

PROCEDURES FOR THE RITE OF ELECTION

DATE: Saturday, March 2, 2019

PLACE: St. Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat.

TIME: 12.30pm

1. For the Rite of Election, the parish will need to:
 - a) **celebrate the Rite of Naming prior to the Rite of Election.** During this ceremony the names of those preparing for Initiation will be entered into the parish book. Unbaptised and baptised candidates should have a separate page in the book. Parish priest and sponsors should sign the book at this time.
 - b) bring the Parish Initiation Book to the Rite of Election for signing by the Bishop.
2. **The parish will need to appoint a person as the parish delegate.** This person reads the names of the unbaptised and presents the book to the bishop for signing. The same procedure is followed for the baptised candidates.
3. The parish delegate and sponsors sit with their catechumens/candidates and present them to the Bishop at the appropriate time.
4. Each catechumen (unbaptised), candidate (baptised) and their sponsors will need a **NAME TAG**. Please have these with you when you reach the Cathedral.
5. Appropriate space will be reserved for parish communities to sit together with their catechumens and candidates and