



Parish Newsletter - March 26th 2017

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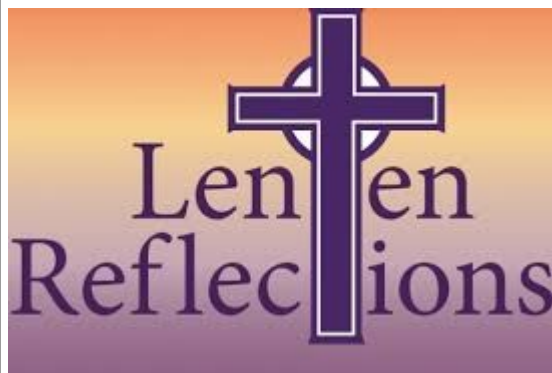
St Michael's Parish Primary School- Principal: Mr Ethan Corfee

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)

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Humans see and judge by appearances, but God looks into the heart, and there finds the real person. God's standards are not superficial, as are so many of the standards of the world. It is not age, beauty or physical strength that is important; it is not social position or religious role that is preferred. God chooses whom God chooses. God saw in David, the insignificant shepherd, the potential for being the chief shepherd of his people. The man who was born blind became the one through whom others would see the mighty works of God. Yet, neither young David nor the man in the gospel made the initial step; each simply responded with

openness to God's choice of him.

By what criteria do we judge others? Do we consider some people too insignificant for greatness? Are we overly concerned with status? Do we categorise people according to the disease or physical limitation that they must endure? Do we sometimes blame them for their disability? Do our eyes perceive life in accord with the standards of a materialistic, body-orientated, pleasure-seeking society? Or do we look into the other's heart, as God does?

As with the other scrutiny Sundays, catechumens and long-standing members alike are exhorted to make a choice. Jesus is the one who gives sight to blind eyes and religious insight to those open to receive it. However, there is a price to pay. Will it be the standards of the world, or the power of God in Jesus Christ?

Living the Gospel – Lenten Light

The story of the man born blind is a perfect choice for the Lenten season. During this season we are invited once again to open our eyes to Jesus; to step out of darkness and into the light; to look towards the future with hope and not despair. When we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at the Easter vigil, we celebrate the coming of the Light of the World into our lives. This annual call to turn away from darkness and walk in the light is a powerful and poetic call to focus our lives on the way of Jesus.

Fr Gary is heading away on holidays from today and returning to the Parish on April 7th.

In that time, please contact the Parish Office on 5348 2026 should you need anything. (Phone will be on divert to Leah).





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 \$287.40 2nd Collection \$235.00

RECENT DEATHS: Mary Gill

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: George Ring, Kathleen Parsons, Carla Gilligan, Allan Cusack, Karen Gilligan, Nita Edwards, Maurice Rixon, Harold Tognazzini, Mollie Dixon, Andrew Williams,



HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Mass of the Oils— Monday April 10 @ 6.30pm

Thank you to those volunteers who will be collecting the Oils for us.

Holy Thursday—Thursday April 13 @7.00pm **St Augustine's Creswick**

Good Friday Prayer Service—Daylesford & Creswick 3pm

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil— Saturday April 15th @7.30pm **Creswick**

Easter Sunday Mass—Creswick 8.45am, Daylesford 10.30am

Please advise if you are able to assist. Thank you.



Social Justice: Back to School and Educational Assistance St Vincent de Paul have released an information sheet that might be valuable within your school / parish context. For example:

1. Sustainable School Shop - this is an online service for families or schools to trade second hand school items.
2. Laptops and iPads: Reboot IT has a very good range of re-conditioned ACER and DELL laptops. Apple Refurbished has laptops, iPads and desktop computers.
3. Assistance for school camps, excursions and sports events - the Department of Education is providing financial assistance for primary and secondary students in government and non-government schools to attend school camps, excursions and sports events where the parent is a holder of a Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card. Primary school students will receive \$125 and secondary school ones \$225 per year.



Roster - Sunday 2nd April

Reader: B Barlow **Commentator:** L Righetti **Ministers:** C Collins, R Thannhauser, D McMinn **Offertory:** Leonard Family **Sacristan:** Carol

Counters: Mar 26:(Team 8) J Barker Apr 2: (Team 1) L & M Righetti

Weekday Mass

No Masses as Fr will be away from Mar 26—Apr 7