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NEWSLETTER 24 - AUGUST 2021

Greetings to all

Now that we are in lockdown again, I wish you all the best for the coming few weeks. These times can be hard and taxing, but we need to remember that there are certainly people in far worse situations than we are at this time and to be thankful for all we have.

With the need of authorised provider and authorised worker permits, the number of people working in the diocesan offices has been further reduced. As a result of this, Djurdja is managing the Bishop's Office from her home. The office phone system is rather antiquated therefore Djurdja is only available via email. Telephone calls to the diocesan offices are being managed by the Finance Office. Other members of the Bishop's Office staff are also available via email.

The next Council of Priests meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, starting with lunch at noon. Afternoon tea will be provided. Further details will be available closer to the event. Please place this date in your diary.

Best wishes.

Kevin Maloney VG

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

The latest information on COVID 19 restrictions are available on the diocesan [website](#).

Plenary Council

The Plenary Council Diocesan Members recently received the following information:

In April 2020, in response to the initial outbreak of the Alpha strain of the COVID-19 virus, the Conference made the decision to postpone the General Assemblies of the Plenary Council until October 2021/July 2022.



At the commencement of 2021, planning for the first General Assembly moved from a single gathering point in Adelaide, to being held in five locations – taking the approach of ‘Hubs’. The ‘Hub’ gatherings would have provided a communal environment for daily Mass, prayer and table fellowship, however all plenary sessions and small groups for Members would have taken place online.

The Steering Team worked to ensure that despite being in multiple geographical locations, that all Members would experience one Plenary Council Assembly using the Microsoft Teams platform. The experience of the Member Formation programs facilitated during June and July 2021 has proven the experience, whilst obviously different than in-person, to be engaging in communal prayer, conversation and discernment.

It is now our reality, that with the arrival of the Delta strain in Australia, the high level of restrictions and lockdown laws that are almost instantly put in place across much of the country, the low levels of vaccination of the Australia population, the high transmissibility of the Delta strain and the remote likelihood of there being freedom of movement for large gatherings in the next 50 days, that it is necessary to cease planning for gathering in Hubs and shift all efforts to planning for a virtual first General Assembly with one person using one device.

This recommendation was given from the Steering Team to the Bishops Commission for the Plenary Council last week. After consultation, the decision has been taken to commence the Plenary Council with a first General Assembly in October 2021, to be held virtually using the Microsoft Teams platform.

While this change is not likely a surprise, it will change the nature of the Plenary. The Plenary Steering Committee is ensuring increased technical support and training for members. Our diocesan members are Marie Shaddock (Ouyen), Felicity Knobel (Ballarat), Bishop Paul Bird, Fr Kevin Maloney, Monsignor Glynn Murphy (representing the Military Ordinariate) and Fr Kevin Lenehan (representing Catholic Theological College, Archdiocese of Melbourne).

Agenda: An important milestone for the Plenary Council was the publication of the agenda. It gives the Members the responsibility of developing "concrete proposals" for the Church in Australia in response to sixteen questions. These questions have emerged from the past three years and several layers of prayer, listening, dialogue and discernment.

It is important for us to remember when reading the agenda that it is to be addressed over the entirety of the time we "celebrate" the Plenary Council. This includes the first Assembly in October 2021, the months between the two assemblies and the second Assembly in July 2022.

The agenda's preamble draws from Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, which explores the Pope's "dream of a 'missionary option'". The agenda has been developed in the form of posing questions, with the sixteen questions falling under six themes: Conversion; Prayer; Formation; Structures; Governance; and Institutions.

As with all discussions/involvement with the Plenary Council, the Holy Spirit can lead us in many directions and this is the same with the agenda. The agenda is proposed, but with discussion the Council can add items as the conversation goes on.

Member formation: Another important step in the journey of the Plenary Council is the Member formation sessions. Each Member attended one of the sessions - two in June, two in July - that helped introduce them to one another, familiarise them with the process of "spiritual conversation" and become more comfortable with the Teams platform that will support the multi-modal delivery. The feedback from these formation sessions was positive with Members saying they were excellent and have made them more confident about the Plenary, about what is going on and how things are going to work.

Diocesan Members: Previously the Diocesan Plenary Council Facilitation Team had mentioned that diocesan members of the forthcoming Australian Plenary Council, Marie Shaddock, Felicity Knobel, Bishop Paul and Kevin Maloney, were hoping to visit parishes to talk about the Plenary Council and the Assemblies to be held in October this year and July next year. There have been a few visits but unfortunately, with the continuing lockdowns and restrictions, this is proving quite difficult. We are instead inviting parish priests to make mention of the Plenary Council at Masses leading up to the Council in October. If you require any information regarding this, please contact Jane Collins jane.collins@ballarat.catholic.org.au.



