



# Parish Newsletter January 10, 2016

CRESWICK OFFICE *Hours: \*\*Wednesday 10am - 11am. (\*\*If Wednesday Mass )*

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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.

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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.

**During the WEEK: NO WEEKDAY SERVICES THROUGHOUT JANUARY**

### Next WEEKEND:

#### MASSES

St Thomas Aquinas', Clunes: NO SERVICE

St Augustine's, Creswick: 8.45am Sun Jan 17

St Peter's, Daylesford: 10.30am Sun Jan 17

**NO Weekday MASS**  
on **WEDNESDAYS @ St A's**  
**throughout JANUARY**



Jan Scopel, Claire Pearse, Brian Schreenan (*died recently*)

Ned Mellington, Frank McGrath (*anniversaries of death*)

Steven Treacy, Sandra Kenyon (*unwell*)

**NO SERVICE @ CLUNES**

next weekend - Jan 16/17th  
(3rd Sunday in the month)

## Gospel Reflection

by Dianne Bergant CSS

The optional readings for this feast recapitulate the themes of the entire Advent-Christmas season. Within the Christian tradition the voice that announces the future events is associated with John the Baptist. However, the reading itself proclaims the coming and manifestation of the Lord, clearly an Advent theme.

The gospel reading from Luke moves us from anticipation of the coming of the messiah to fulfilment of God's promise. This theme of fulfilment is at the heart of the Christmas message. In the baptism narrative we see that Jesus has come into our midst, not only as a helpless infant, but as our anointed messiah. There is a dimension to this same gospel reading that opens us to a future yet to be fully realised in our lives. The one upon whom the Spirit descends has come to baptise us in that same Spirit.

The reading from Titus is similar to the gospel. Both herald the appearance of Jesus and promise a future fulfilment for us. Renewed by the Spirit, we will be justified and become heirs in hope of eternal life. The readings clearly announce that: the Lord is coming; the Lord has come; the Lord will continue to come to and through us into the whole world. Under all of this rings the melody of God's creative power as seen in the Psalm response. In view of the Isaian passage, God promises to create something new in the wilderness of chaos.

There the glory of the Lord will be revealed.

**Collections:** Both weekly collections occur after the General Intercessions.  
Last week: 1st (Priest Support) - \$241.70; 2nd (PG/Parish) \$358.00

**JAN 17:- CRESWICK**

**Reader:** Betty K  
**Leaders:** n/a  
**Comm'tor:** Pat T  
**Sp Minister/s:** Alastair-Ron-Aileen  
**Welc'/Offer'y:** Kavals  
**Remote:** Alastair H  
**Counters:** Keiran & Loretta  
**Cleaning this week:** Mick & Carmel G

**St Vincent de Paul:**

~ LAST WEEK!!!~ Those beautiful 2016 Columbian Art Calendars will again be available for purchase at half price (\$3.50) straight after St A's Mass this morning.

*Proceeds support the ongoing mission of our local St Vinnie's team to help the poor.*

**NEXT THURSDAY, Jan 14**

The INDUCTION of Rev Rosemary Carter @ St Andrew's UNITING CHURCH, CRESWICK @ 7.30pm (with supper following the service)

An ecumenical presence, representing each of the district's Churches, to welcome Rev Carter to Creswick is keenly sought and warmly invited.

*See Sue (organist) for further enquiries (Sue will definitely be attending if you'd like to join her)*

**PARISH COFFEE GATHERING**

**NEXT Sunday, January 17**

**Straight after St A's Mass**

**@ Smokeytown Cafe**

**Jubilee Year Of  
Mercy  
Parish Prayer**

Lord Jesus You are loving and  
Your mercy endures forever.

You are compassionate and  
gracious,

slow to anger, overflowing  
with love and faithfulness.

Turn to me and have  
mercy on me,

forgive my sins and grant me

the Grace to live the life  
worthy of Your praise,

We ask this in the name of

Jesus Christ, Our Lord

Amen.

***Parish—School Sacramental Program 2016***

**FIRST RECONCILIATION** (Forgiveness) - Year 4 Children.

**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 held on Wednesday, March 23:

Creswick @ 10.00am, St Augustine's Church.

Daylesford @ 4.00pm St Peter's Church.

**SACRAMENT of EUCHARIST** - Year 4 Children.

**Parent information sessions -**

Creswick Tuesday, April 12, 4.00pm @ School / Daylesford April 13, 4.00pm @ 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<sup>th</sup> - Creswick 8.45am / Daylesford 10.30am.

**SACRAMENT of CONFIRMATION-** Year 3 children.

**Parent information sessions:**

Tuesday, Oct 4 at 4.00pm - St Augustine's School.

Wednesday, Oct 5 at 4.00pm - St Michael's School.

**Dismissal Sundays** (Each child must attend): Oct 30, Nov 6, & Nov 13

Creswick Mass 8.45am / Daylesford Mass 10.30am

**Celebration of Confirmation:** Sunday, Nov 20 @ Creswick 8.45am / Daylesford 10.30am

**RECONCILIATION** - Year 6 children.

The Communal Rite of the Sacrament of Penance will be in Term 4.

**NATIVITY SCENE**

Thank you to all who were prepared to help dismantle our Nativity Scene this morning. Due to unforeseen funeral needs this week, the crib was dismantled and put in storage early.