



Sunday 25th October 2026

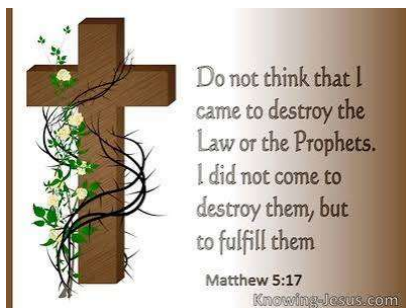
The Anglican Parish of Bass-Phillip Island

St Philip's, Cowes
St Augustine's, San Remo, St Paul's, Bass
Choose Hope, Love, Justice

Welcome! It is wonderful to gather for worship and celebrate the risen Lord. If you are visiting, we'd love you to join us for morning tea. We meet for worship on the lands of Bunurong, Gunai-kurnai and Woi-Wurrung people; the traditional owners of the land on which we gather, and pay our respects to their Elders, past, present, and pray God's blessings on all peoples.

Today: 22nd Sunday After Pentecost – Sermon on the Mount. The Law

Readings: Psalm 119: 1-8, 1 Cor 3: 1-9, Matthew 5: 17-37



Today we look at Jesus' teaching on the law. He challenges us to look beyond the simple commands that we may think are easy for us to follow or not relevant, like *Do not murder, do not commit adultery*. Jesus says we are to look at our attitudes, our anger, our lustful desires. Jesus says he has come to fulfil the law; if we follow his teachings, if we model ourselves on him,

filled with his Spirit, then we will know his heart and seek to live holy lives. Later in Matthew he sums up the Old Testament laws with two commandments... *to love God with all your heart, soul, and mind, and to love your neighbour as yourself*. We will do well to follow those commands.

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PRAYER POINTS:

- **The World:** Loving God, we pray for the nations of the world, for places troubled by war, disaster, poverty, and injustice. Grant wisdom to leaders, courage to peacemakers, and compassion to all people. Protect those leaders who feel under threat from those who oppose them. We pray for our Australian politicians, especially healing for Federal MP Helen Haines.
- **The Church:** Faithful God, we pray for your Church throughout the world. Strengthen all who proclaim the Gospel, encourage those who serve in ministry, and unite us in love and purpose. Help us to live as your disciples, following your law of love for God and others.
- **The Community:** Gracious God, we give thanks for our local community. Bless families, schools, businesses, community groups, emergency services, and all who work for the common good. We give thanks for the time of serving our community and visitors with breakfasts this weekend. We pray for safe travel of all those who came to the MotoGP, keep them safe on the roads.
- **Those in Need:** Merciful God, we remember before you all who are sick, grieving, lonely, anxious, or struggling in any way. Surround them with your healing presence, comfort those who mourn, strengthen those who care for others, and renew all who are currently facing difficulties.

DIARY DATES THIS WEEK:

Sun 25 th - Mon 26 th	7:00am Moto GP Breakfasts – Parish Hall
Wed 28 th	Midday prayer at St Augustine's – San Remo
Thursday 29 th	10:00am Communion – St. Philip's, Cowes
Friday 30 th	11:00 – 1:00 Chat 'n Chew – Parish Hall
Sunday 1 st	9:30am Communion Service, St. Philip's, Cowes 11:00am Family Service, St. Augustine's, San Remo 11:30am Communion Service, St. Paul's, Bass

NEWS and EVENTS:

BCA Dinner- Warragul Anglican Church 6th Nov 6pm. *Good News for and from Katherine*. Register @ <https://www.bushchurchaid.com.au/shop-event.php?intid=107>

Ordination Service – Saturday 7th November 11am. Come and support Marinus van Meerten as he is ordained Deacon at St Paul's Cathedral in Sale. Please be praying for Marinus as he prepares for ordination.

National Church Life Surveys - Sunday 1st November after church
Sunday 29th Nov AGM Meeting prior to the Combined Parish Service

Next Sunday: Psalm 15, Romans 12:14-21, Matthew 5:38-47