



Parish Newsletter March 6, 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.

WEEKDAY Masses:

St Augustine's, Creswick: 10am Weds March 9 (Anointing Mass)

St Peter's, Daylesford: 10am Thu March 10 (Anointing Mass)

10am Fri March 11 (Mass)

Next WEEKEND:

St Thomas Aquinas', Clunes: 6.30pm Sat Mar 12 (Mass)

St Augustine's, Creswick: 8.45am Sun Mar 13 (Mass)

St Peter's, Daylesford: 10.30am Sun Mar 13 (Mass)

6.30pm Mass @ CLUNES,
NEXT SATURDAY EVE, March 12
(Eve of 2nd Sunday in the month)



William Sedgwick, Paul Scholten,
Peter Quinlan, Elaine Morris,
Annie Goates (anniversary of death)
Sandra Kenyon (unwell)

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Anointing Masses

#St Augustine's, Creswick:-
11am, Wednesday, March 9
(Followed by lunch—All welcome!)

#St Peter's, Daylesford:-
11am, Thursday, March 10
(Followed by lunch—All welcome!)

URGENTLY NEEDED

Please to speak with Margie Goates today if you can contribute a plate of finger-food for the luncheon after the Anointing Mass this coming Wednesday

Gospel Reflection *by Greg Sunter*

Today's gospel is perhaps the most famous of the parables that are unique to the Gospel of Luke. Sadly, what is often overlooked is the accusation aimed at Jesus that leads into the telling of this and two other shorter parables (the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin - Lk 15:4-10). The Pharisees and scribes accuse Jesus of what they regard to be abhorrent behaviour in relation to the purity code that dominated 1st Century life: not only does Jesus welcome sinners, he actually shares meals with them. This would be absolutely scandalous behaviour. Who you ate with was a reflection of who you were. To eat with sinners and the unclean effectively made you a sinner and unclean.

The three parables Jesus tells in response to this accusation are all about the lost being found and great rejoicing over the finding of the lost sheep, lost coin, or lost son. The Gospel of Luke - more so than any of the others - has a very strong focus on the message of Jesus being addressed to and welcomed by the outcasts and marginalised; in other words, the 'lost' of his society. Rather than being embarrassed by the accusation that he ate with sinners, Jesus would have worn those words like a badge of honour. It was exactly what his mission and ministry was all about - being one with the poor; the outcast; the sinful; the lost. The three parables, and particularly the parable of the lost son, demonstrate the joy of a loving God when one who was lost returns. The extravagant welcome the prodigal son receives from his father is symbolic of the extravagance of God's love that will be poured out for any 'sinner' who returns to God.

March 12/13	CLUNES	CRESWICK
Reader:	Rinaldi	Alastair H
Leaders:	n/a	n/a
Comm'tor:	n/a	Pat T
Sp Minister/s:	Higgins	Roland-Barb-Margie
Welc/Offer'y:	n/a	Carol & Tony V
Remote:	n/a	Neil D
Counters:	n/a	Josie & Brian R
Cleaning:	DURING THIS COMING WEEK - before NEXT Sunday Higgins/Gibson Izabella J-Pat McK	

Collections: Both weekly collections occur after the General Intercessions.
Last week: 1st (Priest Support) - \$326.40 2nd (PG/Parish) \$235.00
Project Compassion: \$35.00

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2016

CRESWICK /CUBA

**What a delight to see so many
Creswick and Clunes parishioners
attend this ecumenical service at
John Curtin Aged Care!**

2016 hosts, the Salvation Army, presented beautiful music & singing, a very interesting guest speaker, and a scrumptious supper!

2 Weeks from Today!
Walk for Justice for Refugees
Palm Sunday, March 20, 2016 @ 2pm.

*Meet at the State Library,
cnr Swanston & La Trobe Streets, Melbourne*

2 Weeks from Monday!

Mass of the Oils

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



Wednesday Week!

Sacrament of FORGIVENESS

Communal Rite of Reconciliation

*St Augustine's, Creswick:-
7pm, Tuesday, March 15*

*St Peter's, Daylesford:-
7pm, Wednesday, March 16*

COMBINED CHURCH LENTEN STUDY

~ local Uniting, Anglican & Catholic parishioners
coming together to reflect on their Lenten journeys ~

CONTINUES this coming Thursday, March 10

6 - 7.30pm @ St AUGUSTINE's Church
A 5 week program - can join in at any time!

See Angeline or Sue for further info

FOR PALM SUNDAY - March 20

Need 3 people to read the parts of
The Passion of Our Lord (according to Luke)

- Narrator/Jesus/Other -

Please sign the roster down the back

The Crowd part will be read by the congregation

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.

Doreen Streckfuss invites
parishioners to join her in signing
a petition re

The Infant Viability Bill

to be presented in Parliament by
MP, Rachael Carling-Jenkins
sometime in the next 2 months.
On the back table on a clipboard.

COFFEE GATHERING *(hosted by the Family Group)*

straight after Mass

on

Sunday, March 20.

ALL WELCOME!

Café to be announced next Sunday

St A Primary School Awards

Principal's : Amity Smith

Kindness: Lexi Oswin &
Arya Cameron-Lench