



St Peter's Church: Sunday

Mass time 10.30am.

St Augustine's Sunday

Mass time 8.45am.

St Joseph's Blampied

11.03.18 @ 11.00am Final Mass followed by lunch. More details to come

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Office hours during January are different.

Wednesday 9.30am

Friday 10.00am

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NEWSLETTER

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

This week's Gospel shows us clearly that those Jesus chose to follow him closely were the most ordinary of people. Anyone today wanting to enter into some sort of public life would gather around them a team of advisers, an image stylist, a public relations expert, a market analyst and probably a guard or two. Who did Jesus choose to be 'entourage'? A few fishermen, some friends of friends and even a tax collector – one the most despised occupations of his time. The very ordinariness of these disciples was a deliberate action on the part of Jesus. It was a clear statement that his message was not for the learned scholars and interpreters of the Torah but rather for the everyday person. Throughout the gospels we see that the vast majority of encounters and interactions that Jesus has are with common, everyday people. When he encounters the officials of the Jewish faith – the scribes and Pharisees – it is inevitably in a conflict situation. Those to whom he directs his ministry are the common people – those who have felt the brunt of Roman oppression and the strict interpretation of Jewish Law.

The gospel passage also gives us an insight into what a charismatic figure Jesus must have been. Fishing was a good solid livelihood. Fish was a staple in the diet of Galileans and so supplying that staple would have provided a regular income. But on encountering this man Jesus, the fishermen abandon their nets and begin to follow him. They must have immediately seen something in him that impressed them. It seems hard to believe that physically tough men such as fishermen would have been easily impressed – much like today. So the impact that Jesus made on these men must have been quite special to make them walk away from everything that they knew.



Parish News:

Phone Number—The office and Presbytery at St Peter's can now be contacted on (03) 5301 8161

Daylesford Parish—new planned giving envelopes are available at the rear of the Church.

Proposed date for Parish Picnic—Sunday February 11th after 10.30am Mass at St Peter's. *All Welcome*. This year we will be having a BBQ in the Church grounds, please bring a salad/sweet to share. If you are able to assist with cooking please let us know. Family Group Leaders please pass on to group members so we can get an idea of numbers. Thank you.

