family **Ministers:** M Coffey, M Phypers, C Bolton **Sacristan:** Carol

Counters: Feb 25 (Team 8) J Barker

Mar 4 (Team 1) L & M Righetti

Weekday Mass: 10am Thursday, 10am Friday