



## Parish Newsletter - March 26th 2017

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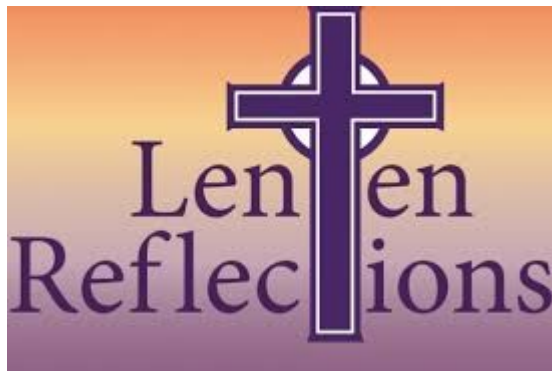
**St Thomas Aquinas, Clunes**  
(no longer a Sunday Mass Centre)

**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](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)



### REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSS

Humans see and judge by appearances, but God looks into the heart, and there finds the real person. God's standards are not superficial, as are so many of the standards of the world. It is not age, beauty or physical strength that is important; it is not social position or religious role that is preferred. God chooses whom God chooses. God saw in David, the insignificant shepherd, the potential for being the chief shepherd of his people. The man who was born blind became the one through whom others would see the mighty works of God. Yet, neither young David nor the man in the gospel made the initial step; each simply responded with

openness to God's choice of him.

By what criteria do we judge others? Do we consider some people too insignificant for greatness? Are we overly concerned with status? Do we categorise people according to the disease or physical limitation that they must endure? Do we sometimes blame them for their disability? Do our eyes perceive life in accord with the standards of a materialistic, body-orientated, pleasure-seeking society? Or do we look into the other's heart, as God does?

As with the other scrutiny Sundays, catechumens and long-standing members alike are exhorted to make a choice. Jesus is the one who gives sight to blind eyes and religious insight to those open to receive it. However, there is a price to pay. Will it be the standards of the world, or the power of God in Jesus Christ?

### Living the Gospel – Lenten Light

The story of the man born blind is a perfect choice for the Lenten season. During this season we are invited once again to open our eyes to Jesus; to step out of darkness and into the light; to look towards the future with hope and not despair. When we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at the Easter vigil, we celebrate the coming of the Light of the World into our lives. This annual call to turn away from darkness and walk in the light is a powerful and poetic call to focus our lives on the way of Jesus.

***Fr Gary is heading away on holidays from today and returning to the Parish on Friday, April 7th.***

***In that time, please contact the Daylesford Parish Office on 5348 2026 should you need anything - phone will be on divert to Leah, Parish Secretary of both Creswick and Daylesford.***





**Last Week's Collections** (with thanks): Two collections are presented after the Prayers of the Faithful. **The 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection** is the Planned Giving (envelopes) or cash for the administration of the Parish & general running costs:

1st Collection \$249.70    2nd Collection \$126.00    Project Compassion: \$220.00

**Recent Deaths:** Liberata Venneri, Alina Trueheart

**Anniversaries of Death (Thurs - Weds):** Janine Page, Msgr. James McNerney, Margaret Kierce

**Unwell at this time:** James Stacey, Pat Prendergast, Mary Bell



**HOLY WEEK**

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Mass of the Oils** - Monday April 10 @ 6.30pm  
*Thank you to those volunteers who will be collecting the Oils for us.*

**Holy Thursday** - Thursday April 13 @7.00pm  
*St Augustine's, Creswick*

**Good Friday Prayer Service** - Daylesford & Creswick 3pm

**Holy Saturday Easter Vigil** - Saturday April 15th @7.30pm Creswick

**Easter Sunday Mass** - Creswick 8.45am, Daylesford 10.30am

**Please add your name to our HOLY WEEK ROSTERS on the back table**

*After Mass this morning, Loretta, Barb & Alastair will be down the back to assist with the filling in of **HOLY WEEK ROSTERS***

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL 2017**  
Nominations are **NOW** open for the people to nominate **3 parishioners** for the **Parish Pastoral Council**.  
If you would like to be considered for this role in our Parish, please forward your nomination (with name) to the Creswick Parish Office **by posted letter, email or hand-delivered via Sue, our organist.**

**NEXT SUNDAY - April 2**  
**CLUNES PARISH CATCHUP**  
Widow Swanky Cafe, CLUNES  
**@ 10.30am**



**THANKYOU** to all the people who helped with making the **Palm Crosses** last Tuesday, and especially to **Angeline** for hosting this workshop

**TONIGHT:** CRESWICK'S **COMBINED CHURCH LENTEN STUDY GROUP** is at **St ANDREW's** Uniting Church Hall, starting @ 6pm (see Sue)

**Ministry of The Word**

**Roster - Sunday 2nd April**  
*Welcomers/Offertory: Irene & Barb    Remote: Lois    Commentator: Brian RW*  
*Reader: Alastair    Special Ministers: Brian, Angeline, Alastair*  
*Counters: Bernie & Pat    Cleaning: Sr Louise H*

**Weekday Mass**  
**No Tuesday Masses as Fr will be away from Mar 26—Apr 7**