



# Parish Newsletter August 28, 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 Augustine's, Creswick: 10am Wed, Aug 31  
St Peter's, Daylesford: 10am Fri, Sept 2

### WEEKEND MASSES -

St Augustine's, Creswick: 8.45am Sunday, Sept 4  
St Peter's, Daylesford: 10.30am Sunday, Sept 4



Val Keating, Jack Higgins,  
Josie Bird (*Bishop Paul's sister*),  
(died recently)

Patricia Lutredge, Ivy Willmott,  
Nancy Hill, Suzannah Barrett  
(anniversaries of death, Thurs - Wed)

Sandra Kenyon, Pat Prendergast,  
Jeanette Morris  
(unwell at this time)

### FEAST of St AUGUSTINE

will be celebrated on

**Wednesday, August 31 @ 10am**

**- a whole school Mass**

*(all ministerial roles have been organised by the school)*

**The school will be celebrating  
with a whole school run on the day too !**



### **Ballarat Clergy Support Fund**

Collection for Sick and Retired Priests  
- **NEXT WEEKEND** -

Creating a secure retirement future for the priests of the diocese is a duty and care in which we can all participate. Eighteen retired priests are currently supported by this Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation.

The funding required for these commitments is ongoing. Thanks to your generosity, this collection has raised nearly 1.7 million dollars since it began in 1991, including nearly \$54,000 last year. Along with the priests' own contribution of approximately \$38,000 per year, this annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy.

*A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.*

### **St Thomas Aquinas' Community**

**COFFEE & CAKE**

**@ LUCKY STRIKE CAFÉ, CLUNES**

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**September 4 @ 10.30am**

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

*Principal's Award:*

Jamie-Lee Donovan-Clancy

*Kindness Award:*

Lilly Euvrard & Amelia Sewell

### **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

## **ROSTER for NEXT Sunday, Sept 4**

**Reader:** Sr Louise  
**Leaders:** n/a  
**Comm'tor:** Loretta  
**Sp Minister/s:** Aileen-Margie-  
Alastair  
**Welc'/Offer'y:** Kath-Don-Darren  
**Remote:** Neil  
**Counters:** Bernie & Pat  
**Cleaning THIS week:** Doreen

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**)

## **Gospel Reflection**

by **Dianne Bergant CSS ©**

The goodness of God is seen in the extravagant generosity with which God gives gifts. This is described in the psalm in the boundlessness and universal scope of God's generosity. Like the rain that falls on the entire landscape, the blessings of God are showered on all. These blessings are true gifts. They have not been earned, nor can they be repaid. God's openness is also seen in the reading from the Letter to the Hebrews and in the gospel. All are invited to approach the heavenly city; the heavenly banquet will be open to the poor and to those who have no way of repaying.



Only the humble can receive the gifts of God. Only those who can admit their neediness are open enough to realise that God's blessings are gifts freely given, not compensation for a job well done. Without a humble spirit we are unable to receive gifts as gifts. This is either because we are too proud or we do not know how to receive with the open hearts of children, who never think that they must return in kind. This is the kind of humility recommended by Sirach. This is the kind of humility possessed by the disadvantaged pictured in the gospel.

As we have received from the bounty of God, so we are called to give to others. Only those who have received with a humble spirit can give with the generosity of God, for they know that they do not deserve God's goodness and they do not require anything in return.

Collections:

Last week: 1st (Priest Support) - \$225.30; 2nd (PG/Parish) - \$ 166.00

**ADVANCE NOTICE: NO WEDNESDAY** morning Masses  
in Creswick on September **14th & 21st**  
(No Friday Masses in Daylesford on Sept 2nd, 16th & 23rd)



## Feast Day of **St AUGUSTINE** (August 28, 430AD)

St Augustine was born at Tagaste (modern Algeria) in Africa. His father was a pagan who converted on his death bed; his mother was Saint Monica, a devout Christian. He received a Christian upbringing and in 370 went to the University at Carthage to study rhetoric with a view to becoming a lawyer. He gave up law to devote himself to literary pursuits and gradually abandoned his Christian faith, taking a mistress with whom he lived fifteen years and who bore him a son, Adeodatus, in 372. After investigating and experimenting with several philosophies, he became a Manichean for several years; it taught of a great struggle between good and evil, and featured a lax moral code. A summation of his thinking at the time comes from his *Confessions*: **"God, give me chastity and continence - but not just now."** In 384, he accepted the chair of rhetoric at Milan, and of his tutor, Simplicianus, he returned to his Christian faith and was baptized on Easter Eve 387. On the death of his mother he returned to Africa, sold his property, gave the proceeds to the poor, and founded a sort of monastery at Tagaste. He was ordained in 390 and moved to Hippo where he established a community with several of his friends who had followed him. Five years later he was consecrated Bishop and made coadjutor to Valerius, Bishop of Hippo, whom he succeeded in the following year. Augustine became the dominant figure in African Church affairs and was the leader in the bitter fights against Manichaeism, Donatism, Pelagianism and other heresies. Augustine's towering intellect molded the thought of Western Christianity to such an extent that his years after his death. He wrote profusely, expositing and defending the faith, and to this day many of his two hundred treatises, some three hundred sermons are of major import in theology and philosophy. Among his best best-known works are his *Confessions*; *City of God*, a magnificent exposition of a Christian philosophy of history; *De Trinitate*; *De Doctrina Christiana*; *Enchiridion*; and his treatises against the Manichaeans and the Pelagians. His later thinking can be summed up in a line from his writings: **"Our hearts were made for You, O Lord, and they are restless until they rest in you."** Called *Doctor of Grace*, he is one of the greatest of the Fathers and Doctors of the Church, and with the possible exception of Thomas Aquinas, the greatest single intellect the Catholic Church has ever produced.

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