

Parish Newsletter - June 25, 2017

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St Thomas Aquinas, Clunes
(no longer a Sunday Mass Centre)

► **St. Joseph's Church, Blampied**

Note: No Mass until further notice ◀

Diocesan Website: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (online parish newsletter)



Recent Deaths: Brunie Streckfuss, Brian Gleeson (*Gordon Parish*),

Shirley & John Ryan

Anniversaries of Death (Thurs - Weds): Thomas Barry,

Rev Fr Paul Campbell OFM, Kathleen Fox,

Charlotte Streckfuss, Benedict Streckfuss,

Maria Tabasca, Kevin Ross

Unwell at this time: Walter Streckfuss, David Preston,

Luke Taylor (*Imelda McGrath's great nephew*),

Brad Simpson, Pat Prendergast, Mary Bell



**NO - no 10am
TUESDAY MASS
again in CRESWICK**
this week
(10am Thursday & Friday
as usual in Daylesford)

ROSTERS for Sunday, 2nd July

Cleaners (before next Sunday): Sr Louise H;

Welcomers/Offertory: Tony & Carol V;

Remote: Lois K;

Commentator: Bernie T; **Reader:** Alastair H;

Special Eucharistic Ministers:

Brian RW, Aileen P, Barb H;

Counters: Bernie & Pat T

MINUTES

from our Parish *Pastoral
Council & Finance Team*
meeting last Monday night
are now on the back
noticeboard to read

Reflection by Greg Sunter

'Do not be afraid' is one of the most commonly repeated sentences in the Bible. In one form or another, the command to 'be not afraid' or 'fear not' appears several hundred times throughout the Old and New Testaments. Today's gospel passage is part of the sending out of the Twelve that occupies all of Chapter 10 in the gospel. It follows a little later in the chapter from last week's reading in which Jesus called the Twelve and sent them out as Apostles. The remainder of the chapter provides an extended teaching on what it means and what it costs to take the message of Jesus out into the world. Jesus teaches the Twelve that the message they bear will not always be well received and there will be those who will seek to silence the Apostles through violent means. But then the teaching comes to the section of today's passage and Jesus commands the Twelve, 'Do not be afraid'. The message to not be afraid is as much for the original intended audience of the gospel as it was for the apostles. The community for whom this gospel was written were on the verge of being 'squeezed out' and forced into secret. The passage reminds them to have courage and to have the courage of their convictions; to shout from the house-tops their message, not whisper it in darkness. It is a reminder of the abundant love of God who cares for them and sees all their efforts to continue to live out the message and ministry of Jesus. It is equally a message for us, today. We are called to continue the spread of the gospel message; continuing the work of those early Christian communities, the Twelve and Jesus himself.



**St TA CLUNES'S
PARISH CATCHUP
NEXT SUNDAY**

July 2

**Widow Twanky Café,
Clunes
@ 10.30am**

**TWO COLLECTIONS are taken up and presented
after the PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

*The 1st 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 2nd COLLECTION is the **Planned Giving (envelopes)** or cash
for the administration of the Parish & general running costs.*

Last Week's Collections (with thanks)

1st Collection: \$401.50

2nd Collection: \$277.40

Planned Giving 2017 – 2018 Renewal

Thankyou to all those parishioners who are involved with the **Planned Giving Program**
here at St Augustine's Parish. As we begin a new financial year,
it is a good time to look at our Program for 2018 and beyond.

New envelopes are available at the rear of the Church.

If you are able to deliver any of these to parishioners you know, please do so...

We are also currently updating our **Direct Debit option for Planned Giving**,
thank you to those who have already taken this up.

The Direct debit will be run through the **Catholic Development Fund (CDF)**, allowing givers to
contribute regularly and without the worry of bringing an envelope each Sunday.

The account at the **CDF** will be able to process Debit/Credit cards, and would be transferred
to our Bendigo Bank Account to assist in the day to day running of the Parish.

Forms have been provided from the **CDF** and **are available at the rear of the Church.**

These can be returned to the **Office** and forwarded to the **CDF** for processing.

- Mrs Leah Monaghan

(Parish Secretary for Creswick & Daylesford)

**Pastoral Council
COMMISSIONING**

On Sunday July 30th
our Pastoral Council will be
commissioned for 2017-2018.
*The Parish Finance Team will
also be recommissioned.*

We congratulate Rev Rosemary Carter
and her community of
St Andrew's Creswick
on the occasion of their
40th Birthday of Union

- for TODAY, the day of their big celebration -

*Blessings and Good Wishes
from St Augustine's Parish*

DIOCESAN BULLETIN NOTICES

Liturgy Formation 2017

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission is offering **Liturgy Formation Sessions** again in 2017 at Colac on June 25, **Ballarat Cathedral on July 9**, Warrnambool on July 23. Bishop Paul will celebrate Mass in parishes on these days. Workshops on offer are Funeral Ministry, the Diocesan Sacraments of Initiation Program, "Let the Children Come" and Formation for Lectors. Registration is via DIOCESAN LITURGICAL COMMISSION PO Box 576 – Ballarat VIC 3353
Ph: (03) **5337 7159** Email: liturgy@ballarat.catholic.org.au ; Online registrations via www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – now open for new participants: The Lay Pastoral Ministry Program offers low-cost opportunities for online study and formation for lay workers in the diocese, both employees and volunteers. A wide range of subject areas are offered: Scripture, Sacraments, Social Justice, Youth Ministry, many more. Registration for the July study cycle closes on 10 July - or you can start in September or later in the year. Details on the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (link is on front page), or contact Amanda, ph: **5337 7125** or email amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au.