



# Parish Newsletter October 2, 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, Oct 5  
St Peter's, Daylesford: 10am Fri, Oct 7

#### WEEKEND MASSES -

St Augustine's, Creswick: 8.45am Sunday, Oct 9  
St Peter's, Daylesford: 10.30am Sunday, Oct 9



Robin Cook  
(died recently)

Maureen Symmons  
(anniversaries of death,  
Thurs - Wed)

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

***"Having faith does not mean having no difficulties, but having the strength to face them, knowing we are not alone."*** Pope Francis

## THANK YOU

to all who have so far

- ▶ **Confirmed** their **continuing** place on the rosters,
  - ▶ **Newly added** their name to a roster or two
  - ▶ **Advised** of being **unable to continue** on the rosters (temporarily or permanently),
  - ▶ **Updated / added** their **contact details** for the roster contact list,
  - ▶ **Advised** of **dates known** to be **unavailable** for roster duty during the **3 months** of **Nov - Jan**

***For ease of compiling new roster:***

**PLEASE ADD your name and info** (as above)  
**to the lists down on the back table**  
**by NEXT SUNDAY (OCTOBER 9)**

The training (& refresher-training) last Sunday afternoon for St TA & St A's Funeral & Eucharistic Ministry teams went very well...with a strong turnout!

## ANNOUNCEMENT for NEXT SUNDAY:

Rite for the Commissioning and re-Commissioning (*freely join in if you wish to be re-commissioned*) of new and continuing **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** to take place during Mass **NEXT SUNDAY, October 9.**

### **BLAMPIED - St Josephs Community**

Dinner at Swiss Mountain Hotel after 6pm Saturday Mass, October 22nd.  
~To honour and farewell Carmel Rieniets and thank her for her many years of Service as Sacristan ~

Dinner and Drinks at Hotel Prices- All Welcome!  
Please Book with Colleen **5345 7281** or Marilyn **5345 7475**

## **ROSTER for NEXT Sunday, Oct 9**

Reader: Loretta  
Leaders: n/a  
Comm'tor: **VOLUNTEER** plz  
Sp Minister/s: Roland-Barb-Judy  
Welc'/Offer'y: McMahons  
Remote: Alastair  
Counters: Josie & Brian  
Cleaning THIS week: Sr Louise & Sue

## **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM**

**for October & November 2016**

### **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

- Year 3 Children:

#### **Parent information sessions:**

Tues Oct 4th @ 4pm, St Aug's SCHOOL, Creswick  
Wed Oct 5th @ 4pm, St Michael's SCHOOL, D'sford.

**DISMISSAL SUNDAYS** (Each child must attend):

- Oct 30th; Nov 6th; Nov 13th -

**CELEBRATION of Confirmation** will be held on  
**Sunday, Nov 20th**

Creswick 8.45am  
Daylesford 10.30am

**Collections:** Two collections are taken up after the Prayers of the Faithful. The 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection is the Planned Giving (envelopes) for the support of Parish endeavours and structures.

Last week: 1st (Priest Support) - 274.30; 2nd (PG/Parish) - \$ 345.50

**TODAY after MASS** (October 2)  
St Thomas Aquinas' Community Catch-up  
Widow Swanky Café, Clunes @ 10.30am



## **Gospel Reflection**

Dianne Bergant CSS

In our struggles to be faithful disciples, we frequently must endure periods when we feel abandoned by God. When we have been intent on serving God with genuine devotion, such times are particularly trying, for one would expect that God would not withdraw consolations. **When this happens, the broken heart and the strained spirit cry out to God in complaint: How long? Why?** We have all been worn down by life, tempted to give up, too weary to go on.

**Faith in God is a gift for which we pray.** It enables us to accomplish marvellous feats; with it we can move mountains. As unprofitable servants, we do not earn it; we have no right to claim it as our own. We are the ones from whom faithful service will be expected. We will be sent to plough the fields and tend the sheep. We will be called to serve at table.

The faith that is ours has been mediated to us through the community. We have heard about God and about Jesus from others, from our parents and families, from our teachers and those who preach, from those with whom we work and play. **Faith comes from God, but through the mediation of the community.** Timothy received faith from his mother and grandmother. It was strengthened in him through the imposition of Paul's hands and through his preaching of the word of God. Furthermore, what Paul taught had first been handed down to him from those who preceded him.

## **RETREAT AFTERNOON**

### **'Beyond the Year of Mercy'**

A retreat afternoon, which is open to all adults, is to be held at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Ballarat on **Sunday, October 30, 2016** from 1.30pm, concluding with 5pm Mass.

The afternoon will be led by **Sr Veronica Lawson**, a Sister of Mercy from Ballarat, biblical scholar and author of "**Blessings of Mercy.**"

Registrations through the Cathedral Parish Office  
[ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

or ph. 5331 2933.

Fr Andrew Hayes presents  
**'BOUNDLESS PLAINS'**

*- The Spoken Word -*

(A high octane poetry recital for those who've come across the seas)

OHLC Church, Wendouree

Thursday, November 3 @ 7pm

Suggested \$10+ donation (adults) for **Asylum Seeker Resource Centre**

Primary school age children free

Pre-dinner drinks if you come early!

*Poster on back Noticeboard*

**JOB VACANCY:** The Parish of St Columba's Ballarat North is currently recruiting a **Parish Secretary** for 14 hours per week. Letters of application with enclosed CV, including one professional and one personal referee, to be emailed to: [ballaratnorth@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:ballaratnorth@ballarat.catholic.org.au) Further details and a Job Description can be obtained on the parish website at: [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) following the Parish link to Ballarat North. The closing date for completed applications is close of business Friday, 14 October, 2016.