

NOTICES

Rite of Election

The date for Rite of Election for 2019 has been confirmed for Saturday, March 2 at 12.30pm, St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat.

Our Diocesan Community

The final edition of ODC for 2018 is available for collection from the Diocesan Offices in Ballarat. Encourage parishioners to take copies to the homebound, nursing homes, hospitals, etc., to spread the good news of the diocese. This edition also includes an insert on the Plenary Council.

Copyright

ONE LICENSE now offer the option of a group license. Can you please advise the following:

- If your parish currently has a subscription with ONE LICENSE and the average weekly attendance category;
- If your parish does not have a subscription with ONE LICENSE and if so, how is copyright recorded?

More information will be provided to parishes as we explore this option for the diocese.

Lay Led Assembly Resources

Sunday Assembly of Word and Communion resources for Advent, Christmas Season, Sundays 2-8 in Ordinary Time and Australia Day have been emailed/mailed to contacts. This material is also available from the resources section of the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Christmas Mass Times for website

As in previous years, the Christmas Mass times for parishes have been published on the diocesan website and we would like to do this again this year. Can you please advise Christmas Mass times in your parish, including any for New Year's Day. These Mass times will not be loaded onto individual parish webpages.

Liturgia new online liturgy planning tool – Free Trial

Liturgy Brisbane have produced *Liturgia*, an online liturgy planning tool (www.liturgia.com.au). This is your invitation to a free, one month trial of *Liturgia* (flyer attached). With *Liturgia* you can:

- Prepare the text of any liturgy: Sunday and weekday Mass, Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals
- Use the texts of the day confidently
- Add hymns with lyrics and citations
- Export to Word documents or PowerPoint presentations
- Access a complete library of liturgical documents and rites

- Import from an extensive image library
- Consult reference guides like homily help and commentaries

Plenary Council

Responses: An insert with the current ODC is a sample “*Listening and Dialogue Encounter*” sheet and an opportunity to submit responses to the questions provided by the Plenary Council.

Resources: Any resources that have been provided for the Plenary Council *Listening and Dialogue Encounters* can be adapted to suit the individual needs of each parish, school or agency.

GodStart

Angels have been messengers of special significance on many occasions. The Annunciation, with Archangel Gabriel announcing the “Good News” brought excitement and guidance to Mary and Joseph, embracing them with care and protection. The angels heralding the birth of baby Jesus illuminate love, concern, wisdom, excitement, celebration, guidance and loyalty in Advent. In GodStart Gathers and the GodStart Faith Play resources, we present activities and reflections that affirm and nurture these values. Resources attached.

BULLETIN NOTICES – DIOCESAN NEWS

Joy+ Youth Festival Ballarat - TODAY

Joy+ Youth Festival for 15-30yo. Sunday, November 25 at the Cathedral Precinct, Ballarat from 2.00pm - 8.00pm. Fantastic music with Genevieve Bryant and band, special guests include Sam Clear and Sr Elizabeth Young. This is a free event including evening meal. Breakout sessions include music making with Genevieve - feel free to bring musical instrument. Come for all or part of the day. Please register online for our planning. All welcome to attend Mass at 5.00pm. Details on youth ministry page www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Brigidine Sisters, Ararat - celebrating 130 years

The Brigidine Sisters arrived in Ararat 130 years ago on November 14, 1888. To mark this occasion in the parish we are celebrating with Mass on Sunday, November 25, 2018 at 10.30am, followed by a luncheon in the Parish Centre, 304 Barkly Street (behind the bluestone Catholic church). Bring a plate – everyone welcome.

Plenary Council 2020 - Listening and Dialogue Encounters

Everyone is invited to participate in the Listening and Dialogue process to contribute to the Plenary Council agenda. Information flyer available on the Ballarat diocese website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au. All of God’s people are invited to reflect on the question: “What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?”

Questions for individuals or groups:

1. *What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?*
2. *What questions do you have about the future of the Church for the Plenary Council to consider in 2020?*
3. *Do you have a story of your experience of faith, or the Church you would like to share?*

Please submit your responses by Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2019

at www.plenarycouncil.org.au

Joy Spreading

The next *Joy Spreading* event for young adults (18–30 yo) will be held Friday, December 7, 2018 from 6.30pm – 9.00pm in the Cathedral Parish Office meeting room with guest speaker Fr Justin Driscoll. An opportunity for young Catholic adults to share ideas and views in a friendly environment. Festive snacks and drinks provided.

Info: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph: 5337 7160.

Advent Resources

The St Columban Mission Society have made available a free online Advent Resource, “Pathways: Hope for the Journey” which is an aid to your Catholic teaching and preaching. It helps us search for God’s presence, revealed over millennia in nature, cultures and people seeking wisdom. This Catholic resource is suitable for parishes, youth groups, religious congregations, peace, social justice and community groups. Download [here](#) or from the diocesan website Faith Formation page www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

BULLETIN NOTICES – OTHER NEWS

St Clements Retreat and Conference Centre, Galong

- An Australian Ecumenical Response to Pope Francis’ *Laudato Si’* - March 8-10, 2019
- A Winter Recess Ten Day Renewal Program in the Year of Luke - June 7-18, 2019

For more information to go website www.stclement.com.au, ph. 03 6380 522 or

email info@stclement.com.au

Lessons from the Long Paddock 2018

This is a fantastic resource for adult faith formation, which focuses on real people from this outback Australian Diocese and offers a glimpse at some extraordinary themes relevant to the spiritual life from within a uniquely Australian perspective. This year Dr Michele Connolly RSJ, Fr Richard Leonard SJ and Bishop Columba OSPPE DD share reflections based on the films and the end product is a really excellent resource designed to support conversations about some of the things that matter at the heart of our Catholic tradition. For more information contact Kate Englebrecht, Chancellor/Director of Mission, Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes, ph. 02 68539350 or mobile 0420309689 (flyer attached).

Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service

Urgently wanted: Volunteer Workers in Balgo and La Grange/Bidyadanga. The Diocese of Broome, WA, requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church in the Kimberley. There are various important voluntary tasks such as administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc. Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months. We are currently seeking volunteers for several parishes including Balgo and La Grange/Bidyadanga and Warmun. For further details on how to be a part of this unique experience, and an application form, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Anneliese Rohr, ph. 08 9192 1060 or email volunteers@broomedioocese.org or website www.broomedioocese.org

Kind regards



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