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Bulletin Notices: 17th December 2023 3rd Sunday in Advent (Year B)

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday 19th December 2023 Anointing Mass 11:00am Our Lady Star of the Sea,
Inverloch.

2nd Rite of Reconciliation, St. Joseph's Church
Wonthaggi 7pm.

Wednesday 20th December 2023 Mass 9:30am at St. Joseph's Wonthaggi

Friday 22nd December 2023 Mass 9:00am.

COMMUNION ON THE TONGUE:

People who prefer to receive communion on the tongue, would you please come last for communion, as there is still widespread fear of COVID.

PLEASE PRAY: For those who continue to be affected by War and earthquakes. For all who are sick, lonely and suffering from illness and pain. For those suffering from Road Trauma, both death and injury. For the anniversaries of Tom Daly, Fr. Patrick Kavanagh, Fr. John Gowen, Mgr. Thomas Lynch, Fr. James Duffy and our loved ones, may God's merciful love shine on them and on the loved ones left behind.

Pope's Prayer intention for the month of December: For Persons with Disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

PRAYER GROUP: Will resume in 2024.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

THE OFFICE IS CLOSED ON MONDAYS.

THE OFFICE IS OPEN TUESDAY TO FRIDAY FROM 9:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. with Lunch being taken between 1:00pm and 1:30pm.

PLEASE CONTACT FATHER DARREN ON 03 56 722 923 OR KRISTINE ON 0499 915 784 IF THE MATTER IS URGENT.

ITEMS CAN BE PUT THROUGH THE LETTER BOX AT THE PRESBYTERY FRONT DOOR.

Newcomers or Update Details

Welcome and thanks for worshipping with us at St. Joseph's Parish Wonthaggi.

If you are new to the Parish or have changed your details or need Thanksgiving Envelopes, please complete your details, and drop the form on a Collection plate or drop off to the Parish Office.

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

New Parishioner ☐ Change of Address or Phone # ☐
Thanksgiving: Envelopes ☐ or Electronically ☐



A SYNODAL CHURCH IN MISSION
SYNTHESIS REPORT



Synthesis Report of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops

The official English version of the Synthesis Report of the First Session of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, "A Synodal Church on Mission." Is now published. The 41-page report summarises the discussions from the first

assembly with every item in the report being approved by at least a two-thirds majority of the voting members of the Synod. This "is not a final document but an instrument in the service of ongoing discernment." This Document can be found at <https://bit.ly/3qYiozA>



023 ADVENT APPEAL FOR UKRAINE

During Advent 2022, all Australian dioceses were invited to take up a special collection(s) for the people of Ukraine. Hundreds of thousands of dollars was raised to support people in the war-torn nation through the work of *Mudra Sprava* (Wise Action), a Patriarchal Charitable Foundation in Ukraine. The organisation has three focus areas: Evacuation of people from frontline territories; Food packages for people in need; Shelters for internally displaced persons. To read more about how the funds from Australia supported people in Ukraine, go to <https://tinyurl.com/mts7xvch>

At the Bishops Conference's November 2023 meeting, bishops were asked to again consider if an appeal could be taken for the people of Ukraine during Advent. The proposal was made by Bishop Mykola Bychok CSsR, Eparch of Sts Peter and Paul for the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Australia, and Hobart Archbishop Julian Porteous, who visited Ukraine with an Australian delegation in August. Please donate generously through the parish office.

Pastoral Care Practitioner- Prison Ministry

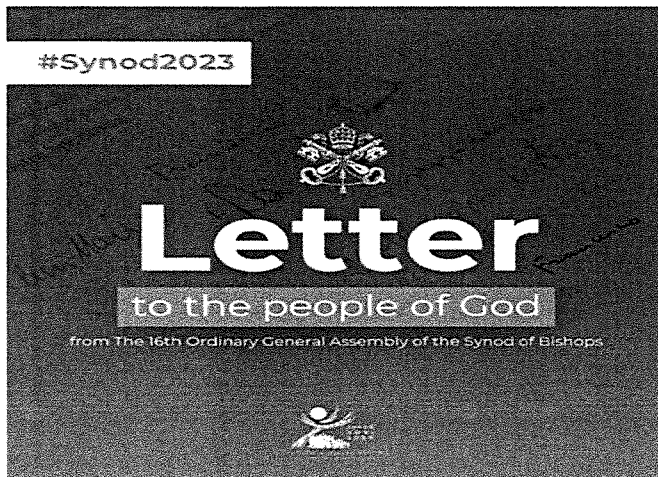
CatholicCare Victoria are welcoming applications for a Pastoral Care Practitioner position to service the spiritual and religious needs of the prisoners of Catholic faith, prisoners' families, ex-prisoners and staff within the Prison and Correctional Centres across Victoria. Our current opportunities are:

