

Parish Newsletter April 10, 2016

CRESWICK OFFICE *Hours: **Wednesday 10am - 11am. (**If Wednesday Mass)*
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DAYLESFORD OFFICE *Hours: Friday 9.30am - 1.00pm. Ph: 5348 2026 (Leah)*
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PARISH PRIEST: Fr. Gary A Jones

ST THOMAS AQUINAS', Bailey Street, CLUNES ~ nb. CLOSING MAY 14, 2016 ***
MASS: Saturday 6pm (on the eve of 2nd & 4th Sunday in the month)
Nb. NO service on weekends when a 3rd Sunday or 5th Sunday in the month

ST. AUGUSTINE'S PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL: Mr. Terry Brennan, Principal.
SCHOOL OFFICE *Ph: 5345 2106 (Mandy) Website: www.sacreswick.catholic.edu.au*
DIOCESAN *Website: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (inc ONLINE PARISH BULLETIN)*



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 MASS - Please NOTE:
NO 10am Wednesday Mass at St Augustine's, Creswick (April 13)

WEEKEND SERVICES:

MASSES:

St Thomas Aquinas', Clunes: **NO SERVICE**
St Augustine's, Creswick: **8.45am** Sunday, April 17
St Peter's, Daylesford: **10.30am** Sunday, April 17

PLEASE NOTE:

New regular service times for **St Joseph's, Blampied** starting in **MAY** (details next page)



Mary Campbell,
Bishop Ronald Mulkearns
(died recently)
John Nelson, Norman Ross,
Harold Lewis
(anniversaries of death)
Sandra Kenyon
(unwell at this time)

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No service @ CLUNES
next weekend, April 16/17
(Third Sunday in the Month)

(Final Mass offered at St Thomas Aquinas'
is @ 6pm on Saturday, May 14)

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.

(from the Jubilee Prayer of Pope Francis)

CARITAS AUSTRALIA

would like to say "thank you!" for supporting Project Compassion.

If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit www.caritas.org.au to make your donation online.

Caritas is celebrating 50 years of Project Compassion. You are helping to empower the world's poorest children, women and men with vital learning and renewed hope.

Thank you
to all who stepped up at such short notice to help in the offering of a Lay Led Prayer Service at St A's, in Creswick, last Sunday - ***no mean feat!***

'COME to COMMON TERMS'

Ballarat Interfaith Network is happy to promote an opportunity to visit the **Islamic Mosque of Ballarat** on **Saturday, April 16, 2016** @ **116 Elsworth St East, Canadian** **12-3pm.**

Free bbq meal, Mosque tour and Presentation on Interfaith Dialogue.

April 17

CRESWICK

Reader: Pat T
Leaders: n/a
Comm'tor: David Preston
Sp Minister/s: Aileen-Roland-Barb
Welc'/Offer'y: Carol & Tony V
Remote: Alastair
Counters: Loretta-Kieran
Cleaning this week: Elly & Sue

Collections: Both weekly collections occur after the General Intercessions.
Last week: 1st (Priest Support) - \$455.00 2nd (PG/Parish) - \$296.00
Project Compassion - 190.00

NEXT WEEKEND, NEXT DOOR
April 16/17
A FESTIVAL of FINE MUSIC

including
the DEDICATION and BLESSING
of the relocated
FINCHAM and HOBDAV 1889 PIPE ORGAN
and RENEWED Performing Arts Space
in St JOHN's ANGLICAN CHURCH,
CRESWICK

Please see 'PROGRAMME OF EVENTS' on back table

NEW ROSTERS WILL BE AVAILABLE NEXT SUNDAY!

So TODAY...PLEASE confirm, add, remove or amend your name/contact details on the Volunteer Roster Sheets on back table

SACRAMENT of EUCHARIST - Year 4 Children.

Parent information sessions -

Creswick Tuesday, April 12, 4pm @ School (*Daylesford April 13, 4pm @ School*)
Dismissal Sundays (If any child does not attend the Dismissal Sundays, then Celebration of First Eucharist will be deferred until 2017): May 1, May 15, & May 22.
Creswick Mass 8.45am / Daylesford Mass 10.30am
First Eucharist Sunday: May 29 - Creswick 8.45am / Daylesford 10.30am.

St JOSEPH's Church, BLAMPIED: Mass and Lay Led Assembly Times 2016

NEW Mass & LLA times START in the month of MAY:

- * May 8 (9am LLA - and regularly thereafter on the Second Sunday in the month) ;
- * May 21 (6pm Vigil MASS - and regularly thereafter on the Eve of Fourth Sunday in the month)

ST AUGUSTINE's FAMILY GROUP 20th Birthday REUNION

Lunch for the 20th Birthday Reunion of the Family Group will be held on Sunday 1st May at café of RACV Goldfields Resort (formerly Forest Resort) at 12 noon. All current and former members are welcome to come. For information call Irene 0423 390 314 or Aileen 5345 2705.

GOSPEL REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSS

Today we concentrate on the different ways that the witness of the community of faith manifests the Lord - the apostolic witness of leadership and service that is accomplished by the various ministries within the church. While today's gospel singles out Peter as a leader within the community, in no way does this mean that such providential care for the church is the sole responsibility of authorised leaders.

Rather, it is the responsibility of all the baptised.

In their teaching and preaching, the apostles moved from one understanding of God's presence and activity in the midst of the people to another. This new understanding had the death and resurrection of Jesus at its core. The light of the resurrection illumined their former religious convictions and aspirations, and they were undeterred in their commitment to spread this good news, this new word, this transforming light.

A martyr is a witness, one who is so committed, that that person is willing to suffer any consequence, even death, in order to be faithful. The apostles rejoiced that they had been found worthy of ill-treatment for the sake of the name of Jesus. The Lamb who is exalted is the one who was slain, and Peter is told that, like his master, he will pay for his commitment with his life. Even the psalm alludes to the suffering that must be endured by those who have chosen to be faithful.

This kind of steadfastness has always been a persuasive witness.