Fan the Flame Prayer Campaign: Another way of "Continuing the Journey" for the Plenary Council is taking part in the national prayer campaign, supporting and praying for the Plenary Council. As the first Assembly in October 2021 draws nearer, all people are invited to become 'Prayer Partners'

to accompany the Members and invoke the Holy Spirit on this historic gathering for the Church in Australia. The "Fan the Flame" resources have been designed so they can be used by individuals or by parishes with groups of any size and in any setting. They include material for each week as well as material that can be used at any time to support prayerful preparation for the Plenary Council. Resources can be accessed at the Plenary Council [website](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheblade/).

Opportunity to contribute: The last twelve or so months of our Plenary Council Journey has required many unplanned changes due to the impact of COVID-19 and it is still difficult to gather as we had hoped due to restrictions. With the Plenary Council agenda having been published, we can however reflect and pray with the sixteen questions that form the agenda. With this in mind, we extend to people in the diocese an invitation, another opportunity, to engage in the process and to listen deeply to the voice of the Spirit – ["Continuing the Journey" handout](#). We ask parishes to extend this invitation to parishioners via the bulletin or directly by email to them if possible. Parishioners are free to complete this handout individually or part of a small group depending on COVID restrictions. Any submissions will be forwarded to the Diocesan Members to the Plenary Council.

Wimmera-Mallee Parish

On July 1, Bishop Paul Bird CSsR [decreed](#) the establishment of the new Saint Paul VI Parish, Wimmera-Mallee. The new parish covers the area of the former parishes of Hopetoun, Horsham, Nhill and Warracknabeal and will include the DOBCEL schools:

- St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Hopetoun;
- Ss Michael and John's Primary School, Horsham;
- St Brigid's College, Horsham;
- Our Lady's Help of Christians Primary School, Murtoa.
- St Patrick's Primary School, Nhill;
- St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Warracknabeal;

Monsignor Glynn Murphy and Fr Jim McKay have been serving in these parishes and they will continue their service in the new parish. The new email address for the parish is wimmeramaltee@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Training for Professional Supervisors

The University of Divinity is offering a training program for professional supervisors delivered in an online format. The first intake in this program is currently underway and reports are very positive about the experience. A new cohort will begin in semester 1, 2022.

Information on the Professional Supervision Program is available at [here](#). Catholic Theological College is planning with the Program Team to arrange an online information session about this program later in the year. For further information contact Fr Kevin Lenehan kevin.lenehan@ctc.edu.au

Ballarat Diocesan Personnel Board Executive Summary

Meeting held Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at the Diocesan Offices.

Prayer: Bishop Paul Bird CSsR led the Plenary Council Prayer.

In attendance: Bishop Paul Bird, Anne Eskdale, Fiona Murphy, Michael Myers, Frs Marcello Colasante, John Fitzgerald, Andrew Hayes, John Monaghan, Ed Moloney, Kevin Maloney VG, Kevin Lenehan.

Update on items from previous meeting:

- Fr Ed Moloney will complete his appointment at the seminary at the end of 2021 and will return to ministry in the diocese.
- Parishes of Mortlake and Terang: Fr Michael McKinnon's appointment as Administrator of these parishes has been extended until June 30, 2021 as his travel to Peru is still delayed. Members expressed appreciation for Fr Michael's ministry in his current position.
- Parish of Warrnambool East: Fr Lawrence O'Toole has suggested the end of May 2022 would be a good time for him to conclude his appointment in Warrnambool East.
- Parish of Apollo Bay: Fr Wally Tudor is investigating some health concerns and planning for his future needs and ministry.

Warrnambool, Warrnambool West, Dennington, Koroit and Port Fairy Parishes: It is proposed that these parishes be united into one parish to be called "Star of the Sea". The new parish would continue to be served by Frs John Fitzgerald and John Corrigan. Members agreed that it was timely to move towards uniting now, as people of the parishes involved are anticipating the change and are favourable toward it. The relationship with the Warrnambool East Parish is developing well.

Hopetoun, Horsham, Nhill and Warracknabeal Parishes: It is proposed that these parishes are united into one parish to be called "Saint Paul VI Parish, Wimmera-Mallee". The new parish will continue to be served by Monsignor Glynn Murphy and Fr Jim McKay. Members agreed it was good to progress with this proposal at this time.

Placement of Matthew Restall and Bill Lowry as deacons (2022): It is envisaged these men will be ordained deacons later in the year. Members discussed placement locations that allow opportunity for a range of diaconal ministries. The placement may need to be combined with some study and pastoral supervision in the seminary. Discussion with local priests would take place before appointments are finalised.

Dates for meetings of Personnel Board in 2021: Tuesdays August 3, September 28, November 23.

Ballarat Diocesan College of Consultors Executive Summary

Meeting held Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at the Diocesan Offices.

Prayer: Bishop Paul Bird CSsR led the prayer for the Plenary Council.