Dame Phyllis Frost Centre in Ravenhall, 7.5 hours a week Thursdays 9am-5pm
Fulham Correctional Centre, Sale, 7.5 hours a week Fridays 9am-5pm
HMP Langi Kal Kal, Beaufort, 3 hours a week Fridays 2-5pm

Hopkins Correctional Centre, Ararat, 5 hours, Thursdays 12- 5pm

If you relate well with people of all backgrounds and different cultures, please apply via our website

<https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/page/181/current-job-vacancies>

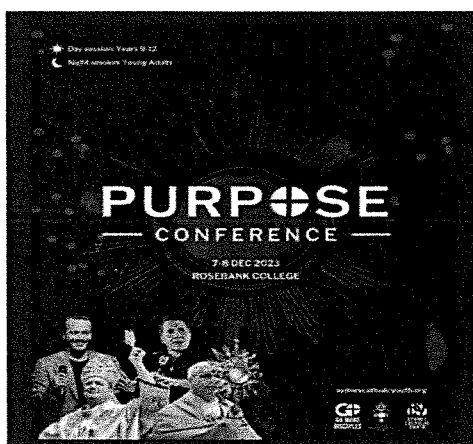


A letter from the participants in the assembly to the people of God was released on 25 October 2023 in Rome. This letter presents the experience of the first assembly of the Synod and hopes for the future as we move towards the second session in October next year.

To read the letter visit <https://tinyurl.com/h4ex63wp>

PRAYER SHAWL GROUP:

The Prayer Shawl Group will now meet next February 2024.



The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney invites groups of high school students (Year 9 - 12) and young adults to the inaugural archdiocesan youth conference – Purpose Conference. For more information, please visit their website at <https://tinyurl.com/mv6s6dyd>

Commissioning of members of the new Diocesan Mission Council

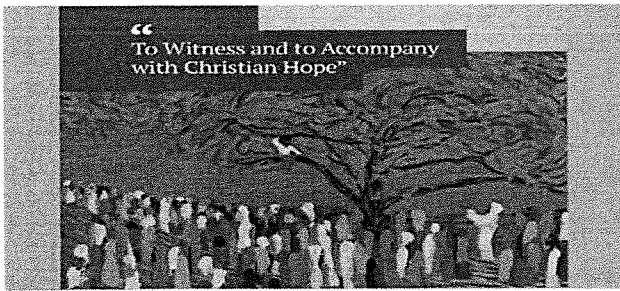
On Sunday, 10th of December, at the 9.30 am Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, Sale, Bishop Greg Bennet commissioned sixteen members of the new Diocesan Mission Council (DMC). The members, drawn from across the Diocese, will assist Bishop Greg in investigating, discerning, and proposing practical priorities and strategies for the development of the Diocese's mission and pastoral life. During the Rite of Commissioning, members pledged to, "*accept the call to serve co-responsibly and with discernment the animation and renewal of Christ's mission of sharing and proclaiming the Gospel in a synodal way.*"

The members of the DMC are: Jean Paul Antione, *Narre Warren*, Etherton Mandzvidza, *Cranbourne*, Geraldine Naismith, *Berwick*, Christopher Roga, *Berwick*, Alexis Ignace, *Berwick*, Jerusha Benjamin, *Clyde North*, Wangui Gaciabu, *Pakenham*, Nicole Dudman, *Leongatha*, Derek Bruitzman, *Korumburra*, Anne Marie Robb, *Yarram*, Bev O'Brien, *Traralgon*, James Mazzolini, *Warragul*, Judith Campbell, *Trafalgar*, Sophy Morley, *Moe/Newborough*, Madeleine Schumann, *Bairnsdale*, Fr. Bernard Buckley, *Vicar General*.

Document helps those accompanying Catholics considering euthanasia.

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has published a document to assist priests, chaplains and pastoral workers who are asked to provide pastoral support to Catholics who are considering euthanasia. In preparing the document, *To Witness and to Accompany with Christian Hope*, the bishops consulted widely with a range of people including theologians, ethicists, liturgists and medical doctors. The bishops have also worked with the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith. Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, the chair of the Bishops Commission for Life, Family and Public Engagement, said: "It is vital that chaplains and pastoral workers have the information to confidently respond to the realities that are facing them as they minister to Catholics in hospitals, in aged care and in their own homes."

