



### **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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Tuesday—Creswick 9.30—11am

Daylesford 12—3pm

Wednesday Daylesford 9.30 - 3pm

Closed Thursday

Friday Daylesford 12—1pm

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# NEWSLETTER



## **Towards 2020 -**

**From Fr Justin Driscoll Vicar General**

In the latter part of 2018 and into 2019, there will be gatherings at local and regional levels of the Diocese that will be opportunities for Dialogue towards 2020. Prayer and Dialogue are essential elements in this whole process of preparation for the 2020 Plenary Council. The Diocesan Pastoral Council has begun to consider ways of encouraging Parish Pastoral

Councils and local Leadership Teams to plan ways of hosting dialogue sessions with as many as possible. Diocesan Commissions, Councils, Boards and Committees will all have the Plenary Council on their agendas. Catholic Schools, Social Services and Health Care institutions will also be called into this preparatory phase. At a recent gathering in Sydney to start the conversation across the Australian Church towards the 2020 Plenary Council, Good Samaritan Sister Clare Condon expressed her hope that the preparatory processes of the Plenary Council would engage with survivors of sexual abuse by clergy and religious, ordinary faithful Catholics, clergy, Australia's first peoples, women, young people, those who are served by St Vincent de Paul and Centacare, the homeless, disabled, those living with mental health challenges and those who are marginalised in so many ways. Such engagement would help us become not just a Church for the poor but a Church of the poor.

What is expected throughout all of the stages of the Plenary Council is that it will be messy, at times chaotic, frustrating, confronting, honest, truthful, inspiring, visionary. Proposals might be easy to express but not easy to implement. Throughout the whole journey mutual listening will be required so that everybody learns. This means that the humility to listen, even and perhaps especially to difference, will be asked of all who participate.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge of Brisbane who is chairing the Bishop's committee for the Plenary Council has likened the journey to the 2020 Plenary Council to the biblical pilgrimage of Abraham, requiring us to leave some things behind, having the courage to let some things go and imagine new ways, allowing ourselves to be led by a God who dislocates. He has said that the journey to the Plenary Council must be the work of the Holy Spirit, it must be an act of faith which is why we will commence our preparations for the 2020 Plenary Council with Praying towards 2020 in the Easter season of 2018.



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

