



St Peter's Church: Sunday

Mass time 10.30am.

St Augustine's Sunday

Mass time 8.45am.

St Joseph's Blampied

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2.00pm; Wed 9.00am –3.00;

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NEWSLETTER

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel is the final passage in Matthew's gospel before the passion narrative – the death and resurrection of Jesus. As such, it provides a powerful end point to the teaching ministry section of the gospel. In many ways this passage can be seen as a summary of Jesus' vision for the Kingdom – a world in which the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked and the imprisoned are treated with respect and dignity as a child of God. This is exactly what Jesus himself did throughout his ministry and it is what all Christian people are called to do.

Like the virtuous people of the passage, there are many times when we do not know the good work that we do. There are many times when our positive interaction with another person can be the difference between hope and despair for that person – and we may never know the difference we have made in their life. The challenge presented by Jesus is that whenever we see a person in need our response to them should be as if we were responding to Jesus himself.

But what of the times we fail to respond to the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked and the imprisoned? Who are they for us? ... That irritating person who we've never been able to get along with? ... That person who's just arrived in the country and can't speak the language properly? ... That kid who always looks dirty and nobody talks to? ... That girl who's no good at relating to other people and everyone avoids her? ... The homeless man in the street who asks for money? ... The asylum seeker fleeing their country who didn't go through all the right channels to immigrate? ... Lord, when did we see you, and not come to your help?

Parish News:



St Augustine's Church Cleaning : The school cleaner is taking on the cleaning of St Augustine's Church as of December. Thank you to all those who offered suggestions. Thank you to those parishioners who have cleaned over the years - much appreciated.

Creswick St Vincent de Paul - Christmas cards (50c) and Calenders (\$7) available after Mass at rear of St Augustine's.

Christmas Mass Times:

St Peter's ***Christmas Eve 5.30pm***
 Christmas Day 9.30am

St Augustine's ***Christmas Eve 7.30pm***
 Christmas Day 8.00am



Please email the office if you are able to assist at the Christmas Masses—
readers, offertory, ministers of communion.

