

SAINT MARY'S PARISH, DONALD

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Donald Monthly Mass Schedule. 1st and 3rd. **10:30am**
2nd; 4th and 5th. **8:30am**

Masses next Weekend: Lord's Baptism 10th Jan 2016

BIRCHIP	7.00 pm Saturday
DONALD	8.30 am Sunday
WYCHEPROOF	10.30 am Sunday
WEEKDAY MASSES: TUESDAY	No Mass
WEDNESDAY	10.00 am Birchip
THURSDAY	10.00 am
FRIDAY	9.00 am

Recent Deaths: Valma Wood, Doreen Anderson

Anniversaries:

Sick: Margaret Belleville, Molly Byrne, Shirley Hoare, Fr. Denis Dennehy, Wendy Duncan, Colleen Lyons, Alexander Anderson

PRAYER FOR A PARISH: We belong to the Diocese of Ballarat. This week we hold in our prayers the WARRNAMBOOL parish.

MINISTRIES NEXT WEEKEND Baptism 10/1//2016

WELCOMERS:	B & E Brasier
COUNTERS:	Leo Tellefson & Michael Raynes
CLEANING:	Claire Letts & Annette Gilmour
MASS PREPARATION:	Margaret Hogan
MINISTERS OF THE WORD; 1 & Psalm	Kirby Davis
READING 2 & PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	John Foott
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:	Week 2
MUSIC	BC Guitars
PROCESSION OF GIFTS:	B. Milne

STATE OF THE NATION:

Presbytery:	\$276.30	
Parish:	\$370.00	
Year to 30 th June 2015	\$25,733.00	Promised: \$27,462.00
Year to 30 th June 2016	\$9701.00	Promised: \$26,000.00

THANK YOU

Memorial Book

The Parish is compiling a book for anniversaries. The rough draft is at the back of the church. Please fill in details as indicated.

Best wishes for the NEW YEAR, a day at a time.

Fr. Eugene.

Christmas Collection \$514.55 (2014 \$484.50)

Bishop's Appeal \$210.15

Christmas Offerings so far \$1065.00 "THANKYOU."

Lesser epiphanies of Robert and Edison: Let's start by reminding ourselves: God keeps appearing; we still have epiphanies. One kind of lesser epiphany is an "aha" experience. We sometimes get an "aha" when studying the Bible. For days, Robert had been bothered by a big sin he'd done. That so awful, so nasty sin we dread telling in confession. Then, reading about Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead, Robert felt, "aha," if God can raise his friend Lazarus from the dead, God could forgive me this great sin I did. A "lesser epiphany!" When Robert went to confession, he knew God loved him, deeply and totally.

We have "lesser epiphanies" as others treat us with kindness. After Thomas Edison had finished making the very first light bulb, Edison gave the light bulb to a young assistant to carry upstairs. Crash! The young man dropped the light bulb! Twenty-four hours later, a second light bulb completed, Edison handed the second light bulb to the same young lad. Edison knew, accidents happen, but the young man was still a fine young man. Here was a "lesser epiphany," God's love manifested in the kind gesture of a great inventor. Have no doubt. God continues to appear among us. When we attune ourselves to God, we see "lesser epiphanies" everyday. There may be no star hovering overhead, but we recognize God in the kind gesture, in the "aha" insight, we see God in the love we receive and are called to give. (Fr. Clyde Bonar)

