

# Parish Newsletter June 19, 2016

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## YEAR OF MERCY

DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2015 - NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>, 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.

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### WEEKDAY MASSES -

St Augustine's, Creswick: 10am Wed June 22

St Peter's, Daylesford: 10am Fri June 24

### WEEKEND MASSES -

St Augustine's, Creswick: 8.45am Sunday, June 26

St Peter's, Daylesford: 10.30am Sunday, June 26



Albert Culvenor, Noel Cook (died recently)

Douglas Heaton, Leslie McMahon, Tony Kennedy, Helena Timewell, Mark Wellard, Neville Giles, Julia Geljon, Thomas Barry, Fr Paul Campbell

(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)



**June 26**

**CRESWICK**

**Reader:** Carol V  
**Leaders:** n/a  
**Comm'tor:** Brian R  
**Sp Minister/s:** Margie-Judy-Brian  
**Welc'/Offer'y:** McMahons  
**Remote:** Alastair  
**Counters:** Mick & Pete  
**Cleaning this week:** Izabelle & Pat

**Collections:** Both weekly collections occur after the General Intercessions.  
Last week: 1st (Priest Support) - \$201.40; 2nd (PG/Parish) - \$81.00



**Please return your  
St Vinnies Winter Appeal  
Donation Envelopes  
as soon as possible** 😊

## **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.**

### **TOMORROW: Pre-Election Forum - Federal Election July 2, 2016**

You are invited to attend a pre-election forum on Monday, June 20, 2016 from 6pm - 7.45pm @ the Ballarat Central Uniting Church, cnr Dana & Lydiard St Sth, Ballarat. **This is an opportunity to hear the viewpoints of the Candidates for Ballarat on issues for a just society and to ask them your questions.**

## **Thanksgiving Envelopes**

*A Note from Leah, our Parish Secretary:*  
Envelopes are ready and available for collection down the back. Receipts will be issued after the coming school holidays, on Sunday July 10.  
*Thank you*

## **Parish Coffee Gathering**

straight after Mass  
@ *Smokeytown Café*

**TODAY - ALL INVITED!**

**(Sunday, June 19)**

*Hosted by our Parish Pastoral Family Group*

**Refugee Week** is an annual event which promotes positive images of refugees and celebrates the valuable contribution refugees make to Australian society. The ultimate aim is to facilitate better understanding between different communities and encourage successful integration, enabling refugees to live in safety and to continue making a valuable contribution to Australia. This year, Refugee Week is being celebrated from Sunday 19 June to Saturday 25 June. **The Refugee Council of Australia is encouraging organisations to celebrate a unified Refugee Week based around the theme 'With courage let us all combine'.** *Details down the back!*

## **Gospel Reflection** by Greg Sunter

In today's gospel, Jesus asks the disciples the question that has echoed through the intervening generations and continues to demand our attention today: 'Who do you say that I am?' With both hope and trepidation, Peter answers, 'The Messiah of God'. The gospel episode reveals that Jesus was aware that the people were speculating about him and it would have been obvious that the disciples themselves were debating amongst themselves the significance of this man they were following. The expectation about the coming of the Messiah had been rife for decades leading up to this time. Under the occupation by the Romans, the Messiah expectation was at an all time high. Every Jew of the time was longing for the Messiah to rise up from their midst and rescue the people.

When Peter says that the disciples believe Jesus to be the Messiah it is as much a statement of hope as of conviction. What an amazing break for the disciples to discover that they are the followers of the one person the entire Jewish people are hoping for. The reflected glory for them would be magnificent! As Peter utters his answer, you can almost see the disciples edging forward in anticipation of all that would come their way as disciples of the Messiah.

But Jesus immediately shatters their dreams of glory by spelling out to them the reality of what it means for him to be the Messiah and also what it means for them to be his disciples. It is not the pathway of triumph and glory that lies ahead but the pathway of sacrifice, service and suffering. Peter is completely right when he names Jesus as Messiah but completely wrong in what he thinks that means.