



# Parish Newsletter May 14/15, 2016

CRESWICK OFFICE *Hours: \*\*Wednesday 10am - 11am. (\*\*If Wednesday Mass )*  
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**# ST THOMAS AQUINAS', Bailey Street, CLUNES #**  
**MAY 14, 2016 is the last weekend service offered as**  
**a Weekend Mass Centre.**

**An occasional Weekday Mass on 2nd Tuesday of the month**  
**@ 12 noon will be offered when Fr Gary becomes available.**  
*Will be announced/confirmed each month, the weekend beforehand.*

ST. AUGUSTINE'S PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL: Mr. Terry Brennan, Principal.  
 SCHOOL OFFICE *Ph: 5345 2106 (Mandy) Website: www.sacreswick.catholic.edu.au*  
 DIOCESAN *Website: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (inc ONLINE PARISH BULLETIN)*

## 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 Wed May 18  
 St Peter's, Daylesford: 10am Thur/Fri May 19/20

### WEEKEND MASSES -

St Augustine's, Creswick: 8.45am Sunday, May 22  
 St Peter's, Daylesford: 10.30am Sunday, May 22



Lesley Ivy,  
 Maria Jager,  
 Yvonne Haintz  
**(anniversaries of death)**  
 Sandra Kenyon,  
 Pat Prendergast,  
 Imelda McGrath  
**(unwell at this time)**



**MORE HISTORIC PHOTOS ADDED TO**  
**FAMILY GROUP DISPLAY @ BACK of St A's**

### **PLEASE continue to PRAY**

for our Parish **Grade 4** children  
 as they prepare to receive the

**Sacrament of Eucharist on Sunday May 29**

*As part of their preparations, they will join us at St A's*  
*Mass on Sundays May 15th (TODAY!) & 22nd.*



**Eliza Wray, Max Treweek**  
**Charlotte Preston, Angus Barrett**  
**Paddy Bennett, Mia Wallis**  
**Claudia Martin, Poppy Charleson**  
**James Martin**  
**Jamie-Lee Donovan-Clancy**

**Collections:** Both weekly collections occur after the General Intercessions.  
 Last week: 1st (Priest Support) - \$316.20 2nd (PG/Parish) - \$251.00

**May 22**

### CRESWICK

**Reader:** Bernie T  
**Leaders:** n/a  
**Comm'tor:** Loretta K  
**Sp Minister/s:** Brian-Alastair-Ron  
**Welc'/Offer'y:** McMahons  
**Remote:** Lois K  
**Counters:** Pete G-Mick G  
**Cleaning this week:** Doreen S



## Pentecost

The word Pentecost comes from the Greek for fiftieth day. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of Easter and comes as a Sabbath day after seven weeks of seven days. In Jewish tradition the 50th day after the Passover was celebrated as a blessing of the harvest and rather than the unleavened bread of Passover it was celebrated by leavening the bread. It was for this reason that the disciples were gathered together when they experienced the Holy Spirit empowering them. In Christian tradition, Pentecost is celebrated as the arrival of the Spirit, promised by Jesus, that animated the disciples to spread the gospel of Jesus and gather believers to form what would eventually become the Church.

## TODAY

**FAMILY GROUP** coffee social  
 straight after St A's MASS  
 (Sunday, May 15)  
 @ **SMOKEYTOWN** café  
*ALL PARISHIONERS*  
*& VISITORS WELCOME!*

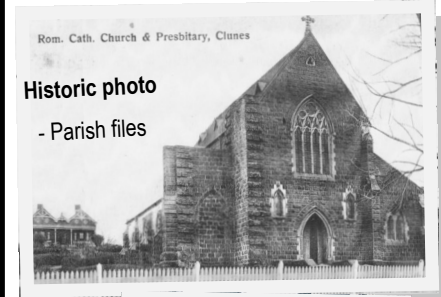
### Memorial Mass CANCELLED

The proposal to offer a Memorial Mass for Bishop Mulkearns has been re-considered in the light of the level of distress that this proposal has prompted. A public gathering for Mass in an environment of protest would raise concerns for public safety, exacerbate the pain and suffering of victim survivors and compromise the occasion as one of prayer.

The Mass for Bishop Mulkearns was proposed in line with the Catholic practice of prayer for those who have died. However, the adverse reaction to the proposal must be listened to and the concerns heeded, so the Mass will not proceed.

# ~ THE TIME HAS COME ~

**St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, Clunes  
closes as a weekend Mass Centre  
Saturday, May 14, 2016**



Historic photo  
- Parish files



▲ 2010 photo  
<http://www.victorianplaces.com.au/clunes>



Interior 1997  
by D O'Brien

**LOVE & BLESSINGS TO ALL  
OUR CLUNES' PARISH FAMILY  
on this sad & historic occasion  
as you formally close  
St Thomas Aquinas' doors  
as a weekend Mass Centre**

from all here present in  
St Augustine's, Creswick community xx

*"Parish life has changed,  
not ended"*

## Did You Know?

Snippets from the booklet,  
*St Thomas Aquinas Church, Clunes - A History by Ros O'Brien, 1998*

Many of Clunes' early settlers came from Ireland, Scotland & Cornwall

Catholics in Clunes were originally served from Coburg and Geelong

c1858, Clunes was served out of the Creswick/Daylesford Parish

In 1858, Fr J J McGirr bought land in Clunes and built a chapel on it

Clunes was then part of the Creswick parish, as it is today

In 1861, the present Bailey St block was gazetted as a Government Grant for church purposes

In July 1864, Bishop Goold (Melbourne) gave a 3-day mission in Clunes, for which he was famous

Soon after, it was announced that subscriptions will be collected for a more permanent church

On Sunday, July 1st, 1866 @ 11am Mass, the "neat structure of wood, in the Gothic style" was opened

This first church was 58ft long, 20ft wide, 12 feet high

This building served as a church for 8 yrs, then as a Catholic school until it closed in 1926

The school (moved to the rear of the block) was used for services until the new church was completed (out front)

1,200 people were present (!) in 1873 when Bishop Goold laid the first foundation at the NE corner

The church was blessed & opened on June 7, 1874, by the VG, the Rev Dr Fitzpatrick (Bishop Goold was overseas)

Fr Robert Scanlon (from Ireland) was Clunes' 1st resident priest

In 1893, there were 300 Catholics in the Clunes Parish

The H R Casselli-designed church has never been completed - only the nave & side aisles (up to 50 ft long)

*In 1902, the Clunes' Presbytery was destroyed by fire, along with all parish records*

## P.P.'s of CLUNES

1874-1883 Robert Scanlon  
1883-1889 Joseph O'Brien  
1889-1891 James Kissane  
1891-1899 John Barrett  
1899-1902 Thomas McElligot  
1902-1912 Patrick Kennelly  
1912-1921 H O'Kane  
1921-1930 J Brophy  
1930-1947 P O'Shannassy  
1947-1951 R Gellie  
1951-1958 V Ryan  
1958-1972 E O'Bryan  
1972-1976 J Martin  
1976-1981 W Dew MSC  
1981-1983 Kevin Murphy

## P.P.'s of CRESWICK/CLUNES

1983-1986 M Delahenty  
1986-1992 Donald Hurley  
1992-2002 William Melican  
2002-2003 John Fitzgerald  
2003-2013 Kevin Maloney  
2013- Gary Jones