



St Peter's Church: Sunday

Mass time 10.30am.

St Augustine's Sunday

Mass time 8.45am.

St Joseph's Blampied

LLA November 12th @
9.00am

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Creswick— Tuesday from
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2.00pm; Wed 9.00am –3.00;

Thurs— 9.00am –until 11.30

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NEWSLETTER



REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel is a lesson on leadership. The gospel writer has Jesus offering a very strong criticism of the religious leadership of his day as exemplified by the scribes and Pharisees. He accuses them of not practising what they preach – a rather familiar criticism often levelled at politicians, teachers and church leaders in our own society today. When the criticism is used today it often implies that if the person fails to practise what they preach then what they have to say carries little weight. But rather than totally rejecting the scribes and Pharisees, Jesus cautions his listeners to take notice of what they have to say – as their teachings were always grounded in scripture and tradition – but not to follow their example of behaviour. Throughout Matthew's gospel we encounter criticisms of the scribes and Pharisees. This example is of the same nature: they were too caught up with rules and obligations and did not approach life with compassion and concern for the individual. The community for whom Matthew's gospel was intended was struggling with being both Jewish and Christian. They were coming to realise that to be followers of Jesus' way they needed to cast aside some of the attitudes and behaviours of their Jewish tradition. That applied particularly to the model of leadership that they had inherited from Jesus: a model of leadership through service, not power and authority. This gospel passage makes it very clear for that original community as well as ourselves that true leadership is provided through service to others and through humble action. Unlike the Pharisees of Jesus' time, Christian leaders are called to do away with the trappings of power and prestige and, instead, be of service to those whom they would lead.

Parish News:



Creswick Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Group— please note change of meeting date. Now Sunday Nov 19th at 12pm in the school staff room, lunch provided. Please let Phonse know if you are attending.

Sunday November 5th Coffee at Widowtwankeys Clunes at approx 10.15

Anointing Masses

St Augustine's Creswick Tuesday November 28th 10am, followed by morning tea. Please bring a plate

St Peter's Daylesford Friday December 1st at 11am, followed by lunch.

Congratulations to:

Trevor and Therese Sheridan on the
Baptism of their daughter *Macey Louise*

And

Christopher and Justine Humphry on the
Baptism of their daughter *River Rose*



