



Parish Newsletter - October 16th 2016

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Lay Led Assembly (2nd Sunday of the Month) 9.00am

Vigil Mass Sat 6.00pm (4th Sunday of the Month)

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REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSS

The readings today offer various aspects of prayer for our consideration. There is the spiritual discipline of prayer itself, which is essential to the life of the disciple: there is the communal dimension of prayer; and there is the ministerial commitment that is born of prayer. Our personal prayer must be persistent. Like Moses and the woman in the gospel reading, we must be ceaseless in our prayer, not discouraged by difficulties that we might have to face. Regardless of how strange the first reading may appear to be, it very strongly emphasises the communal dimension of prayer.

As minister of the word, Timothy is admonished to keep preaching the gospel, to keep spreading the good news, to allow the scriptures to continue to be a source of wisdom for himself and, through him, for all of the people who hear him. To have this kind of facility with Scripture requires that one enter into the deep meaning of the Scriptures and make them the basis of one's prayer. One must engage in what the monks call *lectio divina*, prayerful reflective reading of the scriptures. This practice, or spiritual discipline, gives us access to God and it also gives God access to us. It gives us the courage and the gentleness to teach, to refute, to correct. When our ministerial activity flows from prayer, it also flows from and strengthens right relationships with God and with the community. When this becomes a reality, the Son of Man will indeed find faith on earth.

Confirmation Candidates: Confirmation will be celebrated in the Parish on Sunday November 20th. Please remember the following candidates and their families as they prepare for this Sacrament—Jessica Quinn, Hayley Smith, Brendan Monaghan and Harry Jenkin.,



Parish Leadership Team

and Finance

Committee Meeting

Thursday October 27th at 4pm

Parish Centre



All Saints & All Souls Mass Times

All Saints: 10am St Peter's Daylesford

All Souls: Mass will be celebrated at St Francis Xavier Chapel Eganstown at

11 .00 am



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) for the administration of the Parish*

1st Collection \$ 396.80 2nd Collection \$206.00

RECENT DEATH:

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Mary Lane, Dorothy Carbone, Monica Bolton, Joan Shanahan, Shirley O'Connor,



National Church Life Survey Our Parish, along with 6 others in the Diocese, have been selected to take part in the National Church Life Survey. Please take a copy of the survey home with you and return it next week. Thank you for your participation. **The Parish code is TAL0160**

Diocesan News

An End of an Era Celebration at St Michael's School, Springbank St Michael's School Springbank will close at the end of the 2016 school year and on December 3, 2016 we will be celebrating the life and times of the school. Celebrations will commence with an afternoon tea at 4.00pm, Mass at 6.30pm, then join us for a spit roast tea, meeting old friends, colleagues and dance the night away. A recovery brunch will be held on Sunday, December 4 (this will be a BYO drinks event). Please register your interest to attend to one or all of the events by email to quinlanwater@gmail.com or by message to Margie Quinlan, ph. 0417587235. Please note that you will not be catered for if your name is not on the guest list.

Beyond the Year of Mercy A retreat afternoon, which is open to all adults, is to be held at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Ballarat on Sunday, October 30, 2016 from 1.30pm concluding with 5.00pm Mass. The afternoon will be led by Sr Veronica Lawson, a Sister of Mercy from Ballarat, biblical scholar and author of "Blessings of Mercy." Registrations through the Cathedral Parish Office ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5331 2933.

St Patrick's College 2018 Year 7 Information Evening The College will conduct the **2018 Year 7 Information Night on Wednesday October 26 from 7:30 pm in the College Chapel.** To receive a 2018 Enrolment Package please contact Mrs Caitlin Bennett on 53 311688 or cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au

Mass at Pootilla Cemetery

Mass will be celebrated at Pootilla Cemetery (Bungaree) on Sunday 13th November, 9.30am. All welcome. Some chairs provided; BYO if possible. Info: ph. 5334 0450

The Annual Loreto 'Golden Girls' High Tea Invitation Alumni of Loreto College Ballarat are invited to High Tea on Wednesday, November 2, 2016 (based on feedback from alumni, the 'Golden Girls' reunion has been extended this year from 'pre-1960' alumni to include all alumni that graduated prior to 1966.) College Tour (optional) at 2.00pm; High Tea in the Mary's Mount Centre at 3.00pm (High Tea is complimentary). Following High Tea, you are also most welcome to attend the Annual Mass of Remembrance in the Loreto Chapel at 5.00pm and the Annual General Meeting of the Past Pupils' Association, including a light supper at 6.00pm in the Loreto Café. AGM & supper tickets \$15.00. To register your attendance, please phone the Loreto College Development Office, ph.(03) 5329 6137.

Roster - Sunday 23rd October

Reader: B Barlow **Comm:** L Righetti **Ministers:** D McMinn, C Bolton, C Collins **Offertory:** C Collins, B Capes **Counters** Oct 16th (team 1) L & M Righetti Oct 23rd (team 2) J Egan, C Collins

Weekday Mass - Creswick Wednesday 10am, Daylesford Friday 10am



St Michael's School Fete

Sunday October 30th

Pony Pat Lotto Tickets

\$20 per ticket

1st Prize of \$500

See Kim Leonard for a ticket!