



Parish Newsletter March 13, 2016

CRESWICK OFFICE *Hours:* **Wednesday 10am - 11am. (**If Wednesday Mass)

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PARISH PRIEST: Fr. Gary A Jones



ST THOMAS AQUINAS', Bailey Street, CLUNES

MASS: Saturday 6.30pm (on the eve of each 2nd & 4th Sunday in the month)

LAY LED ASSEMBLY: Sunday 10.30am (1st Sunday ONLY in the month)

Nb. NO service on weekends when a 3rd Sunday or when a 5th Sunday in the month

ST. AUGUSTINE'S PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL: Mr. Terry Brennan, Principal.

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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.

WEEKDAY Masses:

St Augustine's, **Creswick:** 10am Weds March 16 (**Mass**)

St Peter's, **Daylesford:** 10am Thu/Fri March 17/18 (**Mass**)

Next WEEKEND:

St Thomas Aquinas', **Clunes:** **NO SERVICE** on Sat/Sun March 19/20

St Augustine's, **Creswick:** 8.45am Sun Mar 20 (**Mass**)

St Peter's, **Daylesford:** 10.30am Sun Mar 20 (**Mass**)

NO SERVICE @ CLUNES,
NEXT WEEKEND, March 19/20
(3rd Sunday in the month)



Ken Preston, Mary O'Hagan,
Alice (*Ali*) van Beveren
(anniversary of death)
Sandra Kenyon (*unwell*)

TUESDAY (& Wednesday) NIGHT!

Sacrament of FORGIVENESS

Communal Rite of Reconciliation

St Augustine's, Creswick:- 7pm, Tuesday, March 15

St Peter's, Daylesford:- 7pm, Wednesday, March 16

NEXT SUNDAY!

Sunday, March 20 (Palm Sunday)

A morning tea will be held at

St Augustine's Church
straight after Mass.

#Family group members please bring a small plate of goodies for the morning tea#

Gospel Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

Lent ends on a note of wonder. In the face of all the mighty works that God has already performed for the people, God promises something even more magnificent.

Throughout this season we have reflected on the marvels that God accomplished in the lives of the people, cutting a covenant with Abraham, leading the people out of bondage, revealing God's own personal name, bring them into a land that is bursting with life.

Now God says: You haven't seen anything yet.

The first reading proclaims that something new is about to appear. In the gospel, this new thing unfolds before our eyes. Here we see Jesus neither rejecting the law nor changing it. Instead, he shows that the law, as good as it might be, serves something higher. He shows that the mercy and compassion of God exceed the authority of the law. Once again we see that the readings of Lent are less concerned with mortification and penance than they are with divine graciousness and our response of joy and thanksgiving.

Paul is not satisfied with the blessings of the past. In fact, he considers them rubbish when compared with knowing and being united with Christ. Life with Christ transforms us from people who are caught in sin to women and men who have been forgiven.

Life in Christ is the new thing that God has fashioned for us. God is the one who creates something new; we are the ones who are re-created.

MARCH 20:-

CRESWICK

Reader: David P
 Leaders: n/a
 Comm'tor: Alastair
 Sp Minister/s: Judy-Brian-Alastair
 Welc'/Offer'y: McMahons
 Remote: Angeline
 Counters: Loretta-Kieran
 Cleaning this week: Angeline-Celly



Collections: Both weekly collections occur after the General Intercessions.
 Last week: 1st (Priest Support) - \$306.20 2nd (PG/Parish) \$128.00

A special THANK YOU to all who contributed to St A's 'Anointing of the Sick' Mass last Wednesday morning; special mention of those who so generously prepared food to serve at the luncheon.

An extra special "THANK YOU" to each and every one of Mrs Celly Csorba's Grade 5 & 6 class...for the wholesome companionship they offered during the service, and for the sensitivity and kindness shown while serving the lunch to everyone after.

**Palm Sunday
 (next weekend)
 &
 Good Friday**

A few more readers etc are needed to help with both of these services

- Please see roster down on back table -
- Speak with Alastair or Sue for further info -

COMBINED CHURCH LENTEN STUDY

~ local Uniting, Anglican & Catholic parishioners coming together to reflect on their Lenten journeys ~

FINAL gathering this coming Thursday, March 17
 6 - 7.30pm @ St AUGUSTINE's Church
 Can join in at any time!

See Angeline or Sue for further info



Next Sunday!

Walk for Justice for Refugees
 Palm Sunday, March 20 @ 2pm.
 Meet at State Library, Melbourne

Monday week!

Mass of the Oils

Monday, March 21, 2016
 @ 6.30pm
 St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat

EASTER SERVICES

St AUGUSTINE's
 Creswick

Good Friday @ 3pm
 (Lay Led Assembly)

Easter Sunday @ 8.45am
 (Mass)

DAYLESFORD EASTER SERVICES

Holy Thursday - 7pm March 24
 Good Friday - 3pm March 25
 Easter Saturday - 8pm March 26

A PRAYER FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Lord Jesus Christ,
 you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,
 and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.
 Show us your face and we will be saved.

You are the visible face of the invisible Father,
 of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness
 and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its
 anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace
 from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm,
 may bring good news to the poor.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of
 Mary, Mother of Mercy; you who live and reign with
 the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.
 Amen.

ECUMENICAL
Stations of the Cross
 @ St John's Anglican Church,
 Creswick.

WEDNESDAY in HOLY WEEK
23 March @ 6pm
 'Bring and Share' meal following