In attendance: Bishop Paul Bird, Frs Kevin Maloney VG, Ed Moloney, John Fitzgerald, John Monaghan, Marcello Colasante, Kevin Lenehan, Andrew Hayes.

Engagement of Diocesan Community with Plenary Council:

- It is suggested that diocesan Plenary Council members could be available to speak at some Masses in different areas of the diocese, to inform people about the main themes of the Council and open discussion with parishioners. Kevin Maloney will follow up with arrangements;
- Plenary Council Members from the Diocese of Ballarat are Marie Shaddock, Felicity Knobel, Bishop Paul, Mons Glynn Murphy, Frs Kevin Maloney and Kevin Lenehan.

Engagement with Synod on Synodality:

- Dioceses will be asked to participate in a worldwide consultation leading up to the 2023 Synod of Bishops on the topic of Synodality. Members noted a difficulty of terminology; 'Synodality' is not a term that Catholic people readily understand. Also, the timing of Vatican consultation coincides with the first session of the Australian Plenary Council and it may be a challenge to get parishioners attention to both events;
- It was suggested that a good deal of material in the Australian Plenary consultation process focussed on themes of synodality, participation and collaborative ministry. At least one of the discernment papers and a section of the *instrumentum laboris* directly refer to becoming a more synodal church. It may be possible to use this material in shaping a response to the Vatican consultation.

National Church Life Survey:

- This is a large scale survey with significant recurrent costs;
- A private donation has been made to provide some Catholic participation in the survey without cost to the diocese;
- In the Ballarat Diocese the parish communities selected for participation are: Timboon, Mortlake, Coleraine, Daylesford, Ballarat Cathedral, Donald, Wycheproof and Maryborough. Kevin Maloney is in contact with these parishes to assist with their participation in the survey;
- It was noted there are challenges identifying which parish or Mass centre respondents belong to.

Other items: Bishop Paul gave a brief update on the diocesan contributions to the funding package provided by the national church to Catholic Church Insurances.

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Ballarat Diocesan Personnel Board Executive Summary

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Prayer: Bishop Paul Bird CSsR led the National Prayer for Plenary Council.

In attendance: Bishop Paul Bird, Frs Kevin Maloney VG, John Fitzgerald, Andrew Hayes, Marcello Colasante, Ed Moloney, John Monaghan, Anne Eskdale

Apologies: Fiona Murphy, Fr Kevin Lenehan, Michael Myers.

Minutes of Meeting June 22, 2021: Accepted.

Update of items from previous meeting:

- Hopetoun, Horsham, Nhill and Warracknabeal Parishes have become one parish to be known as Saint Paul VI Parish, Wimmera-Mallee, under the care of Monsignor Glynn Murphy and Fr Jim McKay.
- Parishes of Mortlake and Terang: Fr Michael McKinnon will conclude his appointment as Administrator of these parishes on September 19 and will then travel to Peru to take up his appointment there with the Columbans.
- Parishes of Warrnambool, Warrnambool West, Dennington, Koroit and Port Fairy: These parishes will unite under the name of Star of the Sea Parish, South West, under the care of Frs John Fitzgerald and John Corrigan. Fr Fitzgerald indicated the legal aspects associated with the unification will be completed sometime between the end of September 2021 and January 1, 2022.

Pastoral Planning/Parish Amalgamations/Clergy Availability:

- Warrnambool East Parish: Upon the retirement of Fr Lawrence O'Toole in June 2022, it is likely that this parish will be incorporated into the Star of the Sea Parish, South West.
- Apollo Bay: In view of Fr Wally Tudor's ongoing health concerns, Fr Kevin Maloney will meet with parish members regarding support for Fr Wally between now and the end of the year when he will retire. A planned meeting with parishioners will also look at future possibilities for the parish. It is possible that Fr Maloney will help out during the Christmas season.
- Mortlake and Terang Parishes: These parishes will become vacant when Fr Michael McKinnon leaves to take up his assignment in Peru in September. Bishop Paul will contact the priests inviting expressions of interest in serving as Parish Priest of Mortlake and Terang. At the same time, Bishop Paul will ask for indications from priests who may have a general interest in a move of parish in the next twelve months.
- With the departure of two priests by the end of the year and the return of Fr Ed Moloney from working in the Provincial Seminary, the diocese will have one priest less. Consideration will need to be given at the next meeting to further changes for parish structures and management. Fr Ed Moloney is conducting consultations with Gordon/Bungaree Parishes and Fr Kevin Maloney will meet with the Pastoral Planning Panel.

Seminarians: Bill Lowry and Matthew Restall will likely be ordained to the diaconate in late 2021. There is need for placements that will allow for ministry as deacons, together with some further study with Catholic Theological College for final academic and ordination requirements. Warrnambool, Ballarat and Colac were suggested as possible placements.

