



Parish Newsletter March 20, 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.

H O L Y W E E K

Normal WEEKDAY Masses:

St Augustine's, Creswick: 10am Weds March 23 (Mass)

- 'First Reconciliation' for Year 4's straight after.

HOLY WEEK @ ST AUGUSTINE's, Creswick:

Good Friday, 3pm Friday, March 25 (PRAYER SERVICE)

Easter Sunday, 8.45am Sunday March 27 (MASS)

HOLY WEEK @ ST PETER's, Daylesford:

Holy Thursday: 7pm Thursday, March 24 (MASS)

Good Friday: 3pm Friday, March 25 (PRAYER SERVICE)

Easter Saturday Vigil: 8pm Saturday, March 26 (MASS)

Easter Sunday: 10.30am Sunday, March 27 (MASS)

NO EASTER SERVICES

@ St Thomas Aquinas' Church in CLUNES this year

(please note Good Friday walk on next page)



Shannon McKnight (19yo)
(recent death)

Mary O'Hagan, Alma Smith,
Coral Suckling, Ken Joynson
(anniversary of death)

Mary Campbell, Sandra Kenyon
(unwell)

Gospel Reflection *by Greg Sunter*

Christianity is a faith of paradox: leadership through service; greatness through humility; and life through death. The greatest paradox of all is the paradox of the cross. The death of Jesus through the most humiliating form of capital punishment in history would appear to be exactly what the Jewish authorities hoped it would be: the end of the Jesus movement. The ignoble death of a group's leader through public execution is usually enough to bring about the end of any movement. However, Christians know that the death of Jesus is not the end of the story.

His resurrection, that we celebrate at Easter next weekend, is the twist in the tale that means the death of Jesus, rather than being a point of despair, in fact becomes a moment of hope. This difference of expectation is captured in the Lukan account of the crucifixion by the two criminals with whom Jesus is crucified. One joins in the mockery of Jesus, whilst the other recognises the innocence of Jesus and has faith that Jesus will enter into his kingdom. This second criminal acts as an example for all people of faith. He reminds us that those with faith still have to face death and still have to face up to the consequences of their actions, and yet the way we approach death should not be with despair, but rather with hope and confidence that we will share in Christ's resurrection.

The reading of the Passion narrative leaves us up in the air. It leaves us in a better position than the disciples at the time. They were downcast by what they felt was the defeat of Jesus, but we know the end of the story! We know that out of this darkness will come light and hope!

Historical Context – Crucifixion

The Romans used crucifixion as a deterrent against insurrection and rebellion. Not only was it an agonising death it was usually a slow, drawn out death – taking days to die. Victims were always crucified in public settings; alongside main thoroughfares or on hilltops outside a city. The victims were left on the cross for weeks while birds and wild dogs ate their bodies. The idea of crucifixion was that nothing was left to bury as this was the ultimate domination and humiliation of the rebel.

The account of Jesus dying within a few hours is very unusual.

**EASTER SUNDAY, March 27
CRESWICK**

Reader: Barb H
Leaders: n/a
Comm'tor: Brian Rowe
Sp Minister/s: Ron-Aileen-Roland
Welc'/Offer'y: Pat & Angeline
Remote: Alastair
Counters: Mick & Pete
Cleaning this week: Angeline-Celly



Collections: Both weekly collections occur after the General Intercessions.
Last week: 1st (Priest Support) - \$282.40 2nd (PG/Parish) - n.c.
Project Compassion - 210.00

ROSTER for Good Friday:

1st reading & Psalm: Ace
2nd Reading: Angeline
Gospel:- **Narrator:** ? **Jesus:** David P
Other: Barb

Leaders: Barry & Neil

Comm'tor: Alastair

Sp Minister: Margie G

Remote: Sue

TODAY!

Sunday, March 20 (Palm Sunday)
A morning tea will be held at St Augustine's
Church straight after Mass.
Hosted by our Parish Family Group

Tomorrow Evening!

Mass of the Oils

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

Good Friday in CLUNES

St Thomas Aquinas' Catholic Parish

will be leading their annual, ecumenical
"STATIONS of the CROSS"
GOOD FRIDAY walk

starting at "The Forde", Clunes @ 10am
ending with a "Hot Cross Bun"
morning tea at Wesley College



PLEASE NOTE:

NO Lay Led Service at Clunes
on Sunday, April 3,
due to
Booktown Festival
using the church all weekend.

**ECUMENICAL
Stations of the Cross**

@
St John's Anglican Church,
Creswick.

THIS WEDNESDAY

(HOLY WEEK)

23 March @ 6pm

'Bring & Share' meal following

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.

St A Primary School Awards

Principal's : Khye Erdody

Kindness: Noah Murphy &
Amelia Strommer

FIRST RECONCILIATION

(forgiveness)

-Year 4 students-

CELEBRATION

of this

Sacrament

will be held in Creswick
this coming

Wednesday, March 23
straight after 10am Mass
St Augustine's Church