



## Parish Newsletter - January 17th 2016

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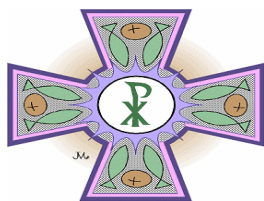
**St. Joseph's, Blampied** (Midland Hwy)

Mass Celebrated first & third (Sat vigil 6.30pm)

**Diocesan Website:** [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)



**Anniversaries of Death:** Nellie Williams, Stanley Huggard, Kathleen Edwards, Martin Schroeders,



### 3rd Sunday Ordinary Time - January 24th

St Augustine's Creswick  
St Joseph's Blampied  
St Peter's Daylesford

Sunday January 24th	8.45am
Sunday January 24th	9.00am LLA
Sunday January 24th	10.30am

*No Midweek Masses this week.*

### Counters Roster:

Jan 17th (Team 2) J Egan, C Collins

Jan 24th (Team 3) M Bolton, V & L Hayes, C & P  
Jenkins, D Leonard

Jan 31 (Team 4) D & P Doherty



## Jubilee Year Of Mercy Parish Prayer

Lord Jesus You are loving and  
Your mercy endures forever.  
You are compassionate and  
gracious,  
slow to anger, overflowing  
with love and faithfulness.

Turn to me and have  
mercy on me,  
forgive my sins and grant me  
the Grace to live the life  
worthy of Your praise,  
We ask this in the name of  
Jesus Christ, Our Lord  
Amen.

Last Week's Collections: *Two collections are taken up after the Prayers of the Faithful. The 1<sup>st</sup> Collection is the Presbytery Collection – this collection is for the support of the local priest, with 13% going towards the support of the retired priests and the Bishop. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection is the Planned Giving (envelopes) for the support of Parish endeavours and structures.* 1st Collection (Presbytery – supporting our Priest)

2nd Collection (Planned Giving):

## **Parish—School Sacramental Program 2016**

**First Reconciliation** (Forgiveness) Year 4 Children:

Parent Meeting- gathering in preparation of program.  
Tuesday Feb 16<sup>th</sup> at 4.00pm St Augustine's School Creswick. Wednesday Feb 17<sup>th</sup> at 4.00pm St Michael's School Daylesford.

**Celebration of the Sacrament** will held on – March 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Wednesday: Creswick -10.00am St Augustine's Church. Daylesford- 4.00pm St Peter's Church.

**Sacrament of Eucharist: Year 4 children.**

**First Eucharist Program:** Parent information sessions:  
Creswick April 12<sup>th</sup> at 4.00pm at School.

Daylesford April 13<sup>th</sup> at 4.00pm School.

**Dismissal Sundays: If any child does not attend the Dismissal Sundays - then Celebration of First Eucharist will be deferred until the next year 2017.**

**Dismissal Sunday's are as follows:** 1<sup>st</sup> of May, 15<sup>th</sup> of May, 22<sup>nd</sup> of May –

Creswick Mass 8.45am Daylesford Mass 10.30am

**First Eucharist Sunday:** May 29<sup>th</sup>- Creswick 8.45am, Daylesford 10.30am.

**Sacrament of Confirmation: Year 3 children:**

Parent information sessions: Tuesday Oct 4<sup>th</sup> at 4.00pm – St Augustine's School.

Wednesday Oct 5<sup>th</sup> at 4.00pm – St Michael's School.

**Dismissal Sunday's:** Oct 30<sup>th</sup>, Nov 6<sup>th</sup>, Nov 13<sup>th</sup>- Dismissal Sundays. Creswick Mass 8.45am, Daylesford

Mass 10.30am. **Each child must attend Dismissal Sundays.**

**Celebration of Confirmation will be on Sunday Nov 20<sup>th</sup> at Creswick 8.45am & Daylesford 10.30am**

**Reconciliation Year 6:**

Children in Year 6 will experience the Communal Rite of the Sacrament of Penance in Term 4.

## **Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS**

The readings that are offered to us as we begin Ordinary Time carry over some of the themes that we considered during the Christmas season. Then we celebrated the new era that God inaugurated through the birth of Jesus. Now we look deeply into our minds and hearts to see just how open we are to the demands of that new year. Last Sunday we considered the manifestation of the Spirit at the time of the baptism of Jesus. This Sunday we contemplate the various manifestations of that same Spirit in our own lives. Finally, we are brought to realise that this variety of Spirit-filled ministries is intended to be a source of Christian unity and not of fragmentation or division.

One of the major themes gleaned from the readings for today is that of the call to newness. God summons us to something new, gives us a new name, provides us with new experiences, launches us into new ministries, and calls us to sing a new song of praise. Even Jesus experienced a call to newness. Through Mary, God called him out into ministry, a ministry that would bring the fruits of the eschatological age of fulfilment to the whole world. We may be inclined to think of Pentecost as the season of the Spirit, but in reality the newness of God always comes to us through the Spirit regardless of the season of the year. In the world of the new age, the real glory of Jesus will be manifested in the variety of the gifts of the Spirit given to the church.