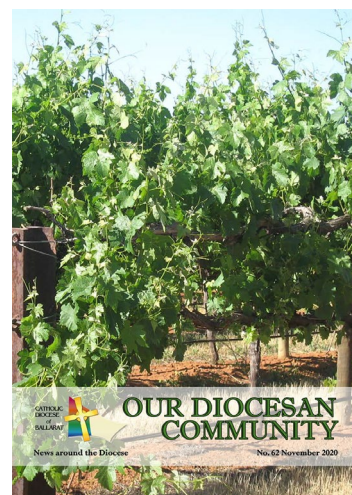


## Our Diocesan Community publication

The Ballarat Diocesan print publication “Our Diocesan Community” (ODC), jointly sponsored by the Diocese and Catholic Education Ballarat, will again be published three times during 2021. We invite you to view the [timeline of publication](#).

The aim of “Our Diocesan Community” is to share the good news of the many initiatives taking place in our parishes, schools and agencies around the diocese. ODC is distributed to all parishes, all staff and families of primary schools and all staff members of secondary schools of the diocese. Contributors to ODC are the people of the diocesan community. The only way we all will hear of the good things happening in the various communities is if they are written and contributed from the local level. It is helpful if we have an ODC contact person in each parish/school/agency to assist with the gathering of news and distribution of the magazine. If you are able to provide a contact person please [email us](#) their contact details.



We now invite your contribution to the first issue for 2021. The focus for this year will be the Plenary Council/Year of St Joseph. We are hoping to gather stories and examples of new initiatives and experiences in the Catholic community – schools, parishes and agencies from all around the diocese. We also invite you to share significant events that may have taken place over the last few months in your parish, school communities and agencies.

We hope to have this first issue of “Our Diocesan Community” delivered in the week beginning March 22 so the latest date for submissions to this issue is **Friday, February 12**. Articles should be approximately 250 words maximum in length and accompanied by photos where possible. Photos should be sent as separate JPEG files (not inserted into a Word document). Material can be sent [here](#).

A reminder that when sending in photos, permission should be sought from those in the pictures. From time-to-time, these photos will also be used in other diocesan publications.

Previous editions of ODC can be viewed on the [Diocesan website](#).