“Looking Forward”: There was suggestion that clergy with a current diocesan appointment meet to further reflect on proposed revisions to the pastoral planning document *Looking Forward*. The Pastoral Planning Panel has some recommendations for the next four years.

Diocesan Personnel Board meeting dates for 2021: Tuesdays September 28, November 23.

Ballarat Diocesan College of Consultors Executive Summary

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Prayer: Bishop Paul CSsR led the diocesan prayer for Plenary Council.

In attendance: Bishop Paul Bird, Frs Kevin Maloney VG, John Fitzgerald, Andrew Hayes, Ed Moloney, John Monaghan, Marcello Colasante, Kevin Lenehan (first half of meeting).

Minutes of Meeting of June 22, 2021: Accepted.

Engagement of Diocesan Community with Plenary Council and Synod on Synodality: A document was provided indicating the timetables of the Australian Plenary Council and the Synod. The Synod process will involve consultation firstly on the local, then national, then regional and finally international levels, to take place over the next three years. We noted that the local consultation for the Synod will happen around the same time as the first assembly of the Plenary Council. There will also be some common areas of interest, with the Synod focussing on synodality and the Plenary Council also including some reflection on synodality.

National Church Life Survey: Participation of eight parishes in our diocese is being arranged.

1962 Latin Mass: Pope Francis has issued new directives regarding the celebration of Mass according to the 1962 Missal. Bishops are directed not to authorise new groups for these Masses. Priests require permission from their local Bishop to celebrate the 1962 Latin Mass. The Bishop is to designate when and where such Masses are to be held. Currently a faith-filled group gathers in St Columba's Church, Ballarat North, with around 20 to 30 people attending with a range of older people and younger families. Fr Chris Dowd OP and Emeritus Bishop Peter Connors are celebrating Mass for this group twice a month. They are also available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Mass. Most attenders are part of their local parish Mass communities on other Sundays. For health reasons, Bishop Peter will not continue his involvement beyond this month. Fr Chris Dowd will continue to celebrate Mass for this group once a month.

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Federal Parliament marks the bicentenary of Catholic education

On Wednesday, June 23, 2021 Federal Members of Parliament jointly supported a private member's motion to acknowledge 200 years of Catholic education in Australia, which marks the anniversary of the first official Catholic school opened on Hunter Street in Parramatta in October 1820. Member for Parramatta Julie Owens MP moved the motion, which was supported by five other members. More information [here](#).



Review of the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Ltd

The Bishops of the Victorian dioceses, as the bishop-members of the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Ltd (CECV), have agreed to undertake a wide-ranging review of the governance and operations of the CECV.

With the establishment of the four diocesan entities responsible for the governance of schools in Victoria, and coupled with the existing religious institute and ministerial public juridic person entities, the bishop-members have decided that the time has come to look at the present arrangements of the CECV.

An independent Review Panel has been appointed and Rev Dr Brendan Reed has been asked to Chair the review process. Rev Dr Reed will be supported by three eminent individuals, Ms Pam Betts, Dr John Ballard and Ms Moira Najdecki. You can find the biographies for the panel members on the Review of the CECV [website](#). The Review Panel will make recommendations to the bishop-members within 12 months. This will enable a thorough process – including analysis, consultation with stakeholders and feedback – to inform the development of recommendations.

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference - Disability Projects Office (DPO)

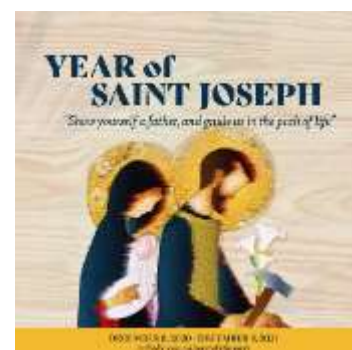
The work of the Disability Projects Office comes under the Australian Catholics Bishops Conference Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service.

The Office provides valuable resources to ensure the full participation of people with disability and their families in the life of the Church in Australia. There are also resources for mental health awareness. Go to their [website](#) to access these resources.

Year of St Joseph

Music for the Year of St Joseph: Don Stewart, a parishioner of St Joseph's Warrnambool, was asked to write a song in 2019 to celebrate the 170th anniversary of the founding of the parish. Don is offering **"Joseph's Song"** for use freely in the diocese in liturgy, prayer and reflection during this year of St Joseph.

There are two versions of this song – one for parishes and schools named in honour of St Joseph and one for communities and parishes that are not named after St Joseph, but would still like to celebrate this year. Listen and download the songs [here](#).



For copies of the lyrics, musical notation and guitar chords for the song, please contact Don via the [website](#) or email unmuzzledmusic@gmail.com.

Conditions of use are:

- 1) The copyright notice; "Copyright©Don Stewart, 2020" appears on all printed or digitally displayed copies of the song; and
- 2) That usage of the song is reported to the copyright collection agency OneLicense.

