



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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2.00pm; Wed 9.00am –3.00;

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NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

The gospel writer presents this episode as a deliberate attempt by the Pharisees to trap Jesus and turn the people against him. Their plan was a good one, with no apparent 'safe' answer: is it permissible (within Jewish tradition) to pay taxes to Caesar or not? If Jesus were to answer that it is not permissible to pay taxes then he would be identified as a rebel and a threat to Roman authority – leaving himself open to severe punishment. If he were to answer that it was permissible to pay the taxes he would have alienated a lot of his audience who resented the taxes imposed by Rome.

Instead of falling into the trap set by the Pharisees, Jesus approaches the question in a completely different way. He asks them to show him the money with which they pay the tax. Immediately, he has turned the tables on them. He doesn't appear to carry any of the coin in question and yet the Pharisees' disciples carry them as a matter of habit. They are asking if it is permissible to pay the tax and yet freely carry the coin with which the tax is paid. Jesus shows up the hypocrisy of their question by forcing them to reveal their own position in the simple action of producing one of the Roman coins. Jesus then closes the dispute by instructing them to render (give) to Caesar what belongs to Caesar but, more importantly, render to God what belongs to God. In a very simple way Jesus has shown up the Pharisees' disciples as being collaborators with the Roman authority and placing that authority above the authority of God. He reminds the listeners that regardless of earthly authority, the first duty is owed to God.

St Augustine's News:

Coffee after mass at Smokeytown Cafe Creswick every 3rd Sunday. Hosted by TheFamily Group

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

In celebration of Fr Gary's 30th (?) anniversary this month, all St Augustine's parishioners are invited to join with the Parish Council for dinner at the American Hotel on Friday October 27th. Pay as you go. Please RSVP to Phonse Liddle on or 5345 6390 or Loretta Kaval on 0466 499 864

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

The proposal is to celebrate mass of anointing of the sick during the month of November. We are looking for suitable dates and time. Could anyone help in organising this event please contact the Parish Office.

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

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