



Parish Newsletter - July 5th 2015

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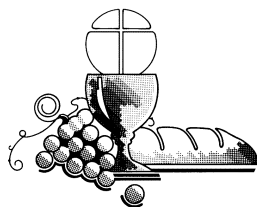
St. Joseph's, Blampied (Midland Hwy)

Mass Celebrated first & third, fifth Sundays (Sat vigil 6.00pm)

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Anniversaries of Death: Fred Woods, John Shea, Alfred Vanzetta, Ang Courtot, Elizabeth Carman,
Sick List: Brendan Sleeman,

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time — July 12th



St Thomas Aquinas Church Clunes

St Augustine's Creswick

St Joseph's Blampied

St Peter's Daylesford

Saturday July 11th 6.00pm

Sunday July 12th 8.45am

Sunday July 11th 9.00am

Sunday July 12th 10.30am

Midweek Masses — Wed 10am Creswick, Thurs & Fri Daylesford 10am

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

It is not easy to recognise a true prophet. Frequently those with prophetic insight are treated without honour. The people to whom Ezekiel was sent were hard of face, obstinate of heart, a rebellious house. The Galileans who heard Jesus' words were no better. They questioned his authenticity because they thought he was no better than they were and, therefore, he had no right to act superior. We so often resent people who can do what we cannot. This resentment can be magnified when the person is someone with whom we have grown up, a member of the family or of the community.

True believers recognise and admit their human frailty. They also know that genuine weakness does not impede the saving action of God. In fact, God seems to *prefer* to act where pride and self-satisfaction do not prevail, for such attitudes are obstacles to personal transformation. However, when we open ourselves in humility and honest piety, the power of God can flood our minds and our hearts and shine forth from us to all around. When this happens, there will be no doubt in any mind as to the origin of this wondrous reality. It will be very clear that though it comes *through* us, it comes *from* God. The receptivity of Paul in this matter is in sharp contrast to the rebellion of the people at the time of Ezekiel and the resistance of those who thought that they knew Jesus so well.

Communion to the Sick - To ensure that we don't double up, could anyone who is taking Communion to the Sick, wishing to receive Communion, or who is already receiving, please let the Parish Office or Trish Tinetti 5476 4277 know. Thank you.

Last Week's 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.* 1st Collection (Presbytery – supporting our Priest) \$279.40

2nd Collection (Planned Giving): \$547.00

Rosters— July 12th **Reader:** H Cummings **Commentator:** D Craig **Offertory:** M & M Yanner
Ministers: T Tinetti, R Thannhauser, C Jenkins **Counters:** *July 5th* (team 6) F & K Stephens, T Torpy, V & M Richards *July 12th* (Team 7) W Chamberlain, S Whiffen

*Today is Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander
Sunday*

Reconciliation Prayer

Holy Father, God of Love

You are the Creator of this land and all good things

We acknowledge the pain and shame of our history And the suffering of our peoples. And we ask your forgiveness. We thank you for the survival of Indigenous cultures

Our hope is in you because you gave your son Jesus, To reconcile the world to you.

We pray for your strength and grace to forgive, Accept and love one another, As you love us and forgive and accept us In the sacrifice of your Son.

Give us the courage to accept the realities of our history, So that we may build a better future for our nation.

Teach us to respect all cultures.

Teach us to care for our land and waters. Help us to share justly the resources of this land.

Help us to bring about spiritual and social change To improve the quality of life for all groups in our communities, Especially the disadvantaged.

Help our young people to find true dignity and self esteem by your Spirit May your power and love be the foundations on which we build our families, our communities and our Nation. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Diocesan News -

Looking Forward 2015 Gatherings The 2015 Looking Forward Gatherings commence on Tuesday, July 28 from 7.00 - 9.00pm at Warrnambool. And will be held weekly each Tuesday around the Diocese until September 15. Members of Parish Pastoral Councils and Leadership teams are particularly invited to these workshop-style gatherings. Full information and preparation guide have already been emailed to parishes and can be downloaded from the Diocesan website - www.ballarat.catholic.org.au - follow link from front page or contact Amanda, ph. 5337 7125.

Liturgy Formation Sessions 2015 The Diocesan Liturgical Commission will be presenting Liturgy Formation sessions as follows: July 12 - Wendouree Parish (Mass at 10.00am); July 19 - Colac Parish (Mass at 11.00am); August 9 - East Warrnambool Parish (Mass at 10.30am). For more information and to register to attend one of these days, go to the diocesan website or contact the Pastoral Ministry Office ph. 5337 7159.

Fr Barry Ryan's Golden Jubilee of Priestly Ordination Fr Barry Ryan will be celebrating his Golden Jubilee of Priestly Ordination at the St Columba's Parish Church on Sunday, July 19, 2015 at 10.00am Mass. A morning tea will be held in the St Columba's Parish School Hall (Howard Street) following Mass. All are most welcome

Disaster Relief in Nepal Fundraiser Loreto College Ballarat are holding a fundraiser movie night for disaster relief in Nepal. The movie is "Paper Towns" on Friday, July 17, 2015 at 7.00pm at the Regent Cinemas Ballarat. Ticket prices are adults \$15.00 each, students/children \$10.00 each. To book contact Catherine Baker, ph. 5329 6137.