Don would like to hear from communities about how they use the song and whether it was a helpful resource for the prayer life of the community.

Australian Marist Br Michael Herry has written a new hymn, "**One Quiet Man**", inspired by Pope Francis' proclamation of the Year of St Joseph. To listen to the song, please visit the Marist Music [website](#). Br Michael can be contacted at michael.herry@marists.org.au

Year of St Joseph Monthly Reflections: Each month during the year of St Joseph, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference will publish a reflection on the various aspects of St Joseph's life and character. Lara Kirk, Marriage, Family and Relationships Co-ordinator for the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn, reflects on "The Holy Family" [here](#).

BCSF Annual Appeal

The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund Annual Appeal is usually held on the first Sunday in September or on another Sunday that is suitable for your parish. The BCSF Committee is very grateful for the support given each year to the promotion of this appeal.

National Church Life Survey

A substantial donation to NCLS will allow a sample of 230 Catholic parishes, including parishes in every diocese, to be surveyed free of charge. The survey will use the specific Catholic survey form as per previous surveys. The sample parishes have been chosen at random so as to provide a representative sample at both a diocesan and national level.

Comprehensive reports on the life of the parish and diocese will be provided to inform you and as the basis of planning for the future. These reports will be provided free of charge.

Support is also available in 2022 to all parishes and dioceses on how to understand the parish and diocesan reports and make the most of them in planning for a positive future. This will be negotiated at a very reasonable rate for those who wish to access further support.

Our sample areas/parish communities chosen at random are Timboon, Mortlake, Coleraine, Daylesford, Ballarat Cathedral, Wycheproof, Donald, Maryborough. It is anticipated that the survey will be conducted in September.

Climate Change Forum – Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission

On November 6, 2021 the Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission will host a Climate Change Forum in Ballarat. Through this forum, we celebrate the launch of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Social Justice Statement 2021-2022 'Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor'.

We are inviting you to share what you have for ecological justice. Do you market a product that is about sustainable practices and clean living? Maybe you know a thing or two about how to reduce carbon emissions. Do you have a particular skill in embracing nature and celebrating all things in the natural environment? We want to show the community what people are doing and this is an opportunity for you to share! It could be anything from how to make bees wax wraps, how to compost food scraps to how to recycle and make your own paper. Perhaps you have a wealth of gardening skills and can set up a stall to showcase them. Maybe you have information about how to save power and water.

Get in touch with us and let us know what you've got! We would love to hear from you. Email social.justice@ballarat.catholic.org.au.

Expressions of interest are being sort for membership of the Diocesan Finance Council, the Committee of Management of the Catholic Development Fund and the Board of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat Foundation

Ballarat's Diocesan Finance Council, the Committee of Management of the Catholic Development Fund and the Board of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat Foundation are seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified people (women and men) to join the advisory council, the advisory committee as well as the Foundation's Board. We are seeking persons from across the diocese who have experience in one or more of the following areas: Corporate Governance; Finance, Banking; Legal; and Philanthropy. Successful candidates will demonstrate a genuine commitment to the ethos and values of the Catholic Church and possess personal qualities of integrity, collaborative approach, sound judgement and excellent communication skills. More information is available at the diocesan [website](#) or contact Andrew Jirik, Diocesan Business Manager, ph. 5337 7126.

Diocesan Liturgical Commission Membership

The Ballarat Diocesan Liturgical Commission assists the Bishop with diocesan liturgies, liturgical matters of the diocese and provides formation to assist the growth of good liturgical practices. Membership of the Commission includes representation from priests, religious and laity throughout the diocese.

The Commission is currently seeking new members from all areas of the diocese. Membership is for an initial term of three (3) years with the option of two further terms (3 years per term). The Commission meets five times per year in Ballarat. Video linking facilities are available for meetings.

All members of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission must hold a current Working with Children check or VIT (Victorian Institute of Teaching) registration. The Charter of the Liturgical Commission is available from the diocesan [website](#). Expressions of interest can be forwarded to liturgy@ballarat.catholic.org.au

GodStart



GodStart is a post-baptism support program designed to help parents with the early development of their child's faith. The GodStart program helps parishes to keep in touch with families in the early years, before their children enter school.

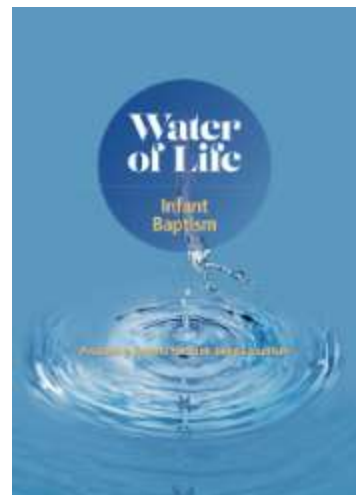
The program enables parishes to take an active role in helping parents teach their child about the love of God. GodStart can also strengthen the ties a parish has with families, assisting in the growth and development of a parish community. For more information on the GodStart program, contact the Pastoral Ministry Office, email pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au.

