



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) 9.30– 2.30pm

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

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Recent Death:

Anniversaries of Death: Des Leonard, Barry Menadue-Lane, Vilma Savron, Ida Leslie, Ann Purcell, Monica Abikhair, Anne Butler, Katherine Connors, Jock McAdam, Giordans de Garamy, Peter Egan, Patricia Scholten, Tom Koene, Ellen Fox, Gregory Mitchell



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



REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

Gospel Reflection

This week marks the beginning of the liturgical use of the gospel of Luke that will feature throughout this year. The choice of passage to begin our journey with Luke is most appropriate. We have the first four verses of the gospel in which the writer makes his purpose clear. We then skip over all the infancy narrative and pick up again in chapter 4 of the gospel where Jesus makes his first public appearance. Jesus returns to the synagogue in which he has worshipped all his life. He is given the scroll of Isaiah to read and reads the first two verses of Isaiah, chapter 61. But in the middle of this passage he flips back to chapter 58 of Isaiah and reads an additional line, 'to set the downtrodden (oppressed) free'. This event in Nazareth is sometimes referred to as Jesus' inauguration or declaration of mission. The inclusion of the additional verse from Isaiah signals very clearly the way in which Jesus will be portrayed throughout this particular gospel. The gospel of Luke is characterised by the focus of Jesus' mission on the outcast; the oppressed; the downtrodden. The gospel of Luke is often described as a gospel of compassion. Throughout the gospel we see Jesus enact the verses from Isaiah – bringing good news to the lowliest of society; inviting the least to share in the reign of God. Jesus declares himself to be acting out and fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah.

Daylesford Parish Picnic

The Daylesford Parish picnic will be on Sunday March 3rd after Sunday Mass, at St. Michaels Primary School Grounds, (which has playground facilities).

BYO drinks and food.

Creswick Mass Tuesday 29th January

Please note that due to school returning, the Mass at Creswick will be at **9.00 am** this Tuesday 29th January and not 10.00 am.

Diocesan Social Justice Commission

The Diocesan Social Justice Commission was re-established by the then-Bishop Peter Connors after a gap of some years. Since then, it has continued to operate with the active participation of Bishop Paul Bird. Over the years, the Commission has conducted conferences dealing with such matters as the role of families, refugees and asylum seekers and domestic violence. It has organised ecumenical welcomes to social justice statements by the Australian Catholic Bishops and has corresponded with politicians. It is a sponsor of the Palm Sunday March in Melbourne in support of refugees and asylum seekers. It has set up a social justice noticeboard which is linked to the Diocesan website.

Announcements and Upcoming Events



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.

Creswick Parish Collections: 1st Collection: \$243.40 2nd Collection: \$361.55
Daylesford Parish Collections: 1st Collection: \$271.20 2nd Collection: \$148.50

Next WEEKEND Roster

Welcomer

Commentator

Reader

Offertory/Gifts

Ministers of the Eucharist

Projection Operator/ iPad Music

Sacristan

Counters/ Teams

Creswick Parish:

Kath, Don, Darren

Brian RW

Lois K

Kath, Don, Darren

Angeline T, Judy S, Josie R

Neil D / Phoebe

Pat T & Bernadette

Daylesford Parish:

B Daghish, K Callahan

B Barlow

M & M Yanner

R Thannhauser, N Chamberlain,
C Collins

Denise

Maree Phypers, Bev Ryan