

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: Fourth Sunday 31st Jan 2016

WYCHEPROOF 7.00 pm Saturday

DONALD 8.30 am Sunday

BIRCHIP 10.30 am Sunday

WEEKDAY MASSES: TUESDAY No Mass

WEDNESDAY 10.00 am Birchip

THURSDAY 10.00 am

FRIDAY 9.00 am

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Pat Brennan

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 WENDOUREE parish.

MINISTRIES NEXT WEEKEND 4th Sunday 31/1/2016

WELCOMERS: John & Monica Slater

COUNTERS: Leo Tellefson & Michael Raynes

CLEANING: Margaret Quick & Jean Hogan

MASS PREPARATION: Margaret Hogan

MINISTERS OF THE WORD; 1 & Psalm Jeevan

READING 2 & PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL Tony Goode

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: Week 5

MUSIC Margaret Hogan

PROCESSION OF GIFTS: G. McLoughlan

STATE OF THE NATION:

Presbytery: \$267.50

Parish: \$674.00

Year to 30th June 2015 \$25,733.00 Promised: \$27,462.00

Year to 30th June 2016 \$12,147.00 Promised: \$26,000.00

THANK YOU

New Roster for Ministries available.

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.

Parish Luncheon.

Donald Hotel Sunday 7th February 12.00 noon

Names to Colleen Raynes or the clip board asap.

All are welcome to share in this Parish function.

SCHOOL begins this week. We ask God's blessings on St Mary's in 2016. Welcome back.

Life messages: 1) We need to receive Christ's freedom, live it and pass it on to others: As members of Christ's Mystical Body, we share in the freeing, saving mission of Jesus. But we are captives of sin. We need Christ to set us free. We are often blinded by our evil habits, addictions and need for financial security. Once we receive true liberation from Christ, we have to share it with those we encounter in our daily lives, families, neighborhoods, parishes and workplaces.

2) We need to let the power of the Holy Spirit fill us, and to be ready to have miracles done through us. Today's Gospel tells us that Jesus performed miracles because he was filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. Let us be ready to become Spirit-filled instruments of Christ's saving freedom.

Year of Mercy

“ Mercy has become living and visible in Jesus of Nazareth.

Whoever sees Jesus sees the Father. Jesus of Nazareth, by his words by his actions, and by his entire person reveals the mercy of God.

Wherever the Church is present, the mercy of the Father must be evident. “ Pope Francis.