



## Parish Newsletter - August 6, 2017

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**St Augustine's Parish Primary School** - **Principal:** Mr Terry Brennan  
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**St Thomas Aquinas, Clunes**  
(no longer a Sunday Mass Centre)

► **St. Joseph's Church, Blampied**

**Note: No Mass until further notice** ◀

**Diocesan Website:** [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) (online parish newsletter)

**Anniversaries of Death (Thurs - Weds):** John Quinlan, Shirley Edmonds, Maureen Body, Keith Campbell, Emmy Vleugal, Betty Carden, Mick Wilmott.



**Unwell at this time:** Chris Jones (*Shirley's son*), Mary Bell, Pat Prendergast, Walter Streckfuss, Luke Taylor, Brad Simpson.

**Please Note:-**  
**NO** weekday **MASSES**  
in **CRESWICK & Daylesford**  
**UNTIL SEPTEMBER**

### **GOSPEL REFLECTION** by Fr Michael Tate

We have to get rid of the idea that the soul is a dot of energy in some hidden core of our body. In fact, the body is in the soul. There is no part of my body which is not immersed in my soul. It is my whole person, bodysoul, which needs to be saved. As Thomas Aquinas says: 'If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.'



Today's Gospel does not portray an out-of-body experience of religious ecstasy. Jesus' body was translucent, totally radiant with Divine Light. Further, this transfiguration was not a solitary experience for Jesus. Peter, James and John witnessed it precisely because it told them what our Heavenly Father desired as their destiny beyond martyrdom, if only they would listen to Jesus.

Heavenly salvation will involve my whole person, bodysoul, being transformed. But could a person, during their earthly existence, share in the transfiguration experience of Christ?

We could pause for a moment to 'Google' or otherwise get hold of my favourite story of a saint – St Seraphim of Sarov – and pray that we may share with his disciple the bodily experience of 'immeasurable wellbeing' – 'infinite joy in our hearts'.

**Fr Gary's holidays.....** Fr Gary is currently on holidays and will return to St Augustine's and St Peter's on **Sunday, August 27th**.

**Fr Tom Brophy and Bishop Peter Connors** will be covering Masses in both Daylesford and Creswick during this time...  
*and we warmly thank them for this!*

*If you need anything while Fr Gary is away,*

*please contact the **Daylesford Parish Office** on **5348 2026***

*and your call will transfer through to **Leah Monaghan** (Parish Secretary, Creswick & Daylesford).*



**St TA, CLUNES  
MONTHLY  
PARISH CATCHUP**



**TODAY** - 6th August  
@ Widow Twanky Café  
10.30am

**TWO COLLECTIONS** *are taken up and presented  
after the PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL*

*The 1st COLLECTION is cash toward the Presbytery  
for the sustenance of our Priest; with a contribution of 13%  
to provide support for our retired priests of the Diocese.  
The 2nd COLLECTION is the Planned Giving (envelopes) or cash  
for the administration of the Parish & general running costs.*

**Last Week's Collections** *(with thanks)*

*1st Collection: \$255.90; 2nd Collection: \$607.00*

**St A's monthly parish catchup  
down at Smokeytown Cafe**



Sunday, 20th August  
Straight after Mass  
**Come for a good ol'  
natter and nibble!**

All parishioners & visitors will be warmly welcomed!

*Kindly hosted by our Parish Family Group*

**NEXT 3 month ROSTERS**

*(AUG-SEPT-OCT) available on back table*

**St VINCENT de PAUL, Creswick**

Many thanks for the generous  
donations to our Winter Appeal.  
A total of \$1,245 was received,  
plus clothing and blankets.

**National Vocations Awareness**

**Week: 30 July – 6 August**

Each year in August  
the Church in Australia celebrates  
National Vocations Awareness Week  
(NVAW)

Your prayers are especially requested this  
week for young people as they discern  
their vocation from God whether that be  
to Marriage, Priesthood, Single Life,  
the Diaconate or Religious Life.

This is also an opportunity to pray for those  
who are currently in formation in  
Religious Houses of Formation  
and our own Provincial Seminary,  
Corpus Christi College.

**NEW PARISH OFFICE opening hours:**

TUESDAY Creswick: 9.30am – 11am (NOT  
when school holidays or NO Tuesday Mass),  
WEDNESDAY Daylesford: 9.30am – 3pm,  
THURSDAY Daylesford: 9am – 11.30am.  
NOTE: Daylesford office NO LONGER open on Fri-

**ROSTERS for Sunday, 13th Aug**

*(with thanks)*

**Cleaners (for this week):** Izabella J  
**Welcomers/Offertory:** Irene M & Barb H  
**Remote:** Jesse & Steve S  
**Commentator:** Pat T; **Reader:** Brian RW  
**Special Eucharistic Ministers:**  
Alastair H, Angeline T, Judy S  
**Counters:** Josie & Brain RE

**So you know ... shhh! ...** on Sunday, 15th October, Fr Gary will be celebrating the 30th Anniversary of his Ordination.

**CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BALLARAT FOUNDATION**



**Did you know?** The Foundation was established in 1986 to raise funds to assist the Bishop fund the pastoral needs of the Diocese of Ballarat. Over the last twenty years in particular there has been a shift in the demographics of our diocese with declining population in many rural areas, population growth in regional towns, and a continuing decrease in mass attendance. Our diocese comprises 51 Parishes with 109 church communities within those Parishes. We are faced therefore with an increasing challenge to provide services to people within our Diocese. The Foundation is in its 32<sup>nd</sup> year of assisting the Bishop in providing these services.

In total \$336,701 was distributed during 2016 to the Diocese and through Parishes to support activities such as: sponsoring representatives attending the World Youth Day in Poland and the Proclaim Conference in Sydney; Merbein Parish's *Year of Mercy* activities; and Warrnambool's *Caring for the Homebound* program. The Foundation also supported organisations such as Centacare, the Ballarat Hospice, and Saint Vincent de Paul's North West Central Council. *Please consider a one-off donation, an ongoing pledge and/or a bequest via your will. To find out how to go about offering your support to the foundation, including becoming a board member, contact Andrew Jirik, Diocesan Business Manager, ph. 5337 7126 or via email [andrew.jirik™ ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:andrew.jirik@ballarat.catholic.org.au) ; or Jim Muller, Foundation Chair:- ph. 0437 562 262, or email [jimuller73™ gmail.com](mailto:jimuller73@gmail.com)*