



# Newsletter



**St Peter's Daylesford:** Sunday Mass 10.30am

**St Augustine's Creswick:** Sunday Mass 8.45am

St Joseph's Blampied: Midland Hwy Blampied.

**Parish Office:** Daylesford (Thursday, Friday) 9.00– 3.00pm

**Parish Staff: Parish Priest of Daylesford & Creswick:** Fr Gary A Jones **Parish Admin:** Leonie Bird

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**Recent Death:** Maureen Ellison (sister of Carmel Rieniets)

**Anniversaries of Death:** Patricia Dwyer, Josephine Toner, Norman Collins, Kevin Gleeson, James Murphy, Julie Conaughton, Fr. Emmanuel Green, Alice Murphy



**Prayers for the Sick:** Luke Taylor, Veronica Jefferies, Tony Hill

## REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

**Gospel Reflection** This week's gospel completes the event in Nazareth that began last week with Jesus' declaration of mission. The initial response of the crowd is one of astonishment and approval. However, the people have largely missed the point of Jesus' teaching. When he declared that he had come to proclaim liberty to captives and to set the downtrodden free, Jesus probably didn't expect his audience to just say, 'Oh, that's nice!' The message he preached, and the message that flows throughout the Gospel of Luke, calls for a fundamental conversion of heart; a change to a life motivated by compassion for the lowly. When the people so obviously missed his point, Jesus virtually dismisses them by saying that 'no prophet is ever accepted in his own country'. To make his point even further, Jesus then cites instances where two of the great prophets of Jewish tradition responded to the needs of pagans from Sidon and Syria rather than the needs of Israel. The two people helped are also very significant. Widows held a special place in Jewish tradition: God entrusted all widows to the care of the whole town. Whenever widows are named as being in need, it is a comment on the society as a whole neglecting its duty of care. Lepers were regarded as absolutely unclean and outcast by virtue of their condition (something that perhaps has never really changed). For Jesus to remind the people of these events is a great reprimand to them. He is, in effect, saying to them, 'if you can't accept my message I will take it to the pagans; the gentiles; and the socially unacceptable.' Is it any wonder that they tried to lynch him on the spot?



# Announcements and Upcoming Events

We welcome into our Parish Community of St Augustine's & St Peter's—  
for the Sacrament of Baptism today—  
**Daisy Whitlam, Patrick Lenaghan,  
Marija Vlahek and Odessa Fuller.**



**Tuesday 5th Feb**—Opening School Mass for St. Augustine's at 10.00am

**Thursday 7th Feb**— Centercare Housing Meeting at Presbytery Daylesford at 11.00am

**Friday 8th Feb**— Opening School Mass for St. Michael's at 10.00am

**Wednesday 13th Feb**— Opening School Mass for St. Patrick's Gordon at 12.00 noon

**Wednesday 13th Feb**— Pastoral Leadership & Finance meeting at Daylesford Parish Centre at 4.00pm

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2019**—Will be held at Christ Church, 54 Central Springs Road Daylesford on Friday 1st March at 7pm. A planning meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th Feb at 11.00am at Christ Church and representatives from our Parish are invited to attend. Please contact Rosalind Berry at Christ Church on 5348 1323 or email her on [rosalindberry38@gmail.com](mailto:rosalindberry38@gmail.com)

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**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.

Creswick Parish Collections: 1st Collection: \$289.80 2nd Collection: \$154.50  
Daylesford Parish Collections: 1st Collection: \$534.40 2nd Collection: \$270.20

## Next WEEKEND Roster

**Welcomer**

**Commentator**

**Reader**

**Offertory/Gifts**

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

**Projection Operator/ iPad Music**

**Sacristan**

**Counters/ Teams**

### **Creswick Parish:**

**Tony, Carol V**

**David P**

**Betty K**

**Tony, Carol V**

**Aileen P, Barb H, Margie G**

**Jess & Steve / Neil D**

**Josie & Brian R**

### **Daylesford Parish:**

**B Daghish, J Egan**

**S Whiffin**

**Jonquil & Dahli Rose Qerim**

**M Righetti, M Bruce, M Coffey**

**Kath**

**Frank & Kevin Stephens, Tony Torpy**