

# SAINT MARY'S PARISH, DONALD

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

## Masses next Week 30/7/2017 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday

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:** Matt Bellville, Maggie McKinnon

**Anniversaries:** Michael Hogan, Paddy and Kevin Hogan

**Sick:** Margaret Belleville, Molly Byrne, Fr. Denis Dennehy, Frank Nolan,

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

## MINISTRIES NEXT WEEKEND 30/07/2017 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday

**WELCOMERS:** Owen & Pat Duncan  
**COUNTERS:** Peter Barbettit & Len Scarce  
**CLEANING:** M Hogan & E Brasier  
**MASS PREPARATION:** Sue Donnellon  
**MINISTERS OF THE WORD; 1 & Psalm:** Andrew Slater  
**READING 2 & PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:** Tony Goode  
**MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:** Week 5  
**MUSIC:** Margaret Hogan  
**PROCESSION OF GIFTS:** Joan Adams

**STATE OF THE NATION:** Presbytery: \$311.10  
Parish: \$27.00  
Year to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017 \$26,134.00 Promised: \$26,000.00  
Year to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017 \$2795.00 Promised: \$25,000.00  
Many Thanks. PARISH ACCOUNT BSB013605 A/C1998 90097

**August until the New Year. (updated)**At this stage there seems to be a pause on the realignment of Parishes in the immediate area. Ouyen is destined to combine with Mildura and Sea lake with Swan Hill.

**New Rosters Available.** Thanks to all who help out.

**Life messages:** 1) We need to practice patience and show mercy. Let us patiently and lovingly treat the “weeds” in our society as our brothers and sisters and do all in our power to put them back on the right road to Heaven, especially by our good example, encouragement and our fervent prayer for their conversion. Let us remember that most of us have been “weeds” in God’s field more than once, and God has showed us mercy. God is so merciful that He allows evil to exist in order that what is good may grow. He allows evil to exist also because He can turn it into good. Through the power of the Spirit, God can change even the ugliest thorn into a blossom of Faith. In God's field, we have two responsibilities: to grow in grace and to share His Word and love with others.

2) We need to grow up as healthy wheat in God’s field, leaving the “weeds” for Jesus to take care of. The Good News is that growth and maturity are probably the most effective forms of weed control. In the end, it’s enough to know that we are “seeds” who have been planted by the “Son of Man,” and that we are part of a healthy harvest that will someday be reaped by the angels of God. Our transparent and exemplary Christian lives will be a compelling challenge and a forceful invitation to evildoers to repent of their sinful lives and turn to a loving and forgiving God. Our acts of charity, kindness, mercy, encouragement, loving correction and selfless service can prompt the “weeds” in our society to reassess their lives, modify them and become useful members of society.

God said to Solomon, “Ask whatever you would like me to give to you.” Solomon replied, “Give me a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil.”