



St Peter's Church: Sunday

Mass time 10.30am.

St Augustine's Sunday

Mass time 8.45am.

St Joseph's Blampied

Midland Hwy

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Wednesday Daylesford 9.30 - 3pm

Closed Thursday

Friday Daylesford 12—1pm

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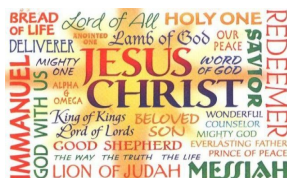
Gospel Reflection This week's first reading from Jeremiah is a very powerful image and a foreshadowing of the message and ministry of Jesus. In the Jeremiah reading, the Lord announces that (yet again) a new covenant will be made between the people and their God. This time, however, the covenant will not be a collection of rules written in stone as was the case with the covenant of the Ten Commandments after the people had been led out of slavery in Egypt. The people have demonstrated that they are not able to uphold that covenant. This time, God declares that the covenant will be 'planted deep within them' and 'written on their hearts'. This is a wonderful image: I will write my covenant on your heart! It is the message that Jesus tried to convey over and over again – the Law of God is not to be found in a multitude of rules and regulations but it is a Law of the heart, calling for compassion and love.

This message is no better demonstrated than in this week's gospel passage. Jesus declares that, 'unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.' He is speaking of course about his own life, but he is speaking also to those around him and those of us who read the words today. Unless we are prepared to let go of our ego, our status, our 'reputation', for the sake of others and respond to them from the heart then we can never experience the breadth and depth of what it means to belong to a community. When we are prepared to let go of our hang-ups and reservations to make a difference in the lives of others then the 'harvest' that will be gathered from those actions will be great indeed!

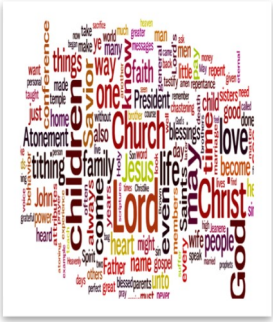
Gospel Focus – Love of life Jesus says, 'Anyone who loves (their) life loses it; anyone who hates (their) life in this world will keep it for the eternal life.' This can seem pretty tough! It challenges us about how much we cling to the 'things' of this life. Are we concerned about the labels on our clothes; the number of our friends; how much money we have; the sort of house we live in? If this is the 'life' that we place meaning on, then we will surely lose it. However, if we put aside the world's focus on material things and focus our attention on others then we are assured of eternal life.

His death and resurrection would bring a 'rich harvest' of belief among Gentiles as well as Jews.

Scriptural context – The Final Days Today's reading reminds us that we are closing in on the events of the Passion that we will remember more closely over the next couple of weeks. Although the Gospel of John appears to have Jesus in and around Jerusalem quite often, the events described in this week's reading take place in the preparation for Passover, immediately before the final days leading up to Jesus' death and resurrection. It is a fitting culmination to the Sunday gospels of Lent. It prepares us for the account of the Passion that will be the gospel next week.



Easter Rosters are available at the rear of the Church for those who are able to assist with the Ministries this Easter Season.



Last Week's Collections: Two collections are presented after the Prayers of the Faithful. The 1st Collection is cash toward the Presbytery for the sustenance of our Priest – with a contribution of 13% to provide support for our retired priests and the Diocese. The 2nd Collection is the Planned Giving (envelopes) or cash for the administration of the Parish & general running costs

Creswick Parish Collections: 1st Collection \$261.30 2nd Collection \$
 Daylesford Parish Collections: 1st Collection \$111.00 2nd Collection \$85.40



Recent Death: Bev Tatti, Joan Mansour (Maria Bruce's Mother)

Anniversaries: Daylesford: Shane Sause, Noel Rodgers, Rozelle Carman, Edna Glass, David Thomas, Peggy Maddicks, Carl Martin, Grace Comelli,

Anniversaries: Creswick: Alice Van Beveren, Mary O'Hagan, Liberata Venneri, Alma Smith, Coral Suckling, Ken Joynson

Children from our Parish who are receiving the Sacrament of Penance this week:



Daylesford: Mia Ford, Jessica Sims, Riley Booth, Olivia Righetti

Creswick: Masyn Erdody, Daisy Donovan - Clancy, Mitchell Martin, Mabel Barrett, Lily Bennett, Jonathon Oldaker, Phoebe Schneider, Luke Martin, Ned Charleson, Ashleigh Asha- Harrison

Later this year these children will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and in November the Sacrament of Eucharist. Please keep them in your prayers.

Liturgy Roster Creswick & Daylesford Parishes:

Sunday March 25th @ St Augustine's Creswick:



Welcomers/Offertory: Irene M/Barb H **Remote:** Loretta K

Commentator: Pat T **Reader:** Carol V

Eucharistic Ministers: Josie R, Barb H, Judy S

Weekday Mass: *10am Tuesday*

Sunday March 25th @ St Peter's Daylesford



Reader: I Tinetti **Offertory:** Bolton Family **Ministers:** T Tinetti, D Leonard, M Coffey **Sacristan:** Kath

Counters: *Mar 18 (Team 3)* D Leonard, M Bolton, V & L Hayes
 Mar 25 (Team 4) D & P Doherty

Weekday Mass: *10am Friday*