



## Parish Newsletter - November 20th 2016

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### St. Joseph's Church Blampied

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

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

Diocesan Website: [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

### Confirmation Candidates:

Confirmation will be celebrated in the Parish today. Please remember the following candidates and their families as they prepare for this Sacrament—Jessica Quinn, Hayley Smith, Brendan Monaghan, Harry Jenkin and Max Lynch



### Parish Dates:

**Mass with School** - Friday November 25th 10am (in Church not Parish Centre)

**St Michael's Class Mass** - Sunday November 27th

### Christmas Masses:

Daylesford -

Christmas Eve 7.00pm

Christmas Day 10.30am

Creswick—

Christmas Eve 9.00pm

Christmas Day 8.45am



### Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

This feast celebrates the power and authority of Christ by creating a collage of images that capture one or more characteristics of Christ's kingship. Each image reinterprets the concept of king, investing it with new meaning. Gathered together they create a kind of litany that extols the kingship of Christ.

Shepherd and commander call to mind the care and protection that Christ lavishes on those who place themselves under his care. King of Israel is a sign of universal rule. Image of the Invisible God acclaims the divine origin of Christ and of the rule that he exercises over all. First born of all Creation places Christ over the entire created world. Source of all Created Things acknowledges both the sovereignty of Christ and his importance as the model after which all things were fashioned. Head of the Body, the Church underscores the intimacy and interrelationship that exist between Christ and all those who are joined to him through faith and baptism. Firstborn of the Dead not only acclaims Christ's resurrection, but it also guarantees the resurrection of those who will follow him into death. Crucified King is clearly the image that reinterprets all other images.

The entire liturgical year is brought to completion in the last words of the gospel: 'Today you will be with me in Paradise.' These are the words that we all long to hear, words that are empty when coming from one who has no authority, but charged with power when spoken by the one who is king over us all.



**Last Week's Collections:** Two collections are presented after the Prayers of the Faithful. The 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection is the Planned Giving (envelopes) for the administration of the Parish

1st Collection \$ 307.00 2nd Collection \$328.30

**RECENT DEATHS:**

**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:** Henry Watt, Herbert Booth, Frank Hourigan, Fred Geehman

*Prayers for the Sick:* Des Dwyer



**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](mailto: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.

**2017 Holy Land Pilgrimage**

An information evening for those interested in undertaking a two week pilgrimage to the Holy Land (Israel and Jordan) with Fr Justin in June 2017 are invited to gather in the smaller hall at the Cathedral on Thursday November 24<sup>th</sup> 5.30 pm – 7.00 pm. The pilgrimage is being conducted in conjunction with Leonie Spencer from Lifestyle Travel, Ballarat. Expressions of interest can be directed to Lifestyle Travel, 11 Armstrong St Nth, 5331 8277, [info@lifestyletravel.com.au](mailto:info@lifestyletravel.com.au)

**140years Ss Michael & John's Parish, Horsham**

Ss Michael & John's Parish, Horsham celebrates 140 years this year. Mass to celebrate this event is on Sunday, November 20 at Ss Michael & John's Church, Horsham at 10.30am, the Feast of Christ the King. After Mass, all are welcome to a parish dinner at the Coughlin Park Centre at 12.00noon, with a game of bowls and activities for the children to follow. Please contact the Parish office, ph. (03) 5382 1155 to book or for further information.

**Gordon Cemetery Mass**

Mass will be held at the Gordon Cemetery on November 27, 2016 at 2.00pm. There will be no 8.45am Mass on this day, however St Patrick's Church will be the alternative venue in the case of inclement circumstances.

**From Bach to Bing**

David Hobson and Georgia Wilkinson will be performing all your Christmas favourites in Hamilton (December 9), St Kilda (December 10) and St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat (December 14) 7pm. For bookings please call 5333 5888. Tickets are \$55 per adult, \$45 per child, \$45 group bookings.

**Making a Scene at Christmas**

A display of Christmas Nativity scenes will be held in St Patrick's Hall, Ballarat from Wednesday evening December 14 – Sunday, December 18. On display there will be in excess of 300 nativities from over 40 countries. Opening hours are Wednesday 6.00pm – 8.00pm, Thursday and Friday 10.00am – 5.00pm; Saturday 10.00am – 8.00pm and Sunday 9.00am – 7.00pm. The organising committee would like to hear from anyone who is willing to loan a nativity scene for display, in particular cribs from other cultures, previous eras or which 'have a story' would be most welcome. Security is guaranteed. If you are able to assist please leave your name at the Cathedral office, ph. 5331 2933

**Roster - Sunday 27th November**

**Reader:** St Michael's **Comm:** St Michael's **Ministers:** D Leonard, C Collins, M Yanner **Offertory:** St Michael's **Counters:** Nov 20 (Team 6) F & K Stephens, T Torpy, V & M Richards  
Nov 27 (Team 7) W Chamberlain, S Whiffin

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

