



Parish Newsletter - February 5th 2017

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St. Joseph's Church Blampied

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



Parish Dates:

St Peter's Parish Picnic—TODAY @ Glenlyon

All welcome. Please bring a salad/sweet to share. Cold meats, tea and coffee provided.

St Michael's School Mass - Friday February 10th 10am

Parent Meeting - Sacrament of Penance February 22nd 4pm @ St Michael's

Friday Feb 17th - Class Mass (Room 4)

Shrove Tuesday - February 28th Ash Wednesday - March 1st 12pm



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

We live in a world where appearances frequently matter more than they should. Contrary to this predominating tendency, Jesus teaches us that what we do flows from who and what we are. We can enlighten the world with the message of the gospel, because our lives have been transformed by that gospel and now we ourselves are light for others. We can serve others in various ways, only because we have been saved by God's grace and now we are agents of that grace in the lives of others. Our own renewal becomes the means through which God renews the world.

This may sound grandiose, but it isn't. It is the truth about the way God works. Extraordinary things are accomplished through ordinary people. Jesus grew up as the son of a carpenter; some of the apostles were fishermen; Paul was a tentmaker; we are clerks and teachers, bus drivers and doctors, bank tellers and engineers. Like Paul we come to ministry in weakness and fear and much trembling. It is the Spirit and power of God that work the wonders, and God works them through mundane elements of life such as light and salt.

As children, many of us learned the corporal and the spiritual works of mercy. We learned that we can practise them in every walk of life. Today's readings remind us of this. We may not be asked to perform extraordinary feats, but all disciples of Jesus are called upon to do the ordinary things of life in an extraordinary way.



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:*

1st Collection \$315.70 2nd Collection \$350.00

RECENT DEATHS: Leo Milesi (of Melbourne)

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Marie Hourigan, Josephine Toner, Norman Collins, Peter Wake



World Day of Prayer
Friday 3rd March @ 7.00pm
St Peter's Daylesford
“Am I being unfair to you?”



Dear Families, Welcome back for 2017. I hope you were all able to have a terrific holiday break, reconnect with family and friends and recharge the batteries in readiness for a new year here at St Michael's. 2017 brings with it change to our school community. Along with personnel change, of which there is a number, we will also be embarking on a significant building project to bring our physical environment more in line with the challenges and opportunities of 21st century learning and teaching. May I begin by expressing what an honour and privilege it is to be appointed principal of St Michael's. I understand the significance of a new principal in a school community and the changes that it inevitably brings. My priority is to recognise and embrace the wonderful culture that exists and honor the work of previous principals/staff/families, along with working closely with our current personnel to continue to provide the best possible learning environment for our beautiful children into the future, so as to ensure they grow into independent lifelong learners and interdependent global citizens. I look forward to meeting and getting to know all of you personally in the coming weeks and months. Ethan Corfee



Roster - Sunday 12th February
Reader: Gab Kirby ***Commentator:*** Sandra Whiffin ***Ministers:*** M Bruce, L Righetti, D Leonard ***Offertory:*** M & M Yanner ***Sacristan:*** Rose
Counters: Feb 12th (Team 2) J Egan, C Collins Feb 19th (Team 3) D Leonard, M Bolton, V & L Hayes, C & P Jenkins
Weekday Mass -Tuesday 7th February Creswick 10am Thursday 9th & Friday 10th February Daylesford 10am
New Thanksgiving envelopes for 2017 are available from the Parish Centre.

Parish Picnic Today at Glenlyon. In the event of inclement weather we will be at St Michael's school, Smith Street, Daylesford.