

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday January 15th 2023 (Year A)

We are Child Safe Parishes

*We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land
and we pay our respect to Elders, past, present and emerging.*

Catholic Parishes of

Bungaree

(Dunnstown & Clarke's Hill)

Creswick

Daylesford

Gordon

(Ballan & Springbank)

Accompanying those seeking to become Catholic

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the formal process for adults and children who have reach catechetical age (7 years) to become Catholic through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. This process of initiation is celebrated gradually and in the midst of the community of faith. Parishioners are being sought to accompany adults in our parishes now seeking to become Catholic, being willing to share your faith and welcome inquirers as they explore theirs. Fr Justin welcomes expressions of interest from parishioners interested in doing this, commencing soon!

Vigil Masses

Commencing this month there will be the following Saturday evening 6.30pm Vigil Masses across the region

1st Sunday Creswick, Dunnstown,

2nd & 5th Springbank,

3rd Sunday Daylesford, Dunnstown,

4th Sunday Ballan, Clarke's Hill.

Mass times on Sunday January 22nd

6.30pm Vigil Ballan Clarke's Hill

8.45am Sunday Gordon

9.00am Creswick

10.30am Daylesford

Mass times on Sunday January 29th

6.30pm Vigil Springbank

8.45am Sunday Bungaree

9.00am Creswick

10.30am Ballan

10.30am Daylesford

Pope's Prayer intention for January -

For educators: We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

10.30am Masses during this week

Daylesford Wednesday January 18th

Creswick Friday January 20th

The Parish Offices will return to usual operating hours this coming week with the Gordon Parish reopening on Tuesday & the Creswick/Daylesford office having recommenced last week.

Bungaree

Fr Sajan Mathew Aileen Toohey (Admin) 5334 0450, 0492 903 409

Creswick & Daylesford

Fr Justin Driscoll Leonie Keynes (Admin) 0448 220 685

Gordon

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Recent Deaths Sr Marie Louise Foley RSM, Cardinal George Pell, Patricia Prendergast
(Funeral Mass for Patricia Prendergast will be celebrated at Creswick on Tuesday January 17th at 1.30pm).

Anniversaries:

Creswick Anne Koene, Margaret Nester, Annette Nolan, Marjorie Rieniets,

Daylesford Kathleen Edwards, Stanley Huggard, Lois Monaghan, Martin Schroeden.
Nellie Williams.

Gordon Sam Borg, Mabel Canty, Barry Conroy, James Crough, Lyndsay Daly, Shane Everard, Rosina Gerada, John Grabovic, William Greaves, John McDermott, Catherine Maher, Kevin Mullane, Joe Teuma.

Coming Events in our Communities

Ballan St Brigid's will celebrate their first 6.30pm Saturday evening Vigil Mass next week on Saturday January 21st. There will not be 10.30am Mass on Sunday January 22nd.

Creswick Picnic Sunday January 15th following 9.00am Mass all are welcome to the North Gardens at Lake Wendouree in the Rotunda. BYO food & drink as well as chairs as the rotunda can't be booked. Join our Parish Community & Music in the Park!

Advent Giving Tree at St Augustine's Thanks go to the parishioners for their generous response with gift vouchers for the families of Asylum Seekers and Refugees living in Ballarat. The vouchers distributed by the Rural Australians for Refugees Ballarat were gratefully received.

Daylesford Following the first 6.30pm Vigil Mass Saturday (January 14th) there will be a gathering in the Parish Centre for drinks and supper (tea & coffee provided). BYO drinks and food to share. All welcome.

Statement from the President of the Australian Bishop's Conference, + Timothy Costelloe
Cardinal Pell provided strong and clear leadership within the Catholic Church in Australia, as Archbishop of Melbourne and Archbishop of Sydney and as a member of the Bishops Conference for more than 25 years. His many strengths were widely recognised, both in Australia and around the world, as his Vatican appointments as Prefect of the Secretariat for the Economy and as a member of the Council of Cardinals, an advisory group to Pope Francis, testify. Cardinal Pell's impact on the life of the Church in Australia and around the world will continue to be felt for many years.

Former President +Mark Coleridge said *"There was nothing bland or half-hearted about George Pell: he was strong, even vehement in his faith, his convictions, his likes and dislikes. He could be a fierce opponent, unafraid to enter the battle. ..At times this could make him seem an ideological warrior, which did not serve him well. He was always a polarising figure, stirring strongly contrasting reactions."*

Pope Francis remembered Pell as a *"faithful servant, who, without faltering, followed his Lord with perseverance even in the hour of trial."*