Infant Baptism Booklet, "Water of Life"

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission recently approved for use in the Ballarat diocese the infant baptism booklet, "Water of Life". This booklet is for parents/guardians preparing their baby for baptism.

This booklet has been produced by Teresa Pirola from The Story Source and includes:

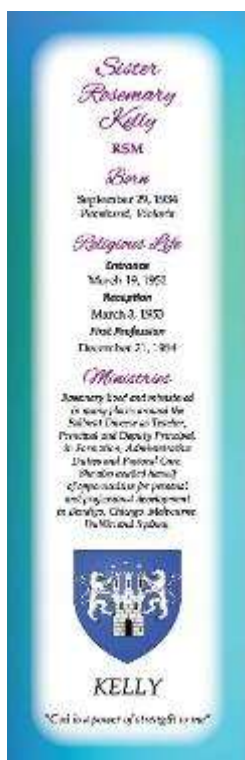
- 32 attractive pages exploring the meaning of the Sacrament of Baptism, its ritual steps and symbols;
- Parent/guardian-friendly information, including home-spirituality tips;
- Easy-to-use steps for parish personnel conducting a Baptism information session;
- Customised printing with our diocesan logo and Bishop's Letter.



The booklet will be available for purchase from the Pastoral Ministry Office, as per the catechetical resources for Eucharist and Confirmation. Booklets will be \$7.00 each. Availability will be advised.

We Remember

Sr Rosemary Kelly rsm



Sr Rosemary Kelly died on Monday, June 14 at Mercy Place Ballarat. Sr Rosemary's ministry was primarily in education, having taught in many schools in the Ballarat Diocese including Ballarat North, Ballarat East, Penshurst, Donald and Robinvale. She was also Principal at Robinvale and Charlton and Deputy Principal at Ballarat East and was a valued member of staff at St Martin's in the Pines/Damascus College, Mt Clear. The diocese is very grateful for Sr Rosemary's long ministry in education.

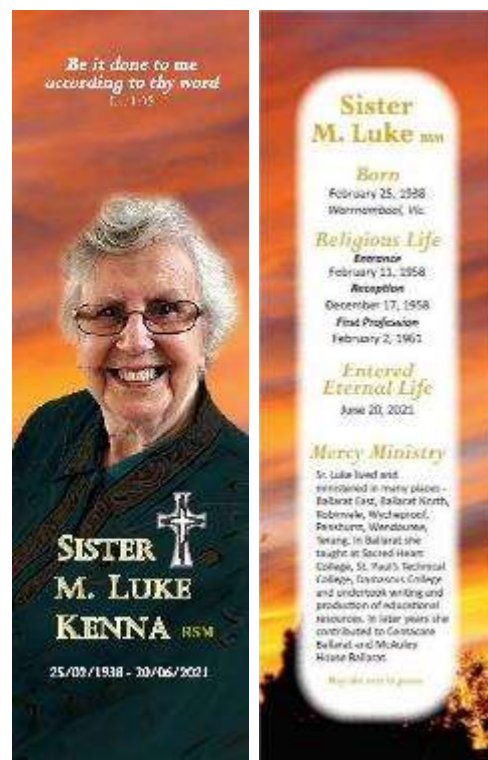
The Funeral Mass for Sr Rosemary was celebrated on Monday, June 21 at St Alipius Church, Ballarat East.

Sr Luke Kenna rsm

Sr Luke Kenna died peacefully on June 20, 2021 at St John of God Hospital, Ballarat.

Sr Luke was a life-time learner and educator. Her great strength in ministry was being with the more vulnerable. She taught in various schools in the diocese including Ballarat East, Ballarat North, Robinvale, Wycheproof, Penshurst, Wendouree, Terang, Sacred Heart College and St Paul's Technical College/Damascus College. Sr Luke also had extensive involvement at Centacare Ballarat and McAuley House Ballarat supporting children and teenagers with education, while their families were often struggling with a range of life and family issues.

Sr Luke's Funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, June 25 at St Alipius Church, Ballarat East.



Fr Kevin Liam Condon OP

Fr Kevin Condon died in a nursing home in Camberwell on Monday, June 14, 2021.

Fr Kevin was born on January 31, 1932 in Glenroe, County Limerick. He was christened Liam and took the name Kevin when he joined the Dominicans.

He joined the Irish Province of the Dominican Order on September 14, 1949 and was ordained a priest in July 1956. Kevin came to Australia in November

1960 and travelled under the assisted passage scheme. He was Prior in a number of Dominican communities including in Perth, Adelaide, Sydney and Melbourne. He spent many years working as a parish priest in Dominican-run parishes. In 2008 he was appointed Chaplain at Nazareth House Ballarat, but due to ill-health he had to retire. He duly recovered and was told by his consultant that it was God and golf that were responsible for his recovery.

