



St Peter's Church: Sunday

Mass time 10.30am.

St Augustine's Sunday

Mass time 8.45am.

St Joseph's Blampied –Next

Mass will be 21st of October
@ 6.00pm Saturday Vigil.

Word & Communion Service

Blampied on 7th of October
@ 9.00am Sunday.

Parish Staff:

Parish Priest: Fr Gary Jones

Parish Admin:

Leah Monaghan

Creswick School Principal:

Mr Terry Brennan

Daylesford School Principal:

Mr Ethan Corfee

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

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter- Gospel Reflection

On a first reading of this gospel story, the reader is probably struck by the unfairness of the situation. The landowner has employed day labourers at different times throughout the day to work in his vineyard. However, come the end of the day, the landowner pays all the day labourers the same amount. Not surprisingly, the labourers employed at daybreak to work the whole day are upset that those who have only worked the last hour of the day are paid the same amount. The landowner reminds them that he is paying them what they agreed at the start of the day, and yet the reader is left uncomfortable about the whole arrangement.

Of course, this is the purpose of Jesus' story! The key to the story is in the introduction. Most of the kingdom parables told by Jesus begin with a formulaic statement, 'The kingdom is like ...' and this one is no different. What follows is almost always a description of an everyday event that is turned on its head. In all of the kingdom parables recorded in the gospels, Jesus describes a world order in which people respond in unexpected and sometimes confusing ways. His message is that the kingdom, or reign, of God turns expectations upside down. In the kingdom, people who are treated badly in this world are held in great esteem; the balance of power is turned upside down; and the usual order of things is challenged.

Summary: Social Justice Statement 2017–2018

Everybody's Business: Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 24 September. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: 'Everyone's Business: Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy'. The Statement calls for an economy that is founded on justice and offers dignity and inclusion to every person. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website (www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or call (02) 8306 3499.

