

Parish Newsletter

Parish Office: Leonie Bird Phone 5301 8161 -Daylesford (Wednesday- Friday) 9.30– 3.00pm
“We are a Child Safe Parish” **Safeguarding Officer:** Leonie Bird

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Parish Priest: Fr Gary A Jones- Also visiting Priest for: Wendouree & Ballarat North



Sunday Mass times: Creswick 8.45am & Daylesford 10.30am

Weekday Masses: Creswick Tuesday 10am & Daylesford Friday 10am



Recent Death:

Anniversaries of Death:

Creswick–Paul Scholten; Peter Quinlan; Elaine Morris;

Daylesford– Alma Dwyer; Mary Barden; Cath Walsh; Mona Halliday; Cecelia Saligari;

Prayers for the Sick: Maureen Eagan; Carmel Stevens.



REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The blessings upon which we meditate today are undeserved gifts from God. They were not earned. The graciousness of God transforms us in such a way

as to effect new beginnings. It can be seen in the promises made to Abram. He leaves the past behind and moves into a new future. It can be seen in the psalm response. The Lord delivers us from death and inspires us to look to the future. It can be seen in the reading from 2 Timothy. Through Christ Jesus we are called to a new life of holiness; we escape the fetters of death and are brought into the freedom of the resurrection. We see it in the gospel, a glimpse into the future glory of Jesus which, through grace, we will be able to share. Lent is a time of new beginnings which find their origin in the



Reflection continued:

The ultimate blessing of God is Jesus himself. As Abram was called to be the source of blessing for all others, as Peter, James and John were chosen to witness the transfiguration of Jesus, so today we too are invited to look to Jesus for inspiration during this holy season. Paul speaks of the salvation that Jesus brings as having come, not because of any works of righteousness that we might have performed, but because of the grace of God. Once again the Lenten readings focus on the merciful action of God in our lives, and in the end they point to Jesus.

St Patrick’s Eve Celebration

Join the Ballarat Irish Association for a buffet supper, a stimulating guest speaker and musical entertainment on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 6.30pm at the Ballarat Welcome Centre, 25-39 Barkly Street, Bakery Hill.



Cost is \$25.00. For enquiries and/or bookings contact Marlene ph. 0402 447546.



Sunday Mass 10.30am

Last Week's Collections: Two collections are presented after the Prayers of the Faithful. The 1st Collection is cash towards 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: \$250.00
 2nd Collection: \$144.00 Planned Giving Feb: \$270.00
Daylesford Parish Collections: 1st Collection: \$389.60
 2nd Collection: \$152.90 Planned Giving Feb: \$245.00



Sunday Mass 8.45am

NATIONAL ADVICE RE: IMPLICATIONS IN LIGHT OF CORONAVIRUS

Statement from the Vicar-General Fr Kevin Maloney.

As a result of the increased spread of coronavirus and what we know about its transmission, it has been advised to alter certain practises in the Mass to ensure the health & safety of parishioners.

Until further notice the following will be adhered too.

- NO** Holy Water fonts to be used
- Holy Communion will be given in the hand and not the tongue
- NO** Chalice at Communion– The chalice for the celebrant will only be used
- Sign of Peace. It is encouraged that parishioners smile or bow to each other
- All special ministers and sacristans to continue washing hands or using hand sanitisers before distribution of Holy Communion

Please let us pray for all those who have passed away or been affected by the coronavirus; for all women & men working tirelessly to care for those affected and for the development of a vaccine to keep us all safe.



<u>Roster-weekend: Mar 15th</u>	<u>Daylesford</u>	<u>Creswick</u>
Welcomer	Brian D; Kath C	Aileen P; David P
Commentator		Alastair H
Reader	Maria B	Carol V
Offertory/Gifts	Wendy & Neil C	Aileen P; David P
Special Ministers/Eucharist	Denise L; Ian T; Maria R	Josie R; Judy S; Brian r
Projector Operator/Ipad Music	Sandra W	Lois K/ Neil D
Sacristan	Denise Mc	
Collection	Collectors – Brian; Tom; Syd; Mick B	Counting —Kieran