



### **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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### **Parish Office hours:**

Creswick— Tuesday from  
9.30am –11.00am

Daylesford— Tues from 12.00-  
2.00pm; Wed 9.00am –3.00;

Thurs— 9.00am –until 11.30

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# NEWSLETTER



**Gospel Reflection-** Like last week's gospel, we again have an example of the Pharisees seeking to 'catch Jesus out' in his interpretation of scripture. The Pharisees were regarded as the great interpreters of the Torah – the Law. To them, ALL the commandments were vitally important, not just the Ten Commandments given to Moses with which we are perhaps most familiar, but the 613 mitzvot (commandments) contained within the Torah – the first five books of the Bible. These

613 mitzvot governed all aspects of Jewish life. For the Pharisees to ask Jesus about the 'greatest' commandment was a blatant challenge to him. Perhaps they expected Jesus to name one commandment and then they could challenge him with a whole series of 'What about ...?' questions. Jesus' answer to the Pharisees highlights their preoccupation with the particulars of the Law contained within scripture. In their over-emphasis on the details of religious observance, they have forgotten about the most basic element of faith: to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind. Jesus reminds them that being faithful to God isn't about following precise rules but rather it is simply about loving God. With this one sentence, Jesus undermines the power position of the Pharisees. If the Law is as simple as 'Love God', what need is there of Pharisees to interpret the details of the Law? Having pulled the rug out from under them, Jesus follows up with his reminder that the second most important commandment is to love your neighbour as yourself. This is a call to compassion and justice that Jesus practised freely but was sadly lacking in the religious authorities.

### **St Augustine's News:**



There will be a St Augustine's liturgy meeting for all interested parishioners on **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October at 12 noon** in the glass room in the church.

**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. Fr Gary.

**Sunday November 5th**—Coffee at Widowntwankeys Clunes at approx 10.15

### **Church Pews**

Anyone interested in purchasing a Pew from St Thomas Aquinas Clunes, please email Leah at the office: two sizes/ small 2m– large 3 metre.

### **Anointing Masses**

St Augustine's Creswick Tuesday November 28th 10am, followed by morning tea



### **All Saints Day Mass**

Mass will be celebrated at St Augustine's at 10am on Wednesday Nov 1st

St Peter's at 12pm on Wednesday Nov 1st

**All Souls Day-** St Francis Xavier Chapel Eganstown at 11am on Thursday Nov 2nd

