



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 Wednesday 10.00 am until 2.00pm

Parish Staff: Parish Priest of Daylesford & Creswick- Fr Gary A Jones. **Parish Admin:** Mrs Leah Monaghan
Parish Office: Phone 53018161 Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Leah Monaghan. Website: ballarat.catholic.org.au

Parish Primary School: St Michael's Mr Ethan Corfee; St Augustine's Mr Terry Brennan.

Recent Death:



Anniversaries of Death: Rachael Coult, June Rodier, Annie Graham, Klara Rugonyi, Frank Heron, Zac Burns, Bridget Siebel, Lois Yodgee, Judith Gleeson,

Prayers for the Sick: Peter Kerr, Luke Taylor

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 : \$222.70 2nd Collection \$133.00

Daylesford Parish Collections: 1st Collection \$237.90 2nd Collection \$172.40

Joy+ Diocesan Youth Festivals! Ballarat Diocese is holding 3 x day-long Festivals called Joy+ for youth and young adults 15-30yo. From the Murray to the Sea, in Robinvale on Sunday 5 August, in Warrnambool West on Sunday 2 September, in Ballarat on Sunday 25 November @ 12.00 noon to 8.00pm. Come to one or more! Features Genevieve Bryant & band and special guests. Free event - registration necessary and now open www.trybooking.com/WHVU. This is an initiative for the Year of Youth - *Open New Horizons for Spreading Joy!* More details check youth ministry web pages www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or email youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au **Australian Catholic Youth Ministry Convention** ACYMC 2018, the Australian Catholic Youth Ministry Convention is a national conference for Youth Leaders and Ministers from September 21-23 in Sydney. Registrations are now open. For more info and to register go to www.acymc.org.au or contact the Ballarat Diocese Youth and Young Ministry Office, ph. 5337 7125.

Migrant & Refugee Sunday-Migrant and Refugee Week (August 20-26) and Migrant and Refugee Sunday (August 26) pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Cyber Safety Presentation- The Catholic Development Fund together with the NAB are launching a Cyber Safety Presentation for all parishes in our diocese (see attached flyer). Cyber Safety is a growing concern for all of us and one that is greatly on the rise. Unfortunately we have recently seen the damaging effects of some cyber scams, we know that it could happen to any of us. We believe that this presentation will be of benefit for anyone that uses a computer. The NAB have also offered this presentation via webinar for anyone that would like to attend but due to distances or other reasons cannot. If you or any others in your office would like to attend the presentation or if you are interested in connecting via webinar, please contact Sharyn Simpson at the CDF, email sharyn.simpson@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

Fifty years ago the word 'stress' was only ever applied to materials like steel and the wings of planes. But since then, along with 'pressure', it has first crept into our language and more lately become an everyday term. Everyone experiences stress now. You can even hear Grade One students talk about the stress they're under at school! Perhaps it's the ever-growing pace of life or an innate competitiveness but pressure and stress have become part of daily life for most people in the so-called civilised world. Although he may never have used the words 'stress' or 'pressure', Jesus knew all about the demands of ministry with other people. When the disciples returned from their first efforts away from Jesus he knew that they needed some time out to debrief, to pray and to re-energise themselves. He ordered them all into a boat and they headed for a lonely place where they could be by themselves and rejuvenate. Jesus recognised the importance of taking time out. If you are engaged in a vocation or ministry that sees you meeting the needs of others, you need some time out to reflect on your experiences; time to hold those people up to God in prayer; time to make sense of your work and the interactions you've shared; time to simply re-charge your batteries so that you can once again give fully of yourself.



Unfortunately, when Jesus arranged for himself and the disciples to have some time out, the crowd anticipated where they were going and actually beat them there! When the disciples arrived at their lonely spot, they were once again overwhelmed by the crowd. However, Jesus recognised the demands of the crowd as being more urgent than the demands of the disciples and himself. He took pity on them – he was moved by compassion – and responded to their need.

This gospel passage is one of many gospel references and even more Old Testament references to sheep and shepherds. It is an enduring image from the Bible. Much of it stems from the shepherd-become-King, David. When a monarchy developed in Israel it was clear that the role of king was like that of a shepherd, caring for his flock. Jesus applied the image to himself on several occasions, reinforcing an image of servant leadership. The language continues today, with bishops referred to as shepherds of their diocese and carrying a crosier that is reminiscent of a shepherd's crook.



Liturgy for Sunday July 29th @ St Peter's Daylesford

Reader: G Kirby **Offertory:** Chamberlain Family

Ministers: D Leonard, R Thannhauser, M Righetti **Sacristan:** Carol

Counters: July 22nd (Team 5) M Phypers, B Ryan

 July 29th (Team 6) F & K Stephens, T Torpy

Weekday Mass: **Thurs and Friday mass 10.00am,**



Liturgy for Sunday July 29th @ St Augustine's Creswick:

Welcomers/Offertory: Brian Re, Maria Marco **Remote:** Jess & Steve

Commentator: David P **Reader:** Barb H **Eucharistic Ministers:** Erica E, Judy S, Roland K **Weekday Mass:** 10.00am Tuesday morning

Counters Roster: 1st Sunday– Pat & Bernie; 2nd Sunday– Brian & Josie

3rd Sunday– Kieran & Loretta; 4th & 5th Sundays– Mick & Peter