The Funeral Mass for Fr Kevin was held on Wednesday, June 23 at St Dominic's Parish Church, Camberwell. The Funeral Mass and burial can be viewed [here](#).

OF INTEREST



Vinnies 2021 Winter Appeal to support homelessness

Australia is in the middle of a homelessness crisis. Each night, over 25,000 children are experiencing

homelessness across the country. Their safety, their education, their emotional and physical health are all suffering.

If we don't help now, this moment of pain may turn into a lifetime of struggle.

By supporting our Vinnies volunteers, you will help ensure that families at risk of homelessness get the financial and emotional support they need to keep their children safe. Click [here](#) to donate.



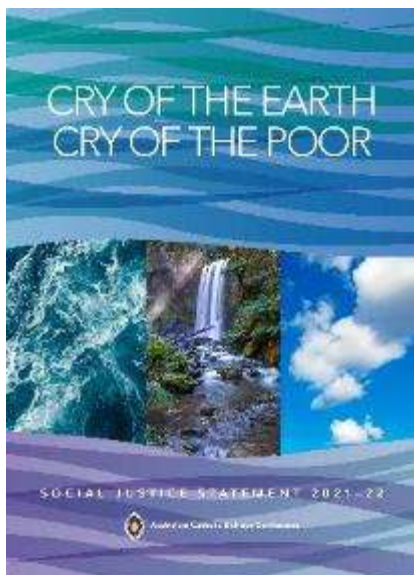
Mass For You at Home celebrates 50 years

The longest-running program on Australian commercial television, Mass for You at Home, celebrated 50 years on television on August 1.

Mass for You at Home, which originally aired on Channel O in Victoria, was a ministry of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne from 1971 until earlier this year. It is now produced by the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong, in partnership with the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. It airs on Network 10 across Australia and is also available online via 10 Play and the Mass for You at Home [website](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Social Justice Sunday: August 29, 2021



- The Social Justice Statement 2021-22: *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*, affirms that “we human beings need a change of heart, mind, and behaviour”. It draws from Scripture, from the theological tradition, from Catholic Social Teaching and from the wisdom of the world, including the insights of the First Nations. Download the statement from the ACBC Office for Social Justice [website](#).
- The launch of the Social Justice Statement was held on August 5 and Bishop Paul features in this video. Watch it [here](#).



SEASON OF CREATION

Season of Creation: September 1 – October 4, 2021

Resources to assist parishes with the celebration of the Season of Creation, are available from the diocesan [website](#).

- The Catholic Earthcare resource provides a short explanation about the Season of Creation, including this year's theme, and five optional Prayers of the Faithful to be used on each of the five Sundays.
- The 2021 Liturgy resource from LISTEN (Laudato Si International Scholars of Tertiary Network Education Network).

“Mission: one heart many voices” Virtual Conference

Inspired by Jesus, this conference will focus on themes of encounter on the margins, inclusion, governance and synodality and challenge you to consider contemporary mission in light of Pope Francis’ teaching,



witness and vision of liminal leadership in mission. The Conference is from September 1-3, 2021 and is being convened by Catholic Religious Australia in conjunction with Catholic Mission. An opportunity not to be missed. Check it out at [here](#).

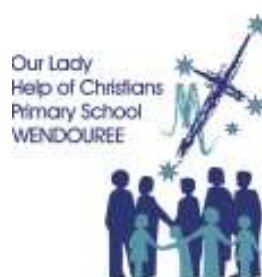


Safeguarding Sunday – September 12, 2021

The Catholic Church in Australia will mark Safeguarding Sunday on September 12 this year. This had previously been known as Child Protection Sunday, but the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference approved the change of name to better reflect the Church's policies and protocols to protect and support children and adults at risk. The day seeks to acknowledge the immense damage caused by the sexual abuse of children, including by

priests, religious and lay people within Catholic contexts. It makes a commitment to practices and protocols that create and maintain safe environments for all people, especially children and other people who are at risk. It invites people to pray for those harmed by abuse directly and indirectly.

A series of resources have been developed and can be found on the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference [website](#).



Celebrating 60 years of Catholic Education in Wendouree – save the date

Our Lady Help of Christians School, Wendouree will celebrate 60 years of Catholic Education in Wendouree on Friday, October 15, 2021. Register for event updates on the OLHC Wendouree school website or by phoning the school office, ph. 03 5339 4726.

