



Parish Newsletter August 21, 2016

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YEAR OF MERCY

DECEMBER 8TH, 2015 - NOVEMBER 20TH, 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 Augustine's, Creswick: 10am Wed, Aug 24
St Peter's, Daylesford: 10am Fri, Aug 26

WEEKEND MASSES -

St Augustine's, Creswick: 8.45am Sunday, Aug 28
St Peter's, Daylesford: 10.30am Sunday, Aug 28



Jack Higgins, Fr Brendan Davey
Josie Bird (*Bishop Paul's sister*)
(recently died)

Ellen Nestor, Monica Lange,
Patricia Nolan, Cath Gair,
Kevin Newton, Anna Kreemers
(anniversaries of death, Thurs - Wed)
Sandra Kenyon, Pat Prendergast,
Jeanette Morris
(unwell at this time)

Celebration of Baptism:

Baptisms are celebrated at St Augustine's Parish during Sunday Mass at 8.45am - on the 1st & 3rd Sundays. Baptisms can also be celebrated at a later time at the 10:30am Sunday Mass at St Peter's Daylesford. All Baptisms are to be arranged with Fr Gary Jones PP. Contact through the Parish Office (*details above*)

Diocesan News

An End of an Era Celebration at St Michael's School, Springbank: St Michael's School Springbank will close at the end of the 2016 school year and on December 3, 2016 we will be celebrating the life and times of the school. Celebrations will commence with an afternoon tea at 4.00pm, Mass at 6.30pm, then join us for a spit roast tea, meeting old friends, colleagues and dance the night away. A recovery brunch will be held on Sunday, December 4 (this will be a BYO drinks event). Please register your interest to attend to one or all of the events by email to quinlanwater@gmail.com or by message to Margie Quinlan, ph. 0417587235. Please note that you will not be catered for if your name is not on the guest list.

Fr Shane Mackinlay's Silver Jubilee: Fr Shane Mackinlay will celebrate his 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood on 6 September this year. The Bungaree and Gordon parishes will celebrate this event with Fr Shane at 10.30am Mass on Sunday 11 September, at St Michael's, Bungaree, followed by lunch in the Parish Centre; and at 10.30am Mass on Sunday 18 September, at St Brigids, Ballan. *All welcome!*

FAMILY GROUP OUTING

Sun, Sept 11, 2016

Anatares Iron Art Garden, Newstead;
Café lunch in Castlemaine;
Guided tour of house ('Buda') in Castlemaine.
Leaving about 10am after Mass

Please indicate your intention to come via Kevin & Rosemary Tolhurst by Weds, Sept 7.

Kevin: 0417 591 485 kgtolly@bigpond.com
Rosemary: 0427 452 860 rdt256@bigpond.com

REFUGEE RALLY

"Close the Camps, Bring the Refugees here"
Sat, Aug 27 @ 1pm, State Library.

Group of Ballarat citizens leaving on 10.19 train.
Further Info, contact Lucy: 0404 728 104

St A's SCHOOL AWARDS

Principal's Award:

Elana Steer

Kindness Award:

Jack Gull & Emelia Coyle

ROSTER for NEXT Sunday, August 28

Reader:	Ace
Leaders:	n/a
Comm'tor:	Neil
Sp Minister/s:	Roland-Aileen-Barb
Welc'/Offer'y:	Carol & Tony
Remote:	Lois
Counters:	Mick & Pete
Cleaning THIS week:	Mick & Carmel

Collections:
Last week: 1st (Priest Support) - \$308.50; 2nd (PG/Parish) - \$ 490.00



For those who are interested in St A's (Extraordinary) Eucharistic Ministry & Funeral Ministry

an initial-training & refresher-training opportunity
(for both ministries together) is being provided by
Fr Gary on **Sunday, September 25:**
12noon ~ 1.30pm at St Augustine's Church
(please place your names on list down the back)

Coffee @ Smokeytown Café straight after Mass TODAY

A MONTHLY SOCIAL GATHERING
FOR ALL PARISHIONERS & VISITORS
Kindly hosted by our Parish Family Group

Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel passage picks up one of the major themes that runs throughout the gospel of Luke: the message of salvation is not reserved exclusively for the Jews, but is for all people; Jew and Gentile alike.

A number of times in this gospel, the writer makes a point of having Jesus relate this controversial and fairly unpopular message to his audience. Today's gospel makes clear that to gain salvation, you have to do more than just show up! Like those knocking on the locked door and claiming friendship, we can't just turn up at the last minute and expect to be received.

Salvation - entrance into the kingdom of God - belongs to those who accept the message of Jesus and act on it for the rest of their lives.

The gospel makes plain to the Jewish people of the time that unless they accept the message of Jesus and act upon it, they will get a terrible shock ('weeping and grinding of teeth') at the coming of the kingdom. Those who believe in name only will find themselves looking in from the outside and will see the greatest prophets in the kingdom while they themselves are denied access. To further make the point, they are told that people from east and west, north and south will be welcomed into the feast of the kingdom.

References to people from the four points of the compass always indicate people from other lands - non-Jews. Jesus tells his audience that people who are faithful to his message, even though they may be Gentile, will gain salvation before anyone who thinks they deserve it because of their birth or title.

The kingdom must be earned through faithful effort, not by just turning up and claiming to be a believer.



100th ANNIVERSARY

**Corporal Francis Craymore Whitfield
Killed in the First World War – 20.08.1916
(wounded at Somme 18.08.1916)
8th Australian Infantry Battalion**

Thursday Oct 26th 1916

A Ballarat correspondent writes:

Deep regret was expressed on all sides when news was received that Corporal Frank Whitfield had died of wounds received on active service on August 20th.

Deceased was the youngest son of Phillip and the late Marie Whitfield, and received his education at St Augustine's School and Grammar School.

He was employed for some years with Messrs. Tuthill and Thomas, solicitors, but prior to enlisting was managing clerk for Messrs. Pearson and Mann, of Ballarat.

He was a prominent worker for the Church, also conductor and organist for the choir, also a member of the Easter Monday Committee.

Prior to enlisting deceased was married, and the deepest sympathy is felt for the young widow and her infant daughter in the sad loss she has sustained. At Mass prayers were offered for the repose of his soul and the "Death March" was feelingly played by the organist, Miss Carbes. Deceased is a brother of Mr P Whitfield, Broken Hill.

***His wife was Carrie Payne of Creswick,
and his daughter was Marie Christene
of Moore St. (She was born on 21.03.1916)***

***Corporal Whitfield is buried at
Puchevillers British Cemetery.***