



Parish Newsletter July 24, 2016

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

Ph: 5345 2160 (Leah) Email: creswick@ballarat.catholic.org.au

(Administering ST THOMAS AQUINAS', Bailey Street, CLUNES)

ST. AUGUSTINE'S PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL: Mr. Terry Brennan, Principal.
SCHOOL OFFICE Ph: 5345 2106 (Mandy) Website: www.sacreswick.catholic.edu.au

DAYLESFORD OFFICE Hours: Fridays 9.30am - 1.00pm.

Ph: 5348 2026 (Leah) Email: daylesford@ballarat.catholic.org.au

D'FORD PRESBYTERY Ph: 5348 3911 PARISH PRIEST: Fr. Gary A. Jones

DIOCESAN Website: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (inc ONLINE PARISH BULLETIN)



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.

**N
E
X
T

W
E
E
K**

WEEKDAY MASSES -

St Augustine's, Creswick: **NO SERVICE**
St Peter's, Daylesford: Fri, July 29, 10am

WEEKEND MASSES -

St Augustine's, Creswick: 8.45am Sunday, July 31
St Peter's, Daylesford: 10.30am Sunday, July 31



Lois Yodgee, Judith Gleeson
(anniversaries of death)

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

A PRAYER FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

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. You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy; you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

Amen.

(from the Jubilee Prayer of Pope Francis)

Fr Gary will be back with us NEXT Sunday.

This morning, we gratefully welcome **Fr Kevin Arundell** as our Celebrant for Mass *kindly arranged by St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat*

NO WEDNESDAY MORNING MASS

until the 1st WEEK of AUGUST (Wednesday, 3rd of August @ 10am)

July 31

CRESWICK

Reader: Barb H
Leaders: n/a
Comm'tor: Alastair H
Sp Minister/s: Ron-Aileen-Judy
Welc'/Offer'y: McMahon family
Remote: Neil D
Counters: Pete & Mick
Cleaning this week: McMahon family

Collections: *Two collections are taken up after the Prayers of the Faithful. The 1st Collection is the Presbytery Collection – this collection is for the support of the local priest, with 13% going towards the support of the retired priests and the Bishop. The 2nd Collection is the Planned Giving (envelopes) for the support of Parish endeavours and structures.*
Last week: 1st (Priest Support) - \$222.20; 2nd (PG/Parish) - \$140.00

NEW 3 month ROSTERS

will be available NEXT Sunday

For those who expressed interest in our **Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministry**, know you will be provided with an opportunity to train/re-train before the next set of Rosters in 3 months time

...regretfully, due to unforeseen circumstances, this is much later than originally planned.

Liturgy Formation 2016
Launch of 'Let the Children Come'

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission will be presenting Liturgy Formation sessions in the diocese in 2016 on **FUNERAL MINISTRY, Formation for Lectors** and the launch of the sacramental program, **'Let the Children Come'** - July 24 at Birchip Parish, **August 7 at Ararat Parish (closest)** and August 21 at Hamilton Parish. **As this day includes the launch of "Let the Children Come", all involved in the Parish Sacramental Programs are encouraged to attend.**
(Take home info on back table)

St Patrick's College
2018 Year 7 Information Evening

***Wednesday October 26 from 7:30 pm
in St Patrick's College Chapel.***

For a 2018 Enrolment Package please contact Mrs Caitlin Bennett on 53311688 or cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

The readings invite us to reflect on prayer. Whether our prayer be praise, contrition, thanksgiving or petition, it always recognises our need for God. In the gospel Jesus instructs us to ask for what we need. He assures us that God is more than willing to give us what we need. However, for this to happen we must turn to God and humbly acknowledge our need.

The most obvious characteristic of prayer depicted in the readings for this Sunday is persistence. Neither Abraham nor the man in the gospel was deterred by any obstacle. They show that it is not so much that we persist in prayer in order to change God's mind as it is that we persist in order to discover what God's mind might be.

The salutariness of prayer is often found in the change that it effects in us, not in God. By persevering in genuine prayer we may come to acknowledge that all things are in God's hands, and that we can rest content to leave them there, trusting that the situation will be cared for as God sees fit. It seems trite to say that God hears all prayer and sometimes the answer is 'No!' It is better to say that God respects the freedom of people and will seldom intervene to change the way events unfold. Still, prayer can change the one who prays and also the one for whom the prayer is offered if only human need is recognised and divine solicitude is acknowledged.

Thanksgiving Receipts:

**A NOTE from Leah Monaghan,
our Parish Secretary**
(based in Daylesford)

***Apologies for the delay in getting
thanksgiving receipts issued to you,
they are now available at the rear
of the Church.***

***Those parishioners who give via Credit
Card have not been issued a receipt,
however one can be issued if you
require. Please just email the parish
office -***

***creswick@ballarat.catholic.org.au
[or pass your request on to me through
Sue (organist) after Mass]***

PLEASE NOTE: *Anyone who has not yet received their envelopes, some quarterly and yearly ones have not yet been issued - the school holidays played up with my plans a little.*
Thanks, Leah