CLERGY ANNIVERSARIES

Ordination:

July 21	Kevin Arundell	1962	Ballarat
	Barry Ryan	1965	Warrnambool
July 22	Dan Arundell	1956	Ballarat
	Damien Heath	1956	Ballarat
July 23	Peter Connors	1961	Melbourne
		1997	Installed as 7th Bishop of Ballarat
July 24	Pat Flanagan	1960	Melbourne
July 26	Bill Melican	1955	Ballarat
July 31	Neville Stanislaus	1990	Jaffna, Sri Lanka
August 1	Michael McKinnon	1981	Terang
August 7	Adrian McInerney	1969	Mildura
	John Monaghan	1981	Stawell
	Eladio Lizada OSJ	2004	San Jose Battangas, Philippines.

August 12	Glynn Murphy	1983	Swan Hill
August 17	Rupert Bowd	1979	Ballarat
August 18	Gerry Prunty	1978	Ballarat East
August 19	Kevin Maloney	1978	Melbourne
August 22	Denis Ryan	1986	Ballarat
August 28	Greg Tait	1992	West Warrnambool
August 31	Marcello Colasante	2001	Ballarat East
September 4	Kevin Lenehan	1993	Port Fairy
	Jim McKay	2009	Colac
September 5	Bill van de Camp	1973	Terang
September 6	Lawrie O'Toole	1973	Koroit
	Shane Mackinlay	1991	Ballarat East
	James Kerr	2013	Ballarat Cathedral
September 8	Justin Driscoll	1990	St Arnaud
September 16	John Corrigan	2011	Ballarat Cathedral

Deaths:

July 1	William Joseph Davis	1949	Ballarat
July 4	Patrick Michael (Paddy) Bohan	2008	Ballarat
July 8	William Patrick McMahon	1975	Ballarat
July 9	James Anthony Tung	1997	Ballarat
July 10	John (Coley) McKenzie	2008	Terang
July 12	James P McManammy	1909	Ballarat Old Cemetery
July 13	Patrick Regan	1932	Ballarat
July 15	John Felix Marshall	1929	Warrnambool
July 16	William Gilbo O'Connell	1997	Casterton
July 17	Peter Ross Elder	1993	Horsham
July 19	Thomas P Wood	1945	Hopetoun
	Donal Hurley	1994	Creswick
July 21	Joseph O'Brien	1938	
July 22	Maximilian Jonglebloed	2010	
July 26	Declan Duggan	1962	Quambatook Old Cemetery
July 28	Bishop Basil Roper	1964	Ballarat
July 29	Peter O'Shannassy	1976	Colac
August 2	Daniel Laurence MacEvey OCD	1860	Tower Hill
August 3	William O'Dwyer	1924	Ballarat
	Charles Mulcahy	1968	Charlton
August 6	Thomas Glynn	1970	
August 9	William McGrath	1965	Terang
	Bernard Duffy	1968	Ballarat
	Brendan Davey	2016	Ararat

August 12	Anthony Peter Waldron	1916	Terang
	Patrick Murphy	1921	
	Daniel McGowan	1954	Port Fairy
August 14	Thomas Kiniry	1998	Warrnambool
August 15	William Henry Patton	1943	Ballarat
August 16	John Barrett	1933	Ballarat
August 17	Thomas Edmund Darcy	1952	Geelong
August 18	Edward O'Sullivan Goidanich	1948	Ararat
August 19	Rodger Shepherd	2005	Swan Hill
August 22	Daniel Francis O'Connell	1977	Warrnambool
August 23	James O'Regan	1917	Port Fairy
August 27	Anthony J Hurley	1953	
August 28	Thomas Joseph Finn	1879	Tower Hill
August 30	William Joseph Newport	1896	
	John Michael Shelley	1962	Ballarat Old Cemetery
	Vincent Fennelly	1968	Ireland
	Thomas Browne	1971	Ballarat
August 31	Richard Ellis	1888	Ballarat Old Cemetery
September 1	Cornelius Kelly	1949	Charlton
September 2	John O'Donoghue	1900	
	Peter Taffe	2017	Ballarat
September 3	John Francis Fitzgerald	1893	
	Bob Markey	2016	Ballarat
September 6	Patrick Rohan	1929	Penshurst
	Roy Sullivan	1964	Ballarat
September 11	Robert J Riordan	1921	Terang
September 12	Edward O'Bryan	1972	Ballarat
September 16	Bishop Joseph Higgins	1915	Ballarat Cathedral
	John J Walsh	1944	Warncoort
	John Russell	2001	Warrnambool
September 17	Timothy O'Neill	1909	Casterton
September 19	Peter Claridge	2012	Ararat
September 20	Robert Dunworth	1974	Ballarat
September 21	Thomas Guilfoyle	1908	Portland North
September 22	William Mayo	1933	Ballarat
	Paul Mercovich	2017	Ararat
September 24	Henry J O'Cane	1943	Ballarat
	Kevin O'Brien	2006	Moonlight Head
September 25	John Murphy	1928	Landsborough
September 27	Robert Gellie	1951	Ballarat
September 30	James Conway	1979	