



# Parish Newsletter November 6, 2016

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## YEAR OF MERCY

DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2015 - NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2016

*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.*



### 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.

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### WEEKDAY MASSES -

St Thomas Aquinas, Clunes: 12noon Tues, Nov 8

St Augustine's, Creswick: 10am Wed, Nov 9

St Peter's, Daylesford: 10am Fri, Nov 10

### WEEKEND MASSES -

St Augustine's, Creswick: 8.45am Sunday, Nov 13

St Peter's, Daylesford: 10.30am Sunday, Nov 13

IN NEED  
OF YOUR  
PRAYERS



Sr Rita Hayes (*aka Sr Mary Aloysius*),  
John Gannon  
(recent deaths)

Mary Overington, Thomas Jones,  
Carmel Quinlan  
(anniversaries of death Thurs - Wed)

Barb Henderson, Mary Bell,  
Kevin Preston, Jeanette Morris,  
Sandra Kenyon, Pat Prendergast  
(unwell at this time)

*Nb. If you wish your name to be placed  
ON or taken OFF the prayer request list,  
get a message to Sue.*

### ALL SOULS' MONTH: CRESWICK/CLUNES

#### Communion Reflections of Remembrance

will take place during St A's 8.45am Mass

**TODAY & NEXT** Sunday, 13 November



#### A Candlelight Service of Remembrance

will take place at St Augustine's 8.45am Mass

on Sunday 27 Nov - the 1st Sun of Advent

**On this coming TUESDAY, NOV 8 @ 12noon**

**All Souls Mass @ St TA CLUNES**

(LAST WEEKDAY MASS FOR 2016)

-ANOINTING OF THE SICK will be offered too-  
followed by

**CHRISTMAS BREAKUP LUNCH**  
@ NATIONAL HOTEL

### PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH

*Let your light shine.*

On the newly baptised,

*let your light shine.*

On those preparing for Confirmation,

*let your light shine.*

On those testing their vocation,

*let your light shine.*

On those seeking Ordination,

*let your light shine.*

On all Christians in their daily ministry,

*let your light shine.*



### Please pray for our 2016 Confirmation Candidates

Abbey Allen    Zac Allen  
Lily Euvrard    Lacie Smith  
Riley Mahar    Jesse Cooke  
Samantha Crilly  
Mia Gervasoni  
Jesse Schneider

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT on NOV 20

## **ROSTER for NEXT Sunday, Nov 13**

Reader:	Roland K
Leaders:	n/a
Comm'tor:	Bernie T
Sp Minister/s:	Josie - Judy - Brian RW
Welc'/Offer'y:	Prestons
Remote:	Neil D
Counters:	Josie & Brian RE
Cleaning THIS week:	McMahons

## **St A's SCHOOL AWARDS**

*Principal's Award:*  
Dempsey Martin  
*Kindness Award:*  
Charlotte Fawcett  
Max Cameron-Lench

## **2016 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM**

**DISMISSAL SUNDAYS:** - Oct 30; Nov 6; Nov 13 -

## **CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION**

**Sunday, Nov 20th**

**TODAY**

**NOV 6 @ 10.30am**

St TA Clunes Community  
**COFFEE & CATCHUP**  
WIDOW SWANKY CAFÉ, CLUNES

## **MASS of THANKSGIVING**

*for the*

## **Jubilee Year of Mercy**

You are invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving  
for the blessings of the Holy Year of Mercy

to be celebrated at

St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat

by Bishop Paul Bird CSsR

on **Sunday, Nov 13, 2016 @ 10.30am.**

## **DYING WELL IN HEPBURN SHIRE**

*At Home with Hospice Help*

In November, a forum called 'Dying Well in Hepburn Shire: At Home with Hospice Help' will be held in Daylesford, Creswick and Clunes. This program aims to encourage people in the Shire to think about how and where they would like to die, at whatever age that might be. To help get the conversation started, local performers - **Musician Danny Spooner, Storyteller Anne E Stewart and Poetry Reader Richard Perry** - will weave their performances at all three events helping to raise questions, give courage and bring laughter to a difficult subject. The program, an afternoon of gentle entertainment and facilitated discussion about the services that Ballarat Hospice offers, will be held in:

**Daylesford:** 2-4pm, **November 6**, Victoria Park Pavilion, Corner Ballan Road and Burrall Street;

**Clunes:** 2-4pm, **November 13**, The Warehouse, 36 Fraser Street;

**Creswick:** 2-4pm, **November 20**, Community Health Centre, 1 Napier Street.

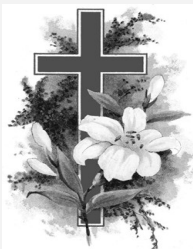
*Everyone is welcome, from any locality.*

## **COLLECTIONS**

Two collections are taken up after the Prayers of the Faithful.  
*The 1<sup>st</sup> Collection* is the Presbytery Collection – this collection is for the support of the local priest, with 13% going towards the support of the retired priests and the Bishop.  
*The 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection* is the Planned Giving (envelopes) for the support of Parish endeavours and structures.

### **Collections from last week** (with thanks)

1st (Priest Support) - \$308.10; 2nd (Planned Giving/Parish) - \$102.50



## **Gospel Reflection** – Greg Sunter –

Life after death, in one form or another, is a common belief of most of the major faiths of the world. It is certainly a basic tenet of Christian faith. Because the gospels record Jesus as speaking about an afterlife, we tend to assume that this was a common belief of his time. However, within the different groups of Judaism, there was significant diversity of belief about this point. While the Pharisees believed in resurrection, the Sadducees did not. The Sadducees, whose name means 'righteous ones' were an elite group within the Jewish faith. They were purists in their adherence to the Torah and their rejection of any later teachings or writings – this actually put them in conflict with the Pharisees, although the two groups are often portrayed in the gospels as being united against Jesus. Today's gospel passage depicts an attempt by the Sadducees to ridicule belief in an afterlife by questioning Jesus about an extremely exaggerated scenario.

The reply Jesus gives largely ignores the farcical nature of the question. Rather, Jesus makes clear that the resurrected life is not merely an extension of the earthly life. The things that are of concern in this world are not an issue in the next. Through death and resurrection, life is changed; not ended. This idea can be challenging at a time when we are mourning the loss of a loved one, yet we are called to respond to that challenge with a genuine hope and trust in the life that goes on in a different way. Jesus, in fact, dismisses the whole idea of death as an ending by saying that to God all people are alive, whether on earth or in the resurrection.