



Parish Newsletter - May 28, 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)



Anniversaries of Death (Thurs - Weds): Mary McInerney,
Ethel Skewes, Debbie Morris, Daniel Blanks, Frances Power

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

PLEASE NOTE: Due to Privacy Laws, names of those unwell needing our prayers
can only be placed on this list when requested by the person in question, or immediate
family on behalf of their unwell family member.

**NO 10am
TUESDAY MASS
in CRESWICK this week
(10am Thursday & Friday
in Daylesford as usual)**



REFLECTION

Solemnity of the Ascension

Absent, Yet Present

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension: the Lord Jesus returns to the glory of the Father. There is an apparent contradiction in this leaving of Jesus: **while leaving, he assures us that he is staying with us.** These are his last words in Matthew's gospel, just as Matthew had assured us in his first chapter that Jesus is our God-with-us. Jesus' going to heaven is really no farewell: He was God-with-us in his life on earth, close to people, especially the poor and the weak. He is now with us, but in another way, through his Spirit, in the Church, for we are his body, in the signs of bread and wine, wherever people meet in his name, as we are doing at this moment, in the poor and the weak of our day too.

Our prayer today is: **Stay with us, Lord.**

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

The feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times, a moment when we have left one place in our journey but have not yet arrived at a second. The glory of the Risen Christ has already been revealed in us, but not yet totally. The feast itself celebrates the exaltation of Jesus. Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at the right hand of God. Today we are overwhelmed by the reality of the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity. Like the conquering creator-god, he has overcome his enemy (death) and now reigns over his new creation (the church).

Christ who ascended into heaven in his body carries on what he began on earth through his new body, the church. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists. He ministers through its prophets and pastors. In and through the church, Jesus continues to heal and to comfort; to forgive and to include. We have not been left alone; we have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have not been left alone; we have each other. Together we make up the new body of Christ. Together we await the fullness of this body. It is this new body that stands in between the times, secure in what we have, confident of what we will be given.



St TA CLUNES PARISH CATCHUP

NEXT SUNDAY, June 4

Widow Twanky Cafe, Clunes
10.30am

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: \$284.20

2nd Collection: \$101.00



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

28 May – 4 June, 2017

“Reconciliation –

The Love of Christ Compels Us”

(cf 2 Corinthians 5:14-20)

PRAYER SERVICES IN CENTRAL BALLARAT

- ▮ 5.30 p.m. Tuesday 30th May – St John's Lutheran Church
- ▮ 5.30 p.m. Wednesday 31st May – Ballarat Central Uniting Church
- ▮ 5.30 p.m. Thursday 1st June – St Patrick's Catholic Cathedral
- ▮ 5.30 p.m. Friday 2nd June – Christchurch Anglican Cathedral

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



TODAY

We welcome our
First Communion Candidates
to the **SECOND** of their
three Dismissal Masses
as they prepare to receive the
Sacrament of First Communion
on Sunday, June 18.

Please keep

**Zach Allen
Jesse Cooke
Samantha Cilly
Lilly Euvrad
Jesse Schneider
Mia Gervasoni
Riley Mahar
Christian Morrison
Lacie Smith**

and their families in your prayers.

ROSTERS for NEXT weekend **Sunday, 4th June**

Cleaners (before next Sunday): Elly Van O;
Welcomers/Offertory: Brian RE & ?;
Remote: Alastair H;
Commentator: Loretta K; **Reader:** David P;
Special Eucharistic Ministers:
Alastair H, Angeline T, Margie G;
Counters: Bernie & Pat T