

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 Week **CORPUS CHRISTI 29th May 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	No Mass

Recent Deaths: Wendy Duncan

Anniversaries:

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

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

MINISTRIES NEXT WEEKEND Corpus Christi 29/5/2016

WELCOMERS:	Owen & Pat Duncan
COUNTERS:	Alan Frank & Brian Downes
CLEANING:	M. Frank & J.Tuder
MASS PREPARATION:	Margaret Quick
MINISTERS OF THE WORD; 1 & Psalm	Mary Herben
READING 2 & PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Annette Gilmour
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:	Week 5
MUSIC	Margaret Hogan
PROCESSION OF GIFTS:	A & M Frank

STATE OF THE NATION:

Presbytery:	\$424.20	
Parish:	\$45.00	
Year to 30 th June 2015	\$25,733.00	Promised: \$27,462.00
Year to 30 th June 2016	\$18,204.00	Promised: \$26,000.00

Prayer for Rain.

Loving God, maker of all things and protector of your people, in you we live and move and have our being. In your mercy come to our aid, send us the rain we need, and teach us to seek your lasting help on our journey through life. Amen.

Mass attendance Counts through May.

New Ministry Roster available. Thanks Merilyn.

Life messages: 1) We need to respect ourselves and respect others. Our conviction of the presence of the Triune God within us should help us to esteem ourselves as God's holy dwelling place, to behave well in His holy presence, and to lead purer and holier lives, practicing acts of justice and charity. This Triune Presence should also encourage us to respect and honor others as "Temples of the Holy Spirit."

2) We need to be aware of God as the Source of our strength and courage. The awareness and conviction of the presence of God within us, gives us the strength to face the manifold problems of life with Christian courage. It was such a conviction that prompted the early Christian martyrs, when taken to their execution, to shout the heroic prayer of Faith from the Psalms: "The Lord of might is with us, our God is within us, and the God of Jacob is our helper" (Psalm 46).

3) We need to see the Trinity as the model for our Christian families: We are created in love to be a community of loving persons, just as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are united in love. From the day of our Baptism, we have belonged to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. How privileged we are to grow up in such a beautiful Family! Hence, let us turn to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in prayer every day. We belong to the Family of the Triune God. The love, unity and joy in the relationship among the Father, Son and Holy Spirit should be the supreme model of our relationships within our Christian families. Our families become truly Christian when we live in a relationship of love with God and with others.