



Parish Newsletter - August 13, 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)

Anniversaries of Death (Thurs - Weds): Brian Hicks, Maureen Taylor, Alice Power, Maurice Martin (*Irene's Maurice*), Jacinta Flynn, Len Malone, Laurence Quinton, Michael Jones (*Shirley's grandson*), Carmel (*Mary*) Anderson, John (*Jack*) Higgins (*1st anniversary*)



Unwell at this time: Chris Jones (*Shirley's son*), Luke Taylor, Mary Bell, Pat Prendergast, Walter Streckfuss, Luke Taylor, Brad Simpson.

Please Note:-
NO weekday
MASSES in
CRESWICK
& Daylesford
UNTIL SEPTEMBER

GOSPEL REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSS

Although divine power is manifested in dramatic ways, it is also present in what is unassuming.

Traces of God can be seen in the delicacy of a violet, in a cool summer breeze, in the blush of innocence, in the fiery eyes of justice. Every one of us lives in the midst of God, breathes the breath of God's life, and is constantly touched by the exquisite artistry of God's creativity. Life itself is a mountain experience of God.



As wonderful as life may be, it can also be very frightening at times. There are misunderstandings and rancour, jealousy and vindictiveness, greed and a hunger for power. Our personal lives can come unravelled and we can feel that we are genuinely 'at sea'. Every human being is tossed about by the exigencies of life. It is at times like these that we need faith in Jesus. Even though we do not recognise him, he is there in the midst of our chaos. Having the power of God, he is the definitive champion of all chaos, and so he is able to allay our fears and calm the sea.

A true experience of God, whether it be within the ordinariness of life or one of life's tribulations, is both transformative and effusive. It is a reality that cannot be contained; it must be proclaimed. Disciples must be ready to do what they can in order that the good news of God's revelation be made known to others.

Fr Gary's holidays..... Fr Gary is currently on holidays and will return to St Augustine's and St Peter's on **Sunday, August 27th**.

Fr Tom Brophy will be covering Masses in both Daylesford and Creswick for the rest of this time...

and we warmly thank him for this!

If you need anything while Fr Gary is away,

please contact the Daylesford Parish Office on 5348 2026

and your call will transfer through to Leah Monaghan (Parish Secretary, Creswick & Daylesford).



St A's monthly parish catchup down at Smokeytown Cafe



NEXT Sunday,
20th August
Straight after Mass

Come for a good ol' natter and nibble!

All parishioners & visitors invited!

Kindly hosted by our Parish Family Group

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 of 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: \$229.70; 2nd Collection: n.c.

NEXT 3 month ROSTERS

(AUG-SEPT-OCT) available on back table

A new letter from Bishop Paul is available on the back table

This letter provides an update on what our diocese is doing in response to what the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse has highlighted:

To respond with justice and compassion to those who have suffered abuse and to do all we can to ensure that children are safe now and in the future.

NEW PARISH OFFICE opening hours:

TUESDAY Creswick: 9.30am – 11am (NOT when school holidays or NO Tuesday Mass),
WEDNESDAY Daylesford: 9.30am – 3pm,
THURSDAY Daylesford: 9am – 11.30am.
NOTE: Daylesford office NO LONGER open on Fri-

Coming up in SEPTEMBER

- Ballarat Clergy Support Fund Appeal
- Child Protection Sunday (10th Sept)
- Social Justice Sunday (24th Sept)

ROSTERS for Sunday, 20th Aug

(with thanks)

Cleaners (for this week): Izabella J
Welcomers/Offertory: Tony & Carol V
Remote: Neil D

Commentator: Bernie T; **Reader:** Barb H
Special Eucharistic Ministers:
Rolan K, Brian RW, Alastair H
Counters: Keiren M & Loretta K

BBI-ACBC eConference, "Gospel Leadership in Times of Chaos: the Hope of Pope Francis"

The 13th Annual National eConference will be held on

Thursday, August 10, 2017 from 10.30am-2.45pm (AEST).

For the program go to <http://www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/short-courses/eConference-2017>.

To register online go to <https://kvgo.com/creomedia/bbi13nationaleconference>.

"Deësis: Prayer and Image" Exhibition:- This exhibition is dedicated to the role of icons as agents of intercession. **Art Gallery of Ballarat UNTIL Sunday, September 10, 2017. Flyer on back table.**

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Did you know? The Foundation was established in 1986 to raise funds to assist the Bishop fund the pastoral needs of the Diocese of Ballarat. Over the last twenty years in particular there has been a shift in the demographics of our diocese with declining population in many rural areas, population growth in regional towns, and a continuing decrease in mass attendance. Our diocese comprises 51 Parishes with 109 church communities within those Parishes. We are faced therefore with an increasing challenge to provide services to people within our Diocese. The Foundation is in its 32nd year of assisting the Bishop in providing these services.

In total \$336,701 was distributed during 2016 to the Diocese and through Parishes to support activities such as: sponsoring representatives attending the World Youth Day in Poland and the Proclaim Conference in Sydney; Merbein Parish's *Year of Mercy* activities; and Warrnambool's *Caring for the Homebound* program. The Foundation also supported organisations such as Centacare, the Ballarat Hospice, and Saint Vincent de Paul's North West Central Council. *Please consider a one-off donation, an ongoing pledge and/or a bequest via your will. To find out how to go about offering your support to the foundation, including becoming a board member, contact Andrew Jirik, Diocesan Business Manager, ph. 5337 7126*

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