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### **Bulletin Notices: 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023 26th Sunday, 2023 (Year A)**

#### **Weekday Masses:**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 Mass Our Lady Star of the Sea, Inverloch 11:00a.m.  
Mass.

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023 MASS AT St. Joseph's, Wonthaggi 9:30a.m.

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023 Mass at St. Joseph's, Wonthaggi 9:30a.m.

#### **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 the Ukrainian War, and those natural disasters.  
Prayer for Peace and Justice in Ukraine.

God of peace and justice,  
Who change the hardened heart and break the power of  
violence, we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of peril;  
let them know not death but life, not slavery but

freedom,

You are Father of all;  
we are brothers and sisters.  
Give us the strength to live that truth in love,  
choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord

**Amen .**

**PLEASE PRAY:** For those who continue to be affected by the Wars in Ukraine, Sudan, the floods in Libya and earthquake in Morocco. 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 Frank Shea, Fr. David Verlin, Fr. William O'Brien and our loved ones, may God's merciful love shine on them and on the loved ones left behind.

#### **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:**

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 at 10:30a.m. followed by lunch-all ladies are invited to attend.

**CUPPA SUNDAY:** This Sunday following the 9:00a.m. Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Inverloch and the 10:30a.m. Mass at St. Joseph's Wonthaggi, you are invited to share a cuppa.

**FILM: THE CASE FOR CHRIST.**

ON **TUESDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2023** BETWEEN 1 AND 3:00PM THE MOVIE 'THE CASE FOR CHRIST' WILL BE SHOWN AT OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA, INVERLOCH

AND

AT ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH HALL WONTHAGGI ON **WEDNESDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2023** BETWEEN 7 AND 9PM. (Tea and Coffee will be provided but a plate to share would be most appreciated.)

### **Pope Francis' Intention for September: For people living on the margins**

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

### **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.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.**

### **AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED.**

**SAVE THE DATE! Night of the Witnesses – 22 November 2023, 7pm at St Patrick's Cathedral.** *Aid to the Church in Need* invites you to an evening of prayer, testimony, song, adoration and reflection to honour the witness of twelve recent Christian martyrs and to stand in solidarity with Christians all over the world who are suffering persecution for their faith in Jesus Christ. Archbishop Peter Comensoli will preside and His Beatitude, Patriarch Joseph Absi of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church will be one of the international guest speakers who will share personal testimony of persecution for the faith. We hope you will join us. For more information please visit: [www.aidtochurch.org/notw](http://www.aidtochurch.org/notw)

Engaging Your Faith October 2023: Engaging Your Faith (EYF) is a series of short, online presentations that invite participants to reflect on what it means to be people of faith in the contemporary world. Experienced lecturers from Catholic Theological College present on a variety of topics such as Philosophy, Spirituality, Biblical Studies, Christian Meditation, Theology, Interfaith Relations, and issues in Science and Religion. For more information and registration visit their website at [Engaging Your Faith – Catholic Theological College \(ctc.edu.au\)](https://ctc.edu.au)



## Bishops say the issues around Voice are moral and ethical, not just political

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has prepared a statement on the upcoming referendum. The statement reiterates the Church's support for measures that seek reconciliation and justice for First Nations people, drawing on the comments of Australia's

first bishop and Popes John Paul II and Francis. The bishops have renewed their earlier call for people to consider the Uluru Statement from the Heart, to have conversations with other people – including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders – and to “act in a way that commits to redressing the disadvantage suffered by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and will allow them to reach their potential, thus promoting reconciliation for the good not just of some but of the whole nation”. To read a copy of their statement please visit the diocesan website at <https://tinyurl.com/mrxmt56u>

**ECUMENICAL PRAYER VIGIL:** Catholic communities around the world have been invited to host an ecumenical prayer vigil on the weekend of September 30-October 1 in solidarity with a major international gathering in Rome ahead of the first session of the Synod on Synodality. Fifteen people from Australia will be participating in the Synod, and they have asked for the Catholic community’s prayers as they prepare for their important task. A prayer vigil would be a great way to respond to their request, and to gather with Christian sisters and brothers in our shared faith. Find out more and register your vigil at: <https://together2023.net/>





# 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.michelleg@gmail.com](mailto:stm.michelleg@gmail.com) or phoning  
03 5152 2942 by 3rd October 2023**





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# GROWING IN CHRIST *Drouin*