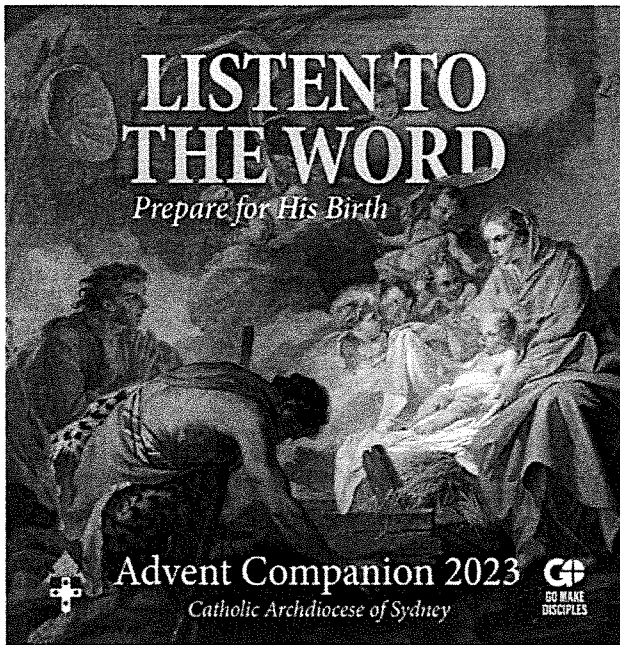
Please find the media release and the document at <https://tinyurl.com/4h69rh3e>



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC
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A letter to the People of God in Australia has been prepared to provide an update on the Church's progress beyond the conclusion of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia. While formal *recognitio* from the Holy See has not yet been received for the Council's acts and decrees, dioceses, religious institutes and other Catholic communities are embracing various outcomes of the Plenary Council, including through synods, assemblies and focused events. The letter also outlines key milestones since the conclusion of the Plenary Council in July last year and examines the complementary nature of the Plenary Council and the ongoing Synod of Bishops for a Synodal Church. to read the letter check out our website at <https://tinyurl.com/5naxtkc7>



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<https://gomakedisciples.org.au/>

They have resources and power points to run them

Prayer for the Synod

**As we embrace this Synodal Process, this prayer invites
the Holy Spirit to be at work in us so that we may be a
community and a people of grace.**

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

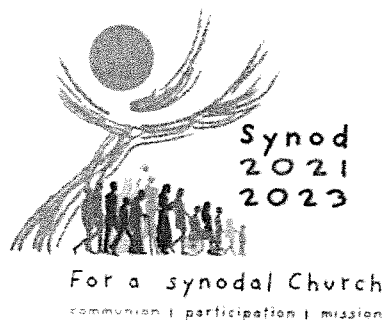
With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever.

Amen.



This prayer can be used throughout the duration of the Synodal Process from October 2021-2023.

CALENDARS 2024 FOR SALE:

Columban, Josephite and Christian Calendars are available at both St. Joseph's Wonthaggi and Our Lady Star of the Sea.

MISSAL ONLINE: 'An App' which Father Darren Howie finds very helpful is Universalis.

This will allow you to follow the Daily Mass.

- **CARITAS AUSTRALIA:**

There is still time to support our global neighbours as they tackle the challenges of poverty.

Your generosity today can help create a better tomorrow for people living in some of the most remote and marginalised communities in the world.

All donations over \$2 are 100% tax deductible. Caritas Australia: www.caritas.org.au

- We have been emailing and sending out important communications from the Diocese and if you would like to be involved and receive this information then please contact the Parish Office on 56 721 111 or email your details to wonthaggi@cdsale.org.au.
- **WORKING WITH CHILDREN:** THIS IS JUST A REMINDER TO CHECK THAT YOUR WORKING WITH CHILDREN HASN'T EXPIRED AND IF IT DOES NEED RENEWING, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR ANY ASSISTANCE WITH THIS.

Our Parish is committed to the safety, well-being and dignity of all children, young people and adults.

