



St Peter's Church: Sunday

Mass time 10.30am.

St Augustine's Sunday

Mass time 8.45am.

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Wednesday Daylesford 9.30 - 3pm

Closed Thursday

Friday Daylesford 12—1pm

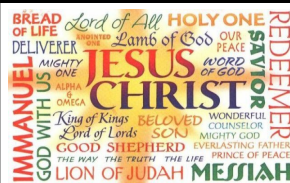
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NEWSLETTER

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

By the time the gospel accounts came to be written, it was more than 35 years after the death of Jesus. The Gospel of Mark is now very widely held to have been the first of the four gospels, written in about the year 70 CE. One of the reasons for the writing of the gospels was the fact that those who had walked and talked with Jesus were becoming old and dying. There was a sense of capturing the story before the last eye witnesses were gone. This is very evident in the Passion narrative from the gospel of Mark. One can almost hear an elderly voice dictating the events: 'then this happened ...; then he said ...; then we all thought ...' Like so much of this particular gospel, there is very little embellishment. It's like an old time detective show, 'Just give us the facts!' The gospel of Mark presents the story of the Passion as a sequence of events with little commentary or theological reflection. (That is partly why it lends itself so well to being read by several voices.)

One of the best examples that the gospel is a straightforward recollection of events is the inclusion of the scene in Gethsemane when the young man ran away naked. No storyteller would create such a bizarre, unexplained event. There is no explanation of who the young man is, why he was wearing only a loincloth, nor why the armed men tried to seize hold of him. It is reported in exactly the same style as the rest of the story – very matter-of-fact. The presence of the young man – both in Gethsemane and in the gospel – has puzzled scholars for many years, yet if nothing else, it provides evidence of the way in which this Passion narrative was transmitted from lived experience, to memory, to oral account, to written gospel.



Parents, Friends and Parishioners are invited to be part of our Interactive Stations of the Cross Liturgy on Holy Thursday at **St Michael's** commencing at 1.15pm.

Stations of the Cross @ Clunes Friday March 30th from 10am at the end of the Main Street across the Creek

There are no Weekday Masses during Holy Week.