## DAY PROGRAM

HOSTED BY CCR - SALE DIOCESE

TOGETHER WITH BISHOP GREG BENNET & BRO LALITH PERERA

**SAT 21 | OCTOBER | 10:45AM  
2023 TO  
4:00PM**

Saint Ita's Catholic Church, 50 Victoria St, Drouin VIC 3818

PRAISE & WORSHIP

ADORATION **HOLY MASS** SHARING OF THE WORD  
**HEALING MINISTRY** FELLOWSHIP

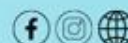


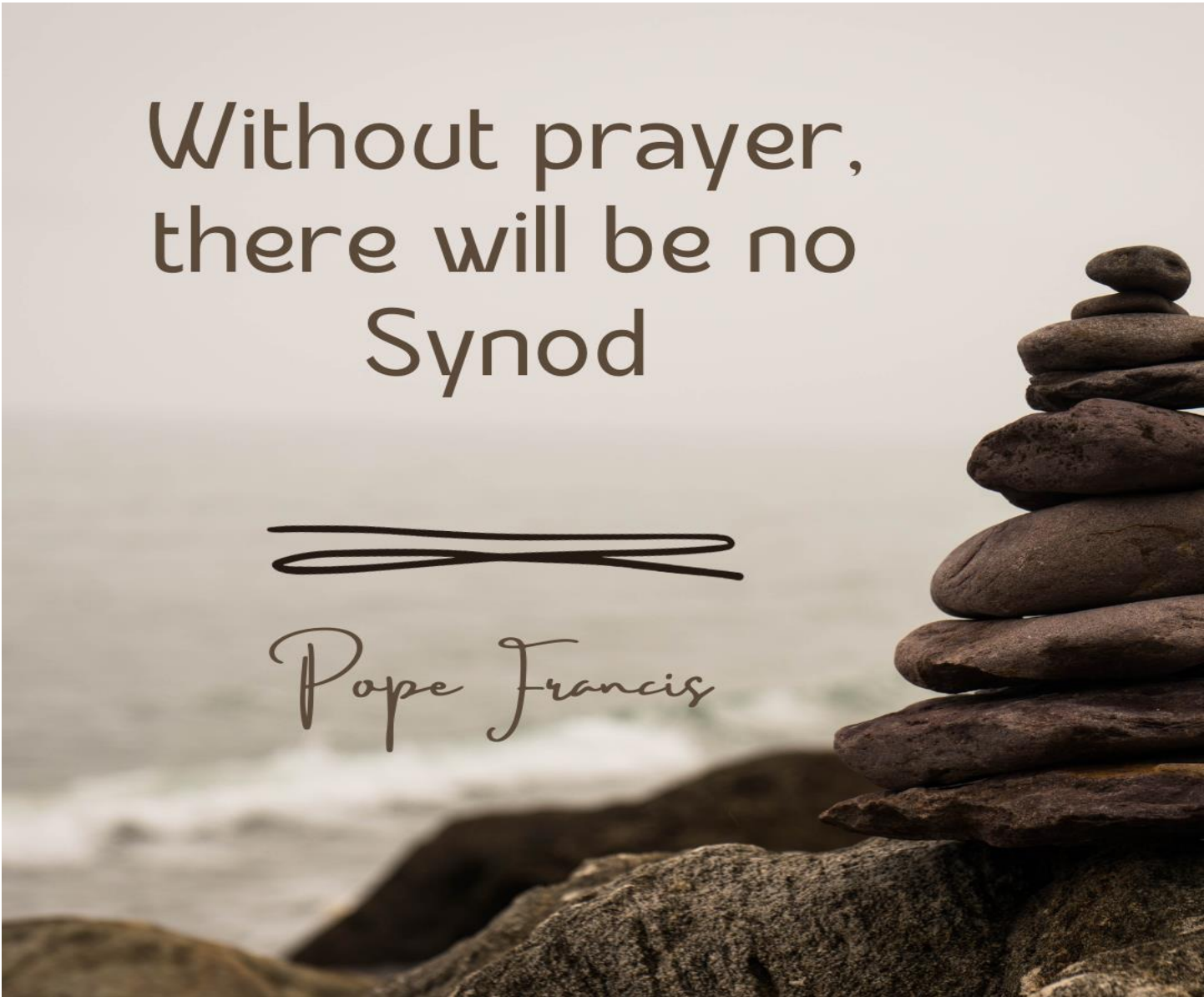
LET US GROW TOGETHER IN THE GRACE AND KNOWLEDGE OF  
OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST

2 PETER 3:18



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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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Catholic Religious Australia

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE  
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/>."

