

Parish Newsletter - July 9, 2017

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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 (online parish newsletter)



Anniversaries of Death (Thurs - Weds): Isobel Wright,
Angus McKinnon, Ted Prendergast.



Unwell at this time: Walter Streckfuss, David Preston,
Luke Taylor (*Imelda McGrath's great nephew*),
Brad Simpson, Pat Prendergast, Mary Bell

PLEASE NOTE: Due to Privacy Laws, names of those
unwell needing our prayers can only be placed on this list when
requested by the person in question, or immediate family on
behalf of their unwell family member.

Please Note:-

NO weekday
MASSES in
CRESWICK
UNTIL SEPTEMBER
(date to be advised)

Scripture Commentary by Brendan Byrne SJ

Today's Gospel, Matt 11:25-30, features one of the most remarkable scenes in the Gospel of Matthew (the first part has a parallel in Luke 10:21-22). The disciples—and by extension ourselves—are given access to a moment of intimacy between Jesus and his Father. We “overhear” a joyful exclamation that Jesus makes directly to the Father, rejoicing that he has communicated to “mere children” (his disciples) some sense of the knowledge of the Father that he enjoys as divine Son. This privileged knowledge is not something that can be gained by learning or study; that is why the “learned and clever” have no purchase upon it through their own efforts. It is something directly revealed by God's grace to those most capable of receiving it: “mere children”. The point about little children, of course, is that, being so unlearned and weak, they have nothing “useful” to contribute in an adult world. All they can do is receive what is given to them. What they give in return is simply what they are really good at: affection and love. Jesus comes back again and again to this image of the child to communicate a sense of human relationship to God. We should realize, too, that when Jesus speaks of “knowing” God, he is using the word in the Semitic sense where, beyond intellectual knowledge, it has the deeper resonance of real experience. To “know” a person is not simply to know a great deal about her or him: implied is a communion of love, entailing deep intimacy. This is the kind of knowledge of God of which Jesus is speaking. He blesses the Father because he has communicated such knowledge to the disciples— and, by extension, to ourselves, who are their heirs. In the second part of the Gospel, Jesus issues an invitation: “Come to me, all you who labor and are overburdened and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart”. The invitation takes us to Matthew's characteristic presentation of Jesus as the One who bears and lifts humanity's burdens. The view of humanity depicted in the Gospel is that of being weighed down and burdened by a multitude. Jesus comes to lift that burden, which includes but is by no means exhausted by the burden of sin.



**St A's Creswick
PARISH CATCHUP
NEXT SUNDAY**

July 16

**@ Smokeytown Café
straight after Mass**

*Kindly hosted by
our Parish Family Group*

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

Last Week's Collections *(with thanks)*

1st Collection (Priest): \$339.40; 2nd Collection (Parish): \$353.00

Pastoral Council COMMISSIONING

On Sunday July 30, our Pastoral Council will be commissioned for 2017-2018. *The Parish Finance Team will also be recommissioned.*

Minutes from last meeting on noticeboard

ROSTERS for Sunday, 16th July

Cleaners (for this week): Bernie & Pat T
Welcomers/Offertory: Loretta & Roland K
Remote: Alastair H
Commentator: Alastair H; **Reader:** Carol V
Special Eucharistic Ministers:
Margie G, Josie R, Aileen P
Counters: Kieran M & Loretta K

NEXT 3 month ROSTERS

(AUG-SEPT-OCT)

**Please advise of known absences
& other matters AFTER MASS TODAY**
on sheet down the back.
NEW volunteers always appreciated!

St VINCENT de PAUL Annual WINTER APPEAL

- Envelopes on the seats -

Clothing, blankets etc can be left at rear of the Church.

Planned Giving 2017 – 2018 Renewal

DIRECT DEBIT FORMS NEED TO BE IN BY NEXT FRIDAY PLEASE

Thankyou to all those parishioners who are involved with the **Planned Giving Program** here at St Augustine's Parish. As we begin a new financial year, it is a good time to look at our Program for 2018 and beyond.

New envelopes are available at the rear of the Church.

If you are able to deliver any of these to parishioners you know, please do so...

We are also currently updating our **Direct Debit option for Planned Giving**, thank you to those who have already taken this up.

The Direct debit will be run through the **Catholic Development Fund (CDF)**, allowing givers to contribute regularly and without the worry of bringing an envelope each Sunday.

The account at the **CDF** will be able to process Debit/Credit cards, and would be transferred to our Bendigo Bank Account to assist in the day to day running of the Parish.

Forms have been provided from the **CDF** and **are available at the rear of the Church.**

These can be returned to the **Office** and forwarded to the **CDF** for processing.

- Mrs Leah Monaghan

(Parish Secretary for Creswick & Daylesford)

A VIGIL by Ballarat Grandmothers ADRC & friends and Rural Australians for Refugees

invite you to stand with them in solidarity with people who have arrived by boat seeking asylum and detained on Manus Island and Nauru 4 years ago now.

WHEN? Wednesday 19th July 5-6pm

WHERE? Queen Victoria Square *(opposite the front of Ballarat Town Hall).*

DIOCESAN BULLETIN NOTICES

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – now open for new participants: The Lay Pastoral Ministry Program offers low-cost opportunities for online study and formation for lay workers in the diocese, both employees and volunteers. A wide range of subject areas are offered: Scripture, Sacraments, Social Justice, Youth Ministry, many more. Registration for the July study cycle closes on 10 July - or you can start in September or later in the year. Details on the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au *(link is on front page)*, or contact Amanda, ph: 5337 7125 or email amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au.