



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

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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

This week's gospel passage is one of many within Matthew's gospel that show Jesus at odds with the religious authorities of his day.

The picture of the religious leaders that comes through Matthew's gospel is one of hypocrisy. Jesus is frequently portrayed as criticising the leaders for holding too strongly to the letter of the law and ignoring the spirit of the law and the call to compassion. This week's passage has Jesus seeking the opinion of the chief priests and elders on a hypothetical situation (a common style of debating a point of law in the Jewish tradition). He describes two sons, each asked by their father to go and work in the family vineyard. The first says 'No' but later does his father's bidding. The second says 'Yes' but doesn't follow through on his commitment.

Jesus is criticising the religious leaders of his time who, with their words, said 'Yes' to God but by their actions said 'No'. He most certainly would have upset the leaders by telling them that tax collectors and prostitutes would enter the kingdom of God before them. Whilst these tax collectors and prostitutes were regarded by the religious authorities as 'sinners' beyond redemption, Jesus holds them up in the image of the first son of the story. Although they may have said 'No' to God through their poor choices, ultimately they are saying 'Yes' to God in their acceptance of Jesus and the message of the kingdom of God. On the other hand, the leaders have said 'Yes' to God publicly through abiding by all the religious laws and maintaining a 'religious profile' but in their hearts and actions they have not truly said 'Yes!'

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