**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](mailto:morganpa@iprimus.com.au); phone: 5169 6216.

**The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has launched its 2023-24 Social Justice Statement. This year's statement is titled *Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples*. "Strengthening our relationship with our First Peoples is integral and indeed critical to the strengthening of the whole nation," Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv said at the launch. The media release and the statement can be found at the diocesan website at [cdsale.catholic.org.au](http://cdsale.catholic.org.au).**



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### The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council

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Prime Minister Anthony Albanese has announced 14 October 2023 as the day Australians will be asked to vote on the 'Voice'. At this time, the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) wish to reiterate our stance contained within the 2023 Social Justice Statement *Listen, Learn, Love – A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples*:

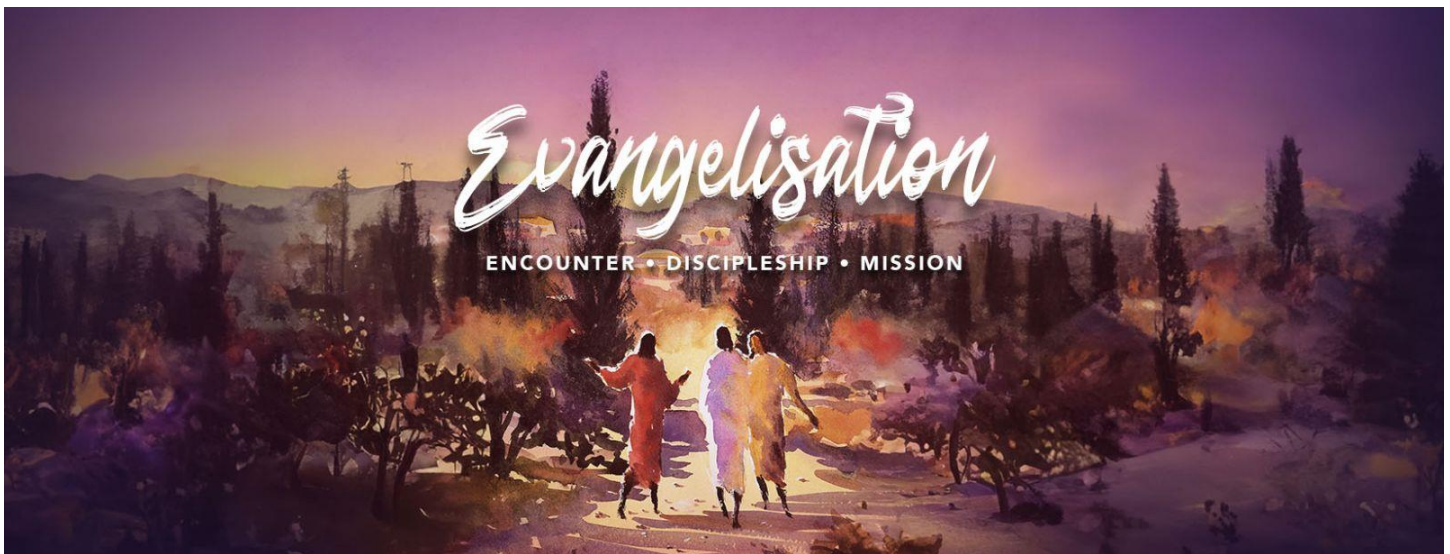
*Australians have an opportunity to begin a new chapter this year with the referendum on the Voice to Parliament. We in NATSICC know there are criticisms, even from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, but most Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people support the referendum.*

*Just as the churches strongly supported the 1967 referendum, we hope that Catholics, along with other people of faith, will support the Yes campaign.*

*It is a commitment to recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Constitution and promoting healing and unity. It will be the next step in a process of empowering us to participate in the decisions that will make a difference for the better for our people.*

*We, NATSICC, feel that the referendum is too important to fail. The consequences for our people and the whole nation would be devastating.*

**A Voice to Parliament** - A message from Bishop Charles Gauci of Darwin "As Australians we are at a very important time reflecting on the Voice to Parliament. I will not tell anyone how to vote, but it is my responsibility as Bishop to encourage you all to be reflective in the light of our faith and Catholic Social Teachings: The Common Good and the Dignity of all People." Visit <https://indigenousvoice.church/>



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>

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### **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>

**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](http://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](mailto: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 at risk. Find out more at: [www.catholic.org.au/childprotectionsunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/childprotectionsunday) and [www.catholicreligious.org.au/safeguarding](http://www.catholicreligious.org.au/safeguarding)

If you are concerned about any form of abuse, or believe that someone is at significant risk, you should immediately raise your concerns with one of our Parish Safeguarding Officers. Contact Kristine McRae via the Parish Office: 03 56 721 111 or St. Joseph's School Safeguarding Officer 03 56 721 052. Take care, we are here to help.



You are invited to our Youth Group

# GLOW

TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART: PROVERBS 3:5

*Join us for Food, Music, Games, Singing  
@ St Mary's Parish Centre  
(entry via McDonald's car park)*

***1st & 3rd Saturday of the Month***

*(excluding school holidays)*

***Time:*** 5pm to 7pm

***5pm Youth Group*** - Games, Singing, Dancing, Food

***6pm Church Mass*** - Children's Choir &

*Children's Liturgy of the Word*

***Ages:*** 8 - 13 years (however, all are welcome)

*Our gatherings will occur on the following dates:*



- \* 5th & 19th August 2023***
- \* 2nd & 16th September 2023***
- \* 7th & 21st October 2023***
- \* 4th & 18th November 2023***
- \* 2nd & 16th December 2023***



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#### **TRINITY FAMILIES:**

Charities providing services for families in the region covered by the Catholic Diocese of Sale are invited to apply to the Catholic Charity, Trinity Families, for 2023 project funding,

To be eligible to apply there are three criteria an applicant must be able to demonstrate:-

1. They must be a registered charity with deductible gift recipient status (DGR)
2. Any funds granted must be used to support families in a way which aligns with Catholic values
3. The project must be within the defined area of the municipalities of Cardinia, Casey, Baw Baw, Latrobe, Wellington, Bass Coast, South Gippsland and East Gippsland.

Charities wishing to apply for funding are encouraged to download the fillable application form and send it back. Deadline for submission is 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

Further information is available on the website [www.trinityfamilies.org.au](http://www.trinityfamilies.org.au) or by email at [trinity@sale.catholic.org.au](mailto:trinity@sale.catholic.org.au)



# **The new Diocesan Mission Council**

## **CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP:**

Members of the Council will have demonstrated their commitment to their faith and leadership in ministry and mission. Members will have an active and living faith, participate in parish life, respect other points of view, exercise deep listening, have a sense of the mission of the Catholic Church, demonstrate inclusiveness, and be committed to working collaboratively and with synodal processes. The minimum age for membership is 18 years of age.



# 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.



## **109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees: Sunday 24 September 2023**

The theme of Pope Francis' Message for this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees is "Freedom to choose whether to migrate or stay." The Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office (ACMRO) has created online resources, including the Migrant and Refugee Kit 2023, a liturgy for primary and secondary schools, homily notes, and prayers of intercession, to help celebrate this special day.

Resources available at: <https://bit.ly/ACMROKit2023>

### **Come and See**

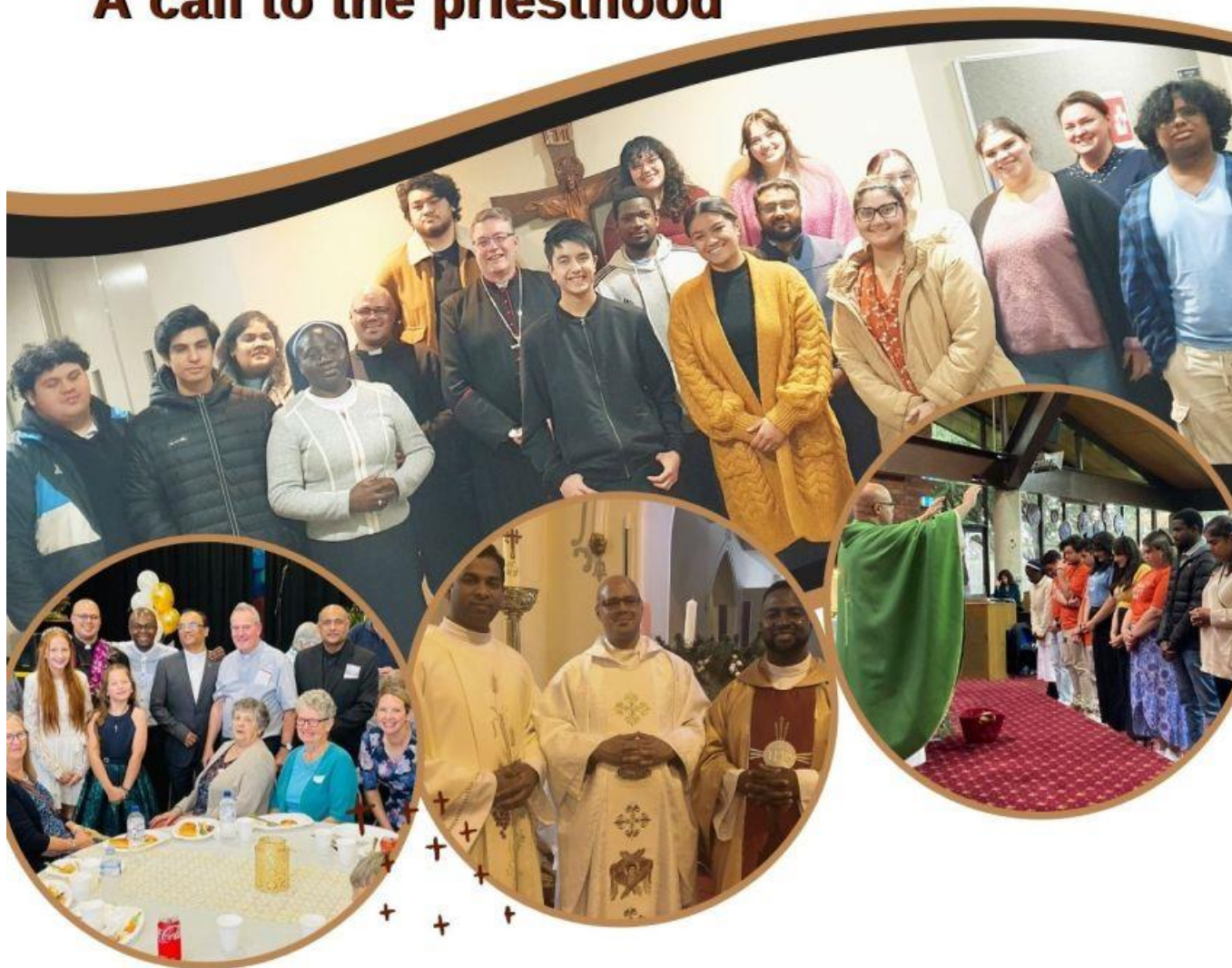
Bishop Greg has called for the young men of our Parishes of the Diocese to come to St Michael's Parish Support Centre - 121-123 High Street, Berwick on Sunday, 15th October at 2:00pm particularly those who sense a call from God to life as a priest. Or, who simply want to come and enquire. It will be an opportunity to meet and greet those living the life, to pray with them and have all your questions answered. And, remember, "the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it" Mt13:45

# Come and See

## A call to the priesthood



Catholic  
Diocese  
of Sale



## AN OPPORTUNITY

To meet with others who are also discerning a priestly vocation,  
and hearing from priests, stories of their life and call to ministry.

**Sunday, October 15th, 2023**  
**2:00-4:00 pm**

**St Michael's Parish Support Centre,**  
**121-123 High Street, Berwick**

A stirring in your heart for God?  
What this might mean for you?

Could Jesus be inviting you to  
share in his ministry as a Priest?





# A Wellspring Iona Pilgrimage: Healing of the land in Gunaikurnai Country (Glppsland)



Wednesday 18th October  
at The Abbey, Gragin (Raymond Island)  
9.30am - 3.15pm  
Free but bookings essential  
BYO Lunch

## OPEN INVITATION TO A DAY OF REFLECTION - LISTENING FOR HEALING ON RAYMOND ISLAND

- Join the Pilgrimage group on Raymond Island for one day of reflection
- Morning prayer at 9.30 with the Leader of the Iona Community
- Join a reflective pilgrimage to significant places for First Nations people and later comers on the Island
- Contribute to a Care for Creation Community art work
- Join in conversations between Ruth Harvey Iona Community Leader, First Nations Priest Rev. Kathy Dalton, Abbey director Cath Connelly and Bishop Richard Treloar as they reflect upon:

"What does the interweaving of spirituality and our understanding of the world and our place in it look like from Indigenous and Celtic/Christian perspectives? How does this help us to live authentically in a consumer society which is destroying our planet?"

- End the day with a time of Blessing

**For important information including ferry details  
and bookings visit**

**[www.wellspring-community.com/new-events-1](http://www.wellspring-community.com/new-events-1)**

