



Parish Newsletter - July 30, 2017

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

► **St. Joseph's Church, Blampied**

Note: No Mass until further notice ◀

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

Recent Deaths (Thurs - Weds): Sr M Antoinette Russo rsm;
Sr Lucilla Prendiville ssjg (worked at St John of God hospital)



Unwell at this time: Chris Jones (Shirley's son),
Walter Streckfuss, Luke Taylor, Mary Bell,
Brad Simpson, Pat Prendergast.

Please Note:-

NO weekday **MASSES**
in **CRESWICK & Daylesford**
UNTIL SEPTEMBER

GOSPEL REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSS

Two themes seem to weave through the readings for this Sunday: treasure and delight. The treasure is the extraordinary gift that comes from God; the delight is the joy that we experience when we realise that the treasure is ours. A third theme, which is found in the first reading, picks up a theme that we have considered several times during this period of Ordinary Time, namely, service of others.



The treasure is the kingdom of heaven. It is the prize that gives meaning to the present, and its fullest delight draws us into the future. The reign of

God is the fulfilment of our deepest desires and our fondest hopes. Nothing in the world can compare with it, and that is why we are willing to sacrifice everything to attain it. The treasure that we find is really a gift that is given. We need not work to attain the kingdom, nor can we earn it in any way. It is given to us by God. All we have to do is accept it.

Solomon chose to be of service to others. In this he is a model for disciples to follow. We have discovered the treasure in the field; we have found the pearl of great price. What we have been given, we must now give to others. In giving we will lose nothing. In fact, we gain an abundance of blessings. All things work for good, and God is glorified in all. Such is the character of the kingdom of God.

Fr Gary's holidays.....

Fr Gary is heading away on holidays **TODAY** and will return to St Augustine's and St Peter's on **Sunday, August 27th**.

*~ We wish him well on his break
and hope that he returns refreshed ~*

Fr Tom Brophy and **Bishop Peter Connors** will be covering Masses in both Daylesford and Creswick during this time.

If you need anything while Fr Gary is away,

please contact the Daylesford Parish Office on 5348 2026

and your call will transfer through to Leah Monaghan (Parish Secretary, Creswick & Daylesford).



St TA, CLUNES
PARISH CATCHUP



NEXT SUNDAY

6th August

@ Widow Twanky Café
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 of 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: \$206.50; 2nd Collection: \$256.00

St VINCENT de PAUL, Creswick

Many thanks for the generous donations to our Winter Appeal. A total of \$1,245 was received, plus clothing and blankets.



NEW PARISH OFFICE opening hours:

TUESDAY Creswick: 9.30am – 11am (NOT

when school holidays or NO Tuesday Mass),

WEDNESDAY Daylesford: 9.30am – 3pm,

THURSDAY Daylesford: 9am – 11.30am.

NOTE: Daylesford office NO LONGER open on Fridays

NEXT 3 month ROSTERS

(AUG-SEPT-OCT)

available on back table

**COMMISSIONING
THIS MORNING**

Sunday, July 30

Our Pastoral Council will be commissioned for 2017-2018.

The Parish Finance Team will also be recommissioned.

**A cuppa
& nibbles
will be served
straight after Mass
to CELEBRATE!**



Euthanasia and

Assisted Suicide Proposals

In April this year, the bishops of Victoria published a pastoral letter in response to proposals to introduce legislation allowing euthanasia and assisted suicide.

As a follow-up to that letter, a group of lay people has prepared a flyer encouraging people to write to parliamentarians and express their opposition to such legislation.

Bishop Paul recommends that all parishioners be provided with these flyers.

LETTER, FLYERS and useful BOOKLETS

AVAILABLE on the back table

More information can be found online:

**[www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily/
Culture-of-life/Euthanasia](http://www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily/Culture-of-life/Euthanasia)**

ROSTERS for Sunday, 6th Aug

(with thanks)

Cleaners (for this week): Pete, Tim, Celly Cs

Welcomers/Offertory: Phoebe, Jesse, Steve
S Remote: Alastair H

Commentator: Brian RW; **Reader:** Roland K
Special Eucharistic Ministers:

Aileen P-Barb H-Margie G

Counters: Team Volunteers? (P & B unavailable)

GALAH (a play) *being a big wig and going places isn't all its cracked up to be ...* **with all proceeds to assist asylum seekers and refugees in Ballarat**

What is that space between being and not being? What are the forces that determine the outcome of a life well lived or not? And what has a galah got to do with it anyway? GALAH, a somewhat existential and yet funny play about the nature of being...*from the Adelaide Fringe Festival 2017*

Presented by GRAPA, NSW THEATRE COMPANY, and local artists **WHERE?** Minerva Space, Mechanics Institute, 117 Sturt St, BALLARAT

WHEN? SATURDAY, August 5, 8pm - 9.30pm

COST? Full \$20, Conc \$15, Students \$5

**FLYER
on back
table**