Mary's Advent Journey

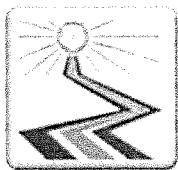
Journey with Mary in her response to God's call
Become aware of God's presence this Advent

Four Thursdays: 30 Nov, 7 Dec, 14 Dec, 21 Dec

Two time options: 10.30am or 7.00pm

Our Lady Help of Christians Church

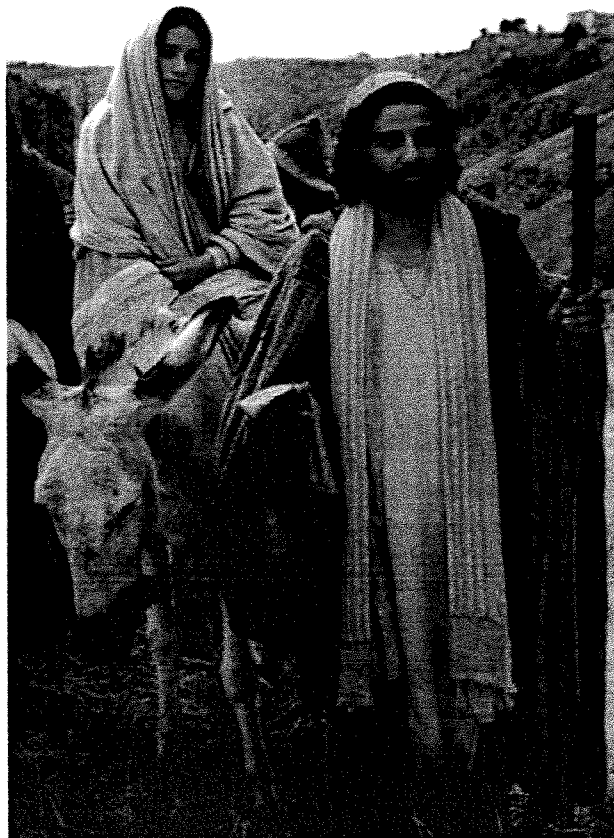
496 Princes Highway Narre Warren



BOOKINGS: Parish Centre:

03-9704-7935, olhc@olhc.org.au

FREE to attend, donations towards
the ministry are welcome, thank you



Facilitators: Theresa Denny and Geraldine Naismith,
Emmaus Spirituality Ministry

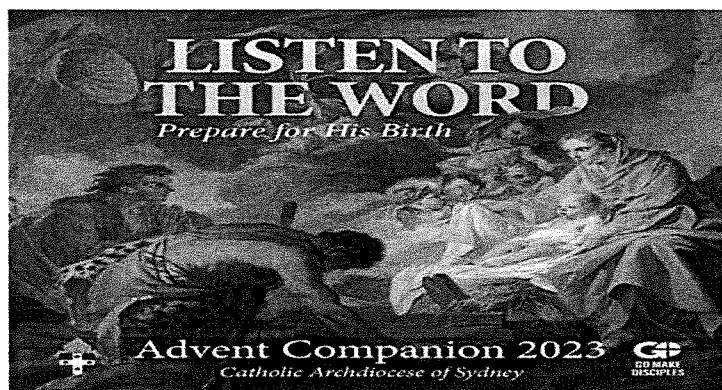
A joint ministry of the Catholic Diocese of Sale, and Jesuit &
Ignatian Spirituality Australia Limited ABN 91 637 748 906

A HISTORY OF THE GIPPSLAND CATHOLIC DIOCESE:

A history of the diocese entitled *A Mass Kit in the Saddle Bag*, written by Patrick Morgan, is now available.

Catholics were settling in Gippsland from 1837 for a half century before the diocese of Sale was set up in 1887. During this pioneering period priests were sent out from Melbourne 'on the Gippsland mission'. The first two bishops, James Corbett and Patrick Phelan, established a basic but coherent network of Catholic organizations. In recent memory Bishops Eric D'Arcy and Jeremiah Coffey coped with new issues such as increasing secularization and modernist attitudes. The book includes a bibliography, lists of parishes and priests, and over fifty photographs.

The diocesan history can be purchased for \$25, plus \$5 postage, from Patrick Morgan, 610 Limonite Rd, Boolarra, Vic, 3870;
email: morganpa@iprimus.com.au; phone: 5169 6216.



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St Mary's Parish Bairnsdale



NEW LIFE IN GOD'S SPIRIT IS AN
EIGHT-WEEK SEMINAR DESIGNED TO ESTABLISH
OR DEEPEN A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH
JESUS THROUGH THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



EACH SESSION INCLUDES PRAISE & WORSHIP, SCRIPTURE,
PRAYER, GUEST SPEAKER AND GROUP DISCUSSION
FRIDAY'S 6.45PM FOR 7.00PM START - 8.30PM
ST MARY'S PARISH CENTRE, REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

- 13TH OCTOBER:** YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER - GODS PROMISE
20TH OCTOBER: THE UNCONDITIONAL LOVE OF GOD
27TH OCTOBER: JESUS IS LORD
3RD NOVEMBER: THE GIFT OF GOD'S SPIRIT
10TH NOVEMBER: FORGIVENESS, HEALING AND RECONCILIATION
17TH NOVEMBER: NEW LIFE IN GOD'S SPIRIT
24TH NOVEMBER: GROWTH
1ST DECEMBER: COMMUNITY IN THE LORD



DONATION \$10 TOWARDS RESOURCES

BILLETING UPON REQUEST

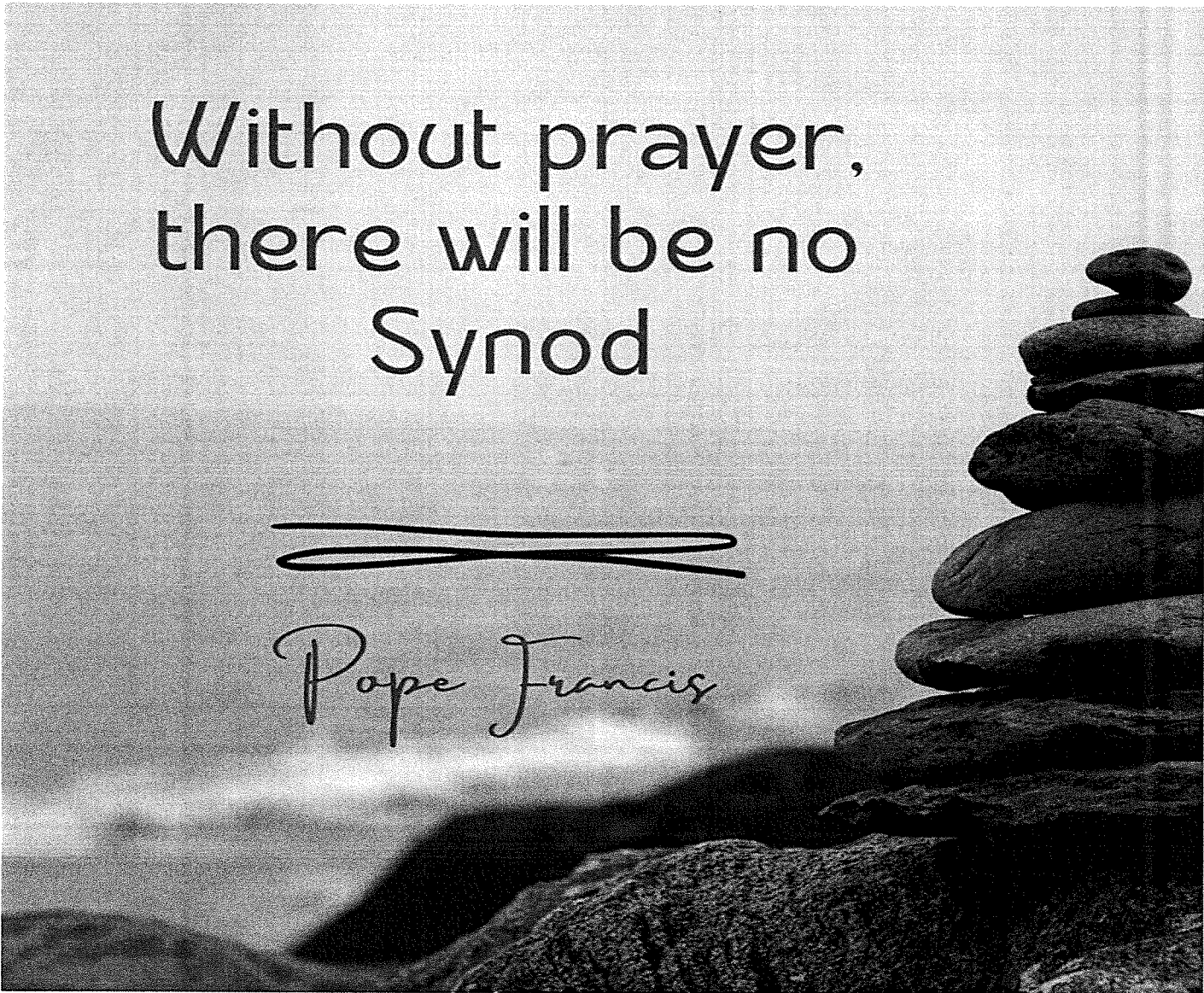
The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it,
but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So
it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit. (John 3:8)

CONTACT US

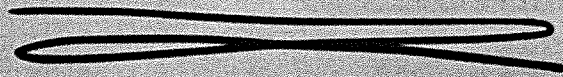
Michelle Grimsted - Sacramental Coordinator
Maureen Saunders - Charismatic Prayer Group
Fr Mark Hughes - Assistant Parish Priest
St Mary's Parish - 23 Pyke Street, Bairnsdale, 3875

Please register by emailing
stm.michelle@gmail.com or phoning
03 5152 2942 by 3rd October 2023





Without prayer,
there will be no
Synod



Pope Francis

In a letter addressed to bishops and eparchs around the world, Cardinal Mario Grech , Secretary General of the General Secretariat of the Synod, invites the faithful around the world to participate through prayer to the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops that will open in the Vatican on October 4. With this letter, the Secretary General wants to remember that the Synod Assembly is above all a spiritual event, of prayer and listening to the Holy Spirit, the true protagonist of the event.

A copy of the letter and more information on the synod can be accessed through the diocesan website at <https://www.cdsale.org.au/synod-of-bishops>



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AND CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS AUSTRALIA

**Report on actions taken in response to
the recommendations of the Royal
Commission into Institutional
Responses to Child**

On August 31, 2018, the Bishops Conference and Catholic Religious Australia responded to the Royal Commission's recommendations. On its fifth anniversary, an update reflects the Church's ongoing efforts to be publicly accountable for how it is working to create, maintain and enhance safe environments for children and all people who are at risk. You can access a copy of the media release and the report on our diocesan website at <https://www.cdsale.org.au/news/>."



The Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry has published a document on Evangelisation, offering a scriptural and theological reflection on the proclamation of the Gospel through the lenses of encounter, discipleship and mission. It draws on seminal documents on Evangelisation from recent decades, including the teachings of Popes Paul VI, John Paul II, Benedict XVI and Francis. *Evangelisation* can be downloaded directly from <https://bit.ly/Evangelisation2023>

Sunday Gospel Reflection

Sunday gospel reflections written by the clergy, religious and laymen and women of our diocese are published weekly through the diocesan website and the diocesan Facebook page enabling us to reflect and prepare ourselves on the Gospel before we get to the weekend masses.

The link to our website is <https://www.cdsale.org.au/news/sunday-gospel-reflections>

and the link to our Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/dioceseofsale>

Marist House, Fitzroy: unique living opportunity for university students:

Marist House is a residential program for university students studying in Melbourne. It provides a safe, stable and supportive environment. It is hosted by a resident community of Brothers. Situated in Fitzroy it is very accessible to many universities and tertiary colleges. Enquiries for 2024 are most welcome. Contact Br.

Frank on 0407943473. For more information - website link: <https://maristyouthministry.com/marist-house-fitzroy>



AUSTRALIAN NATIVITY SCENE (ANS) AT ST ELIZABETH'S PARISH, Dandenong north.

Event display: Monday, 4 December 2023 to Friday, 12 January 2024

Where: St Elizabeth's Parish, 107 Baker Rd, Dandenong North

Come along to watch Australia's well-renowned and the largest traditional nativity scene display in its **20th year on display** at St. Elizabeth's Parish in Dandenong North.

The Australian Nativity Scene (ANS) has grown bigger and better each year and is regarded as Australia's best traditional nativity scene. The display is open to all age groups and is **FREE**.

Be enchanted by Wilson Fernandez's display as the designer, creator and artist of the annual nativity scene display. Crowds from near and far line up with an early booking to ensure they get to watch the beautiful display of the nativity scene during Christmas season. The community loves it; and there has been a growing passion to view the weekly story of the Australian Nativity Scene. It features scenes starting with Mary and Joseph looking for a place to stay, finding only a stable free, the birth of Jesus, visits from the shepherds, the three kings and ends with the holy family fleeing to Egypt.

NOTE: ANS Display is closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day

Cost: FREE and open to all age groups. Children are to be accompanied by an adult/guardian/parents

Viewing time: After mass times and any other time by appointments only (*Visitors take prior appointments to view the display*)

Contacts: Wilson on 0428 927 110 or 9795 6217 (parish office)

Website: <http://www.australiannativityscene.org/> | <http://www.facebook.com/AustralianNativityScene/> | https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nativity_scene#In_Australia