

St Augustine's Church 150th Celebrations

SAVE the DATES

September 17th & 18th 2022

Update

Sunday May 22nd

Newsletter



In **September**, we are celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the opening of the St. Augustine's Church Creswick building in September 1872.

We welcome all Parishioners, past and present with their associated families to help make our celebrations a success. Any ideas you have, old photographs, stories, memorabilia or anything which you believe may be of interest is much appreciated. Of course, we are working to very tight deadlines and as such, time is of the essence.

Celebration Dinner

Saturday September 17th

One of the Anniversary weekend's major events will be the **150th Celebration Dinner** on the **Saturday evening, September 17th**, which will be held at the Doug Lindsay Reserve.

Tickets are only \$40 per person and we encourage you to book early as this will be a wonderful night. It's also a great opportunity to catch up with friends and family you may not have seen for some time.

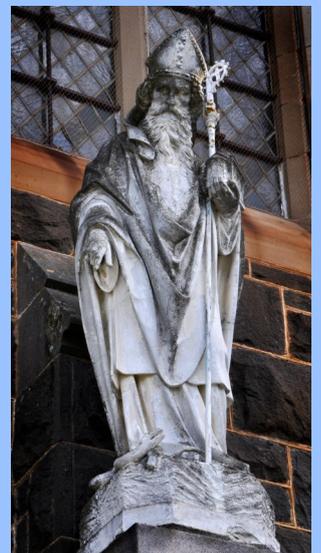
To book your tickets now, please email staugustines150th@gmail.com
Alternatively, there are Dinner Booking Envelopes on the table at the back of the Church. Please advise of any special dietary requirements when booking. To assist catering, tickets will need to be paid for at the time of booking.

Do you Know ?

You may have noticed this statue looking down upon you whilst walking to Mass.

This imposing statue is not St Augustine but rather, St Patrick.

Do you know why Saint Patrick is overlooking the entrance to Saint Augustine's?



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The stories behind the windows

A very special commemorative book is being prepared for the St Augustine's 150th Anniversary.

Spanning the entire 150 year history and written entirely from a local perspective, you will find many fascinating facts and stories about our wonderful Creswick icon and its Parishioners.

Included will be stories about the world-class stained glass windows dedicated in memory of our local people. More details on the book will be available in the next Newsletter update.

Other Events—Special Celebratory Mass with Bishop Paul Bird. Free Luncheon, Historic Photo Gallery and Memorabilia display on the Sunday.



Can you name this St Augustine's rising tennis star?

You'll find the answer in the next edition of the 150th Anniversary Celebration Update.

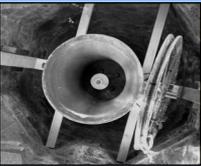
Help! We need you....

As you can imagine, the success of our 150th Anniversary celebrations in September will require a lot of planning and preparations for the two big days. Specifically, we are looking for volunteers to become involved and help us with

many aspects of setting up and cleaning up for the Dinner, the Gallery Exhibition and arranging the light lunch after Mass on the Sunday. If you are keen to help us celebrate our 150th Anniversary please contact Neil Doolan.

We need your permission.....

We want to see your photos. Bring along any you have, labelled with your name and contact number on the back. Note: Photos may be included in the commemorative book being created and/or published online on our web page or Facebook pages. Please let us know if you do **NOT** want them used.



Answers to Quiz Questions from 1st May, 2022 Edition

- 1: **1938** is the year this photograph was taken when the new Sanctuary was built onto the current Church building.
- 2: This is a picture of the '**Murderer's Bell**'. The bell, which is still in active duty today, was donated by John Fraipont, an elderly Frenchman who was convicted of the murder of Thomas Childs in 1883. After a petition by the locals whom felt he was otherwise a good man, his death sentence was commuted to 15 years and he died in gaol. Fraipont donated 70 Pounds to install the bell as a reminder to the people of Creswick 'not to lose their temper'. The miners' macabre wisecrack said, "They didn't hang him, so he hung the bell."
- 3: This is a photo of a very young **David Preston**, singing in the Church Choir. Maybe he will sing once more for us at the Anniversary celebrations?