



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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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

Look at any newspaper, magazine, television current affairs program or social commentary and you will be bombarded with the notion that the institution of family is under attack. Rather, what appears to be under attack is a particular view of what it means to be 'family'. Society in general and governments in particular are recognising the reality that 'family' is a much more fluid term than it used to be. Rather than an attack on family, it might be argued that there is in fact an embracing of the concept of family by making its definition much broader.

In this feast we celebrate the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The model of family that we have in this Holy Family is a model that would not be entirely out of place in the 21st Century. Mary was a very young woman; possibly no more than 13 or 14 years old. Joseph was an older man; possibly on his second marriage. There was a degree of scandal about the conception of their child and Joseph seriously contemplated whether or not he would go ahead with the marriage. They were forced to flee their homeland and seek protection as refugees in Egypt. We see from today's passage that the parents are doing their best to be faithful to their religious and cultural traditions whilst worrying about what the future holds for their son. It is a picture that is not too different from the situation in which many families today find themselves. So while we celebrate today the feast of the Holy Family, it is very much a celebration of every family.



Organs of the Ballarat Goldfields—12th to 21st January.

Monday January 15th at St John's Anglican Church Creswick.

Thursday January 18th St Paul's Anglican Church Clunes followed by the singing of the National Anthem by Queen Victoria in 1860—at the Clunes Town Hall.

Full programme available—www.ballarat.com/organs

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 in the Parish Centre

