



Parish Newsletter - May 14, 2017

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

St. Joseph's Church, Blampied

Lay Led Assembly: 9.00am (2nd Sunday of the Month)

Vigil Mass: Sat 6.00pm (4th Sunday of the Month)

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



Recent died: Fr John Murphy SDB

Anniversaries of Death (Thurs - Weds): Lesley Ivy,
Maria Jager

Unwell at this time: Brad Simpson (son of Mandy, St A's school
admin officer) James Stacey, Pat Prendergast, Mary Bell

YES, 10am
TUESDAY MASS
in CRESWICK this week
(10am Thurs & Friday
in Daylesford)

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: \$243.00

2nd Collection: \$134.00



**St A's PARISH
MONTHLY
SOCIAL**

NEXT SUNDAY, May 21

Smokeytown Cafe, Creswick
straight after Mass—ALL WELCOME!

Kindly hosted by our Parish Family Group

THIS COMING TUESDAY, 16 MAY: COFFEE PARTY MORNING

The **Rev Rosemary Carter** and parishioners at **St Andrew's Uniting Church, Creswick**,
have invited us to attend a Coffee Party and **Danny Blume Fashions** morning in their church hall
on **Tuesday 16 May, at 10.00am. \$6.00** donation. No need to RSVP.

*St Andrew's recently hosted this year's Lenten Study classes and it would be good if we could
support them and have a very enjoyable morning tea at the same time.*

Happy **Mother's**
Day
Wishing you all the love and
happiness you so richly deserve!

Lay Pastoral Ministry Program

-- new study opportunities --

The Lay Pastoral Ministry Program offers low-cost
opportunities for online study and formation for lay
workers in the diocese, both employees and
volunteers. Registration for the May study cycle
closes on May 22, 2017 - or you can start in July or
later in the year. See the details on the diocesan
website (link is on lower part of front page), then
contact Amanda, ph: 5337 7125 or email
amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au

National Volunteer Week was from 8-14 May 2017

Thank you to our volunteers for your invaluable contributions
to the life of our local Catholic communities:
through our churches, schools, agencies...

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSS

The gospel readings for the Sundays just before the feast of Pentecost are all taken from Jesus' last discourse in the Gospel of John. In them, Jesus prepares his followers for his death and resurrection and his ultimate exaltation. This Sunday Jesus says that it is through his death that he goes to God. However, it is as he is raised up in crucifixion that he is exalted. The author of the epistle declares him 'chosen and precious in the sight of God' but it is as the stone that was rejected that he is so honoured. If we ever wonder how the exaltation of Jesus will effect us, we have Jesus' own words of explanation. He promises to go ahead of us and make arrangements for us to share in his exaltation in the house of the one he calls Father. All we need do is follow him.

Today's readings suggest that the exaltation of Jesus is most dramatically manifested in the character of the community of those called by his name. It is revealed in the way Christians settle their differences so that all parties are treated fairly. Jesus is the cornerstone upon which this community is built, and the community mirrors his influence in its life. Christians also participate in the exaltation of Jesus by spreading the good news to others. In Acts we see how the witness of life and the preaching of the word of God increased the number of believers.

Invitation to session on "What does it mean to be an Associate?"

The Ballarat Mercy Associates warmly welcome any interested women and men to a reflection session on, "What does it mean to be an Associate?" The session will run from 10am -2pm

NEXT Saturday, May 20, 2017

and Sr Karon Donnellon rsm will be the speaker.

The venue will be the Gathering Space, Convent of Mercy, enter from Gent Street.

A light lunch will be served.

For catering purposes please advise of any allergies or dietary requirements by Monday, May 15 to 5332 8039 or 0439 355 826.



First Eucharist – For Grade 4 Students

Dismissal Sundays: May 21st ; May 28th ; June 4th

(Dismissal Sundays: If any child does not attend the Dismissal Sundays, then Celebration of First Eucharist will be deferred until the next year 2018)

Sacrament of First Eucharist: **Sunday June 18th**

St A's, Creswick @ **8.45am** ; St P's, D'ford @ **10.30am**

Confirmation – For Grade 3 Students

Parent Meeting: **Tues Oct 24th** @ St A's Creswick **4pm**
Weds October 25th @ St M's, D'ford **4pm**

Dismissal Sundays: Nov 5th, Nov 12th, Nov 19th
(Each child must attend Dismissal Sundays)

Sacrament of Confirmation: **Sunday Nov 26th**
St A's, Creswick @ **8.45am** ; St P's, D'ford @ **10.30am**

NEXT SUNDAY: Bishop Peter Connors 30th Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination

Mass will be held **NEXT Sunday, May 21, 2017**
at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at **10.30am**.
All welcome. Morning Tea will follow in the hall.

Rosters for NEXT weekend Sunday, 21st May

Cleaners (before next Sunday): McMahons;
Welcomers/Offertory: Aileen & David P;
Remote: Alastair H;
Commentator: Bernie T; **Reader:** Barb H;
Special Eucharistic Ministers:
Judy S, Margi G, Roland K;
Counters: Kieran M & Loretta K