



Parish Newsletter 1st of JANUARY, 2017

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PARISH VISION STATEMENT:

Our Parish is a welcoming and inclusive community, based on the Christian ethic where our lives are enhanced by worship that enriches, leadership that is shared and service that cares.

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WEEKDAY MASSES -

St Augustine's, Creswick: 10am TUESDAY, Jan 3

St Peter's, Daylesford: 10am Fri, Jan 6

WEEKEND SERVICES -

LAY LED ASSEMBLY:

St Joseph's, Blampied: 9am Sun, Jan 8

MASSES:

St Augustine's, Creswick: 8.45am Sun, Jan 8

St Peter's, Daylesford: 10.30am Sun, Jan 8

PLEASE
PRAY
FOR



Vin Ryan, Nathan Shanahan
(died recently)

Daniel Moore, Kevin Loyer,
Dominic Camenzuli, William Fox,
Kyrle Young, Charlotte Rhodes,
Jack Murphy, Brian Schreenan,
Aileen Williams

(anniversaries of death Thurs - Wed)

John Ryan, Ben Lockyer,
Mary Bell, Jeanette Morris,
Pat Prendergast
(unwell at this time)

WEEKDAY MASSES in Creswick will be on
TUESDAYS in 2017, starting this week

St. Joseph's Church, Blampied

Lay Led Assembly (2nd Sunday of the Month) @ 9am

Vigil Mass Saturday (4th Sunday of the Month) @ 6pm



<http://www.stlinusoaklawn.org/LiturgyAndServices.php>

CHRISTMAS THANKS

A huge thankyou to all parishioners who were able to volunteer both behind the scenes (in preparation for) and during the Masses over Christmas:

Cleaning the church, Flower purchasing and arranging, preparing the Gardens, setting up Christmas decorations and Scenes, Office/Business administration work, Sacristy work, Welcoming, Singing, Offertory, Collections, Counting, Music playing, Operating the remote, Reading, Commentating, Special Eucharistic Ministering, Praying...
...and Coming to be Joyously part of!

**HAPPY
NEW YEAR
everyone!**



<http://www.catholicicing.com/new-year-ideas-for-catholic-families-fun-traditions/>

"If you put all the love of all the mothers into one heart, it still would not equal the love of the heart of Mary for her children."

St Louis de Montfort



COLLECTIONS

Two collections are taken up after the Prayers of the Faithful. **The 1st Collection** is the Presbytery Collection – this collection is for the support of the local priest, with 13% going towards the support of the retired priests and the Bishop. **The 2nd Collection** is the Planned Giving (envelopes) for the support of Parish endeavours and structures.

Collections from last week (with thanks)

1st (Priest Support) - \$522.00; 2nd (Planned Giving/Parish) - \$419.00
Special Christmas Collection - \$341.50



This morning,
we welcome little

**TILDA
IDA-CAJSA
GILCHRIST**

from Gothenburg, Sweden;
here to receive the
Sacrament of Baptism
in the presence of
local family and friends.

Tilda is here with her sister
HANNAH

(who was baptised at St A's a few years ago),
her parents

MARIE-ANNE and GEOFFREY,
and returning home
to Sweden soon.

*EVERY BLESSING goes with you
from all here present today*



Gospel Reflection

Dianne Bergant CSS

Liturgically, the Octave of Christmas commemorates: the Solemnity of the Mother of God; the day designated for prayers for global peace; and the beginning of the New Year.

Though the shepherds gain insight into the presence of God by seeing this holy family, it is Mary who holds all these things in her heart. She is the one who ponders the significance of these mysterious events. Mary becomes for Christians an inspiration of contemplation and reflection. She inspires us to consider deeply the significance of events, lest we go blandly through life without meaning or direction. She inspires us to fidelity to the practices of our faith, practices which are the disciplines of soul that lead the community to a clearer focus on God's presence in human affairs.

The theme of peace appears today on many levels. Its meaning, 'fullness of life', bursts forth in every one of the readings. The ancient prayer or blessing of peace is an appropriate start for the New Year. It resonates well with the angels' wish for people of good will. Peace is also our inheritance in Christ.

As adopted children of God, we have been given the freedom to live in a godly manner, calling God our Abba. Right relationships in the covenant activity of God are the pathways of peace.

The beginning of a New Year is a good time to reach out to others and to pray for God's blessing of peace for each dimension of human encounter.

NEW FLYERS on our NOTICEBOARD:

- 1. INVITATION to the 'Dedication of the Loreto Window' at All Saints' Parish Church in Portland**
Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Paul to give thanks for the presence and ministry of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Portland and the dedication of the Loreto Window in All Saints' Parish Church on Sunday, January 22, 2017 at 10.30am. Light lunch will follow at the Parish House. RSVP by January 13, 2017 to PO Box 210, Portland, 3305 or email portland@ballarat.catholic.org.au.
- 2. 'VERY SPECIAL KIDS' - FAMILY SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT** to help the organisation 'VERY SPECIAL KIDS' care for children in the Ballarat region with life-threatening conditions.