



# Newsletter

**St Peter's Church: Sunday Mass time 10.30am.**

**St Joseph's Blampied** Midland Hwy

**Parish Staff: Parish Priest:** Fr Gary Jones

**Parish Admin:** Leah Monaghan (*Safeguarding Officer also*)

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**Parish Office-Phone (03) 53018161 or Parish School**

**St Michael's School Principal:** Mr Ethan Corfee

**Parish Office hours:**

*website:ballarat.catholic.org.au*

**Recent Death: Marie Mann**



**Anniversaries of Death:** Charlie Savron, Phyl Linton, Jack Monaghan, Laurie Sullivan, Dawn Killeen, Kevin O'Brien, Thomas

Barry, Fr Paul Campbell, Kathleen Fox, Charlotte Streckfuss, Benedict Streckfuss, Maria Tabaska, Kevin Ross

**Congratulations on the Jubilee of Ordination**

Fr Dennis Dennehy 50yrs ;Fr Gerry Prunty 40 yrs

Fr Kevin Maloney 40yrs; Fr Kevin Lenehan 25yrs;

Fr John Fitzgerald 40yrs– Well done & All best from Creswick & Daylesford communities.



**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 \$ 264.00 2nd Collection \$

Daylesford Parish Collections:1st Collection \$306.50 2nd Collection \$618.00

**Asylum Seekers Fundraiser**

The House of Welcome Ballarat is hosting a Soup and Sandwich Luncheon during Refugee Week on Wednesday, June 20 at Nazareth House Ballarat, 12.30pm. There will be performances, a presentation on "Caroline Chisholm – The Immigrants Friend", stalls, competitions and the launch of the 2018 major fundraiser (prizes include a family holiday in Victor Harbor). All funds raised will assist local asylum seekers and their families. Enquiries, ph. 0401 175 045 or 5332 2103.



***Liturgy for Sunday July 1st @ St Peter's Daylesford***



*Liturgical Ministries*

**Reader:** I Tinetti **Offertory:** Leonard Family

**Ministers:** C Bolton, T Tinetti, M Bruce **Sacristan:** Carol

**Counters:** June 24th (Team 1) L & M Righetti

July 1st (Team 2) J Egan, C Collins

**Weekday Mass:** 10am Thurs and Friday

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## **St Augustine's Church: Mass Sunday 8.45am**

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## **St Augustine's School Principal:**

**Mr Terry Brennan**

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**Website: [ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://ballarat.catholic.org.au)**

### **The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist- by Mary Coloe PBVM**

**His name is John:** Both readings today celebrate our Christian origins in the traditions of Israel. In the reading from Acts, we hear one of the early sermons that Paul preached in the Synagogue in Antioch. In this context, he begins by relating God's mighty deeds throughout Israel's history leading up to David, and the promise to David that one of his descendants would be a future king. This promise Paul applies to Jesus. Paul then speaks of John the Baptist as the herald who testified about Jesus before his own death.

Here we see Luke's interest in the continuity of God's plan for salvation across different historical epochs. First is the time of Israel, the Law and the Prophets which comes to an end with John the Baptist; this is followed by the time of the historical Jesus; then the time of the Church after Pentecost. In Luke's Gospel, this is succinctly stated:

'The Law and the Prophets were until John; since then the good news of the Kingdom of God is proclaimed.' (Luke 16:16)

Paul begins his sermon by addressing his audience: 'You Israelites, and others who fear God, listen.' (Acts 13:16) From this address, it is clear that in the synagogues were Jews and also Gentiles who were interested and even attracted to Judaism. Many of these 'god-fearers' were among Paul's first converts. These Gentiles had been nurtured by the faith traditions of Israel and this prepared them to hear and receive the Gospel.

Jesus also did not come to us in a vacuum. Jesus was born within the rich faith traditions of Israel. The birth of John the Baptist, which we celebrate today, reminds Christians of our Jewish origins. Elizabeth and Zechariah belong to priestly families, and are faithful Law-observant Jews. This is the pathway through which God has chosen to come to us. Just as we have typical patterns in the birth notices in our daily papers, so within the Scriptures of Israel there is a regular pattern used to describe the birth of a special person in God's plan of Salvation. The angelic messenger, the greeting, the announcement of a birth in an impossible situation, the name given to the child all point to the special role this child is to play in later life. John is to be a child of Israel like the great prophet Elijah. Even as we celebrate John, Christian faith says that John's birth is just the overture to an even greater drama that is soon to unfold. This first announcement, of John's birth, leads immediately to a second announcement of an even greater birth to a young girl in Nazareth. This will be the pattern of John's life. He prepares the way. In Luke's Gospel, John fades from the narrative when Jesus' ministry begins. John's death at the hands of Herod points ahead to a second death at the hands of Pilate.

**Liturgy Formation 2018** The Diocesan Liturgical Commission is offering Liturgy Formation Sessions this year; Ararat – Sunday, June 24; Hamilton – Sunday, July 29. Bishop Paul will celebrate Mass at 10.30am with the formation program beginning at 12.00noon. Lunch will be supplied by the parish at 1.00pm. Attached is a flyer and registration form. Registration is also available via the diocesan website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au).

### **"St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal**

**Envelopes are available for making contributions to the Winter Appeal at the end of seats and on the table at the back of the church. Completed envelopes can be placed in the Poor Box at the door of the Church, given to a Vinnies shop or mailed using the address supplied"**

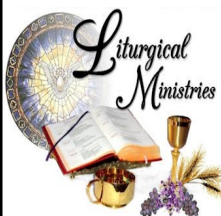


### **St Joseph's Church Nullawil 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

-Bishop Paul Bird CSSR will celebrate Mass on Sunday, July 8, 2018 at St Joseph's Church, Nullawil for the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Church. Mass will begin at 11.00am, followed by a luncheon at Aushmore Museum, Quambatook Road, Nullawil. Payment on the day for lunch: 16 and over - \$20, high school students - \$10.00, primary students - \$5.00. Please rsvp for catering purposes to Kaylene James, ph. 0428 935 270 or Joan Smith, [ajsmith@ativ8.net.au](mailto:ajsmith@ativ8.net.au)

**BI eConference: Synodality in Practice: Listening to the Spirit and Leading Change** The 14th National eConference will focus on engaging communities around Australia in a landmark discussion around the future vision and direction for the Catholic Church in this country. This eConference can be viewed at the Ballarat Cathedral Parish Mackillop & Glowrey Rooms on Wednesday, August 8, 2018 from

10.00am - 3.00pm. All are welcome to attend. BYO lunch. For more information on the eConference go to <https://www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/news-events/111/event/217/synodality-in-practice--listening-to-the-spirit-and-leading-change>



### **Liturgy for Sunday July 1st @ St Augustine's Creswick:**

**Welcomers/Offertory:** Brian R, Maria Remote: Neil D

**Commentator:** David P **Reader:** Carol V / **Eucharistic Ministers:**

Barb H, Roland K, Brian RW - **Weekday Mass: 10.00am Tuesday morning**