



## Parish Newsletter - July 30th 2017

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**St. Joseph's Church Blampied**

*No Masses at St Joseph's – at the moment*

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

**RECENT DEATHS:** Sr Lucilla Prendiville (worked at St John of God)

**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Gerry Laundl, Christine Monaghan, Jack Hart, Miranda Jones, Mary Daly, Frank Mitlik, Mary French, Agnes Mackay, Mary Brislane, Chaz & Sylvia Menz

**Prayers for Sick:** Gary Eyles



### REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSS

Two themes seem to weave through the readings for this Sunday: treasure and delight. The treasure is the extraordinary gift that comes from God; the delight is the joy that we experience when we realise that the treasure is ours. A third theme, which is found in the first reading, picks up a theme that we have considered several times during this period of Ordinary Time, namely, service of others.

The treasure is the kingdom of heaven. It is the prize that gives meaning to the present, and its fullest delight draws us into the future. The reign of God is the fulfilment of our deepest desires and our fondest hopes. Nothing in the world can compare with it, and that is why we are willing to sacrifice everything to attain it. The treasure that we find is really a gift that is given. We need not work to attain the kingdom, nor can we earn it in any way. It is given to us by God. All we have to do is accept it.



Solomon chose to be of service to others. In this he is a model for disciples to follow. We have discovered the treasure in the field; we have found the pearl of great price. What we have been given, we must now give to others. In giving we will lose nothing. In fact, we gain an abundance of blessings. All things work for good, and God is glorified in all. Such is the character of the kingdom of God.

### *Fr Gary's holidays.....*

Fr Gary is heading away on holidays today and will return to St Peter's on Sunday August 27th. We wish him well on his break and hope that he returns refreshed. We have arranged for Fr Tom Brophy and Bishop Peter to cover masses at both Daylesford and Creswick during this time. ***If there is anything else during this time, please contact the Parish Office 5348 2026 and that will transfer through to Leah.***





**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:

1st Collection \$580.00      2nd Collection \$ 707.40



**Celebration of Baptism:** Baptisms are celebrated during Sunday Mass– with the welcome Rite. Baptisms are celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month and can be booked through the Parish Office on 5348 2026 . All Baptisms are to be arranged with Fr Gary Jones - Parish Priest or Parish Office—Leah Monaghan

**NEW OFFICE hours as of this coming WEEK:** Office hours: Tuesday Creswick from 9.30am– 11.00am, Wednesday Daylesford from 9.30am until 3.00pm, Thursday 9.00am – 11.30am. **Daylesford Parish office is closed on Fridays.**



Further to the document “A Pastoral letter to the Catholics of Victoria” distributed earlier this year - some copies of a booklet and leaflet regarding Euthanasia and Assisted suicide, are available at the rear of the Church.  
More information can be found online - [www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily/Culture-of-life/Euthanasia](http://www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily/Culture-of-life/Euthanasia)



**Parish Centre**

After some consideration and discussion with the Pastoral Leadership and Finance Team, we have looked closely at the use that the Parish Centre gets.  
The plan at this early stage is for the Parish Centre to be available for groups of our local community.



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**Sunday August 6th**

**Reader:** B Arnell **Commentator:** I Tinetti **Offertory:** M & M Yanner **Ministers:** M Righetti, C Bolton, C Collins **Sacristan:** Carol

**Counters:** July 30 (Team 2) J Egan, C Collins

Aug 6 (Team 3) D Leonard, M Bolton, V & L Hayes,

**Weekday Masses: 10am Friday—Daylesford**

**No masses at Creswick till September**