



Parish Newsletter February 14, 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
 MASS: Saturday 6.30pm (on the eve of each 2nd & 4th Sunday in the month)
 LAY LED ASSEMBLY: Sunday 10.30am (1st Sunday ONLY in the month)
 Nb. NO service on weekends when a 3rd Sunday or when a 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](#))*


JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

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.

N W E E X E T K	WEEKDAY Masses: Sr Augustine's, Creswick: 10am Weds Feb 17 St Peter's, Daylesford: 10am Thu/Fri Feb 18/19
	Next WEEKEND: St Thomas Aquinas', Clunes: NO SERVICE St Augustine's, Creswick: 8.45am Sun Feb 21 St Peter's, Daylesford: 10.30am Sun Feb 21

NO SERVICE @ CLUNES
NEXT WEEKEND, Feb 20/21
(3rd Sunday in the month)


 Steven Treacy (*died recently*)
 Alice Foley, Leonard Dixon, Judith Edmends (*anniversary of death*)
 Sandra Kenyon (*unwell*)



Gospel Reflection

by Dianne Bergant CSS

Lent is a time when we are reminded that there is nothing we can do to win our salvation.

It is a pure gift from God. Like Jesus in the wilderness, we are to allow God's plan to unfold in and through us. Lent is a time for us to enter actively into the mysteries of the death and resurrection of Jesus, and there to marvel at what God has done for us.

The temptations of Jesus are the same temptations that we face when we are inclined to think that somehow we are in control. While the goals of the temptations may be admirable – feed the hungry, bring the world under the control of good, trust in God's power to protect us – we often choose to accomplish them in ways that are less than admirable. We try to perform the extraordinary so that what we do reflects favourably on us. We use brute force in order to achieve control. We put God to the test rather than live peacefully with God's plan as it unfolds within and around us. We seek to become the super-hero, the super-minister, the super-Christian on our own. In his responses to the tempter, we see Jesus constantly deferring to the power of God: It is not by bread alone . . . worship only God . . . do not put God to the test. In a real sense, these temptations are a reminder that the fundamental temptation is to deny our human limitations and refuse to let God be God for us.

FEB 21:-

CRESWICK

Reader: Roland K
Leaders: n/a
Comm'tor: Betty K
Sp Minister/s: Brian-Alastair-Ron
Welc'/Offer'y: Prestons
Remote: Neil D
Counters: Kieran-Loretta
Cleaning this week: Hall-Curwood

Collections: Both weekly collections occur after the General Intercessions.
Last week: 1st (Priest Support) - \$321.50; 2nd (PG/Parish) \$348.00

**Re: Expressions of Interest for the
Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission**

from Paul Bird, Bishop of Ballarat

The Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission was established in 2011. Since then the Commission has met four times a year and provided leadership for the diocese in matters relating to Social Justice.

Members of the Commission come from a range of areas of Diocesan life including clergy and religious, the education and welfare sectors, and parishes.

[Any] parishioners who may have the interest and passion for Social Justice, appropriate expertise and experience, and available time, to be an effective member of the Commission, [are invited to apply].

During February all Expressions of Interest will be considered and the composition of the Commission finalised. Please note that the Social Justice Commission will meet on these days:

March 5, May 14, August 27, November 12.

Expression of Interest form link is <http://tinyurl.com/bdjsc2016>. I would be grateful if the Expressions of Interest form could be completed by **15th February, 2016**.

Should you require any more copies of the above, or have any queries, please contact Vin Dillon, member of the BDSJC (M: 0409175273 / Email: vindillon@gmail.com).

Thank you for your support of this important Diocesan ministry.

A special THANK YOU to all our
VOLUNTEERS who helped at
St A's ASH WEDNESDAY service!

COMBINED CHURCH LENTEN STUDY

~ local Uniting, Anglican & Catholic parishioners
coming together to reflect on Lent ~
(usually about a dozen people all together)

STARTS this coming Thursday,

February 18

6 - 7.30pm @ St AUGUSTINE's Church
(Host for Lent 2016)

starting with a light, shared meal
in church meeting room at the back
(So, bring a plate of finger-food to share.
Tea/coffee provided)

This will be a 5 week program of gentle, reflective
study using a beautiful booklet chosen by
Fr Ryan Bennett (resident priest @ St John's).
See Angeline or Sue to register your interest and/or
get more info

Parish—School Sacramental Program 2016

FIRST RECONCILIATION (Forgiveness) - Year 4 Children.

THIS WEEK is the Parent Meeting-

(a gathering in preparation for the program)

Tuesday Feb 16 @ 4.00pm St Augustine's School Creswick.

Wednesday Feb 17 @ 4.00pm St Michael's School Daylesford.

Celebration of the Sacrament will be on **Wednesday, March 23:**

Creswick @ 10.00am, St Augustine's Church.

Daylesford @ 4.00pm St Peter's Church.

St. Augustine's Family Group

LUNCH at Blue Bell Hotel
Howitt St, Ballarat

NEXT Sunday, February 21

@ 12 noon

Contact: Irene Martin 5345 6284

PHONE or TEXT mobile: 0432 390 314

Email: irenemartin4@bigpond.com

Tomorrow!

'LET THEM STAY' rally

Grandmothers against Detention of Refugee Children
Invitation to join them to voice their protest against
the return of 80 children and their families to Nauru.

10am Monday February 15

Outside the electoral office of Catherine King MP
5 Lydiard St North, Ballarat

ENQUIRIES: Cath 0437 185 238

Gordon Parish Community Picnic and Festival

Springbank Football & Netball Oval

Sunday, February 28, 2016: 11.00am-4.00pm

Info: Margie Quinlan 0417 587 237.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2016

CRESWICK

The 2016 focus and theme for this much loved,
annual ecumenical service in Creswick is:

CUBA : "Receive children. Receive me."

2016 Venue: John Curtin Aged Care Complex
(Bill Huntley Function Room)

Address: 6 Cushing Avenue, Creswick, Vic. 3363

Service Time: 6pm, Friday March 4

(A Collection will be taken up for a "Building Healthy Relationships"
program in Cuba)

FULLY catered supper this year

**VOLUNTEER Readers sought
to represent St Augustine's**

See Angeline or Sue for further info