



Parish Newsletter 19th FEBRUARY, 2017

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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.

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WEEKDAY MASSES -

St Augustine's, Creswick: 10am **TUESDAY**, Feb 21

St Peter's, Daylesford: 10am Fri, Feb 24

WEEKEND SERVICES -

MASSES

St Joseph's, Blampied: 6pm **SATURDAY**, Feb 25

St Augustine's, Creswick: 8.45am Sun, Feb 26

St Peter's, Daylesford: 10.30am Sun, Feb 26

PLEASE
PRAY
FOR



No anniversaries this Thurs - Weds week
(anniversaries of death Thurs - Wed)

Mary Bell, John Ryan,
Pat Prendergast
(unwell at this time)

Nb. If you wish your name or a family/friend's name to be placed ON or taken OFF the prayer request list, get a message to Sue.

St. Joseph's Church, Blampied

Lay Led Assembly (2nd Sunday of the Month) @ 9am

Vigil Mass Saturday (4th Sunday of the Month) @ 6pm

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

- March 1st -

10am Creswick; 12pm Daylesford

ROSTER

for NEXT Sunday, 26th FEB

CLEANER/S (THIS week, BEFORE Sun 12th):

Elly van O

WELCOMERS/OFFERTORY:

Aileen & Dave P

REMOTE: **Lois K**

COMMENTATOR: **Brian RW**

READER: **Loretta K**

EXT. EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Roland K-Alastair H-Margie G

COUNTERS: **Mick & Pete**

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Creswick's much loved, annual
ECUMENICAL service will be hosted by
St ANDREW's UNITING CHURCH this year

2017 focus is on the PHILIPPINES

"Am I being unfair to you?" on **Friday, March 3**



- 5.30pm light meal -

NOTE: Our very own
JOSIE REASONS
is cooking up a storm of
Filipino food for everyone!

- followed by a 6.30pm service -

Please indicate
to **Angeline** if you
are available to
help out in the
roles that
St Augustine's
has been allocated
for this
WDP service

The FOUR SEASONS (inaugural) Fine Music Festival (Creswick/Clunes)

PATRON: The Hon Tim Fischer AC

First weekend of 25-26 February presents
The Little Brass Band of Ballarat and *Trillo*, Melbourne
Conservatorium of Music.

Weekends in May, July and October will feature an
extensive range of western, European and Indian musical
instruments, including the beautiful historic pipe organs at
St John's Church, Creswick and St Paul's Church, Clunes.

Performers include nationally renowned professionals, local
and Melbourne ensembles and emerging musicians, with
exciting performances by multicultural artists and people at
the margins...including *The Choir of Hard Knocks*
BOOKLET & BOOKING INFO are on the back table

Faith Seeking Understanding in the Contemporary World.

Venue: Mercy Gathering Room, Gent St, Ballarat East. \$20
donation.

Dates: March 16; April 27; May 18; June 22; July 20.

(Nb. Two of St A's parishioners 'Pauline & Fred' are attending
and can offer a lift) Simply contact Sr. Veronica by email
(veronica.lawson@mercy.org.au) or ph **0408392297**
before February 20. Kindly provide contact details and indicate
whether you wish to enrol in the afternoon sessions (1-3pm) or
the evening sessions (7-9pm).

CRESWICK PARISH SOCIAL

TODAY, Feb 19



Smokeytown Café

- straight after Mass -

for the enjoyment of
ALL PARISHIONERS & VISITORS

Kindly hosted by our Parish Family Group

COLLECTIONS

TWO COLLECTIONS ARE TAKEN UP AFTER THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL/GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

The 1st Collection is the Presbytery Collection – this collection is for the support of the local priest, with 13% going towards the support of the retired priests and the Bishop.

The 2nd Collection is the Planned Giving (envelopes) for the support of Parish endeavours and structures.

Collections from last week (with thanks)

1st (Priest Support) - \$348.30; 2nd (Planned Giving/Parish) - \$773.00



Reflection *Greg Sunter*

The first part of today's gospel passage is perhaps one of the most misunderstood of Jesus' teachings. The notion of turning the other cheek usually brings up notions of non-violence, submission, or even sometimes a victim mentality.

It seems an odd teaching to tell someone who is being hit to simply stand there and present the other cheek to also be hit. It's odd because we generally fail to understand the cultural context that is the setting for this teaching.

In the first century, a master would discipline a slave or servant by striking them with the back of his hand. Assuming the master is right handed, a back-handed strike would be delivered to the right cheek of the person he faced. If the servant were to then present his left cheek to the master, it becomes impossible for the master to strike with the back of his hand and forces him into using an open-hand slap or a closed-fist punch to the left cheek. Not much of an improvement, you might think. However, servants were disciplined with the back of the hand and only equals fought in such a way that would deliver blows to the left side.

What Jesus is saying to those who are oppressed is to offer no resistance but at the same time stand up for yourself and make your oppressor recognise you and treat you as an equal, not an inferior. It is extremely dangerous advice! Its aim is to shame the oppressor.

The other two examples, surrendering your cloak when sued for your tunic and walking two miles when required to walk one are also examples of seeking to shame the one who would use their power and strength against you. That's not being a submissive wimp; that's staring the bully in the eye!

LENT/EASTER LITURGIES: meeting

Could all liturgy committee members, and any other interested parishioners, gather up near Sue straight after Mass to quickly work out a time to meet and plan for our fast approaching Lent and Easter Seasons please



St TA CLUNES CATCHUP

In 2 WEEKS: Sunday, March 5

Widow Twanky Café, Clunes @ 10.30am



SNIPPET from one of

OUR PARISH LIBRARY BOOKS

- available for loan from the back room -

Where the Hell is God? - by Richard Leonard SJ

"The greatest gift this searing experience has given me, however, is to have greater empathy for anyone who is devastated in grief or feels abandoned by life or God. I have touched the moment, and I have asked, on more than one occasion, 'Where the hell is God?'"



Today, we welcome
ZARLI & MAKENNA
into our faith community,
and warmly congratulate them both on receiving the
Sacrament of Baptism



REQUEST

Please bring along to Mass your
Palm Crosses from last year
(if you still have them)
to be burnt for the ash
used on Ash Wednesday

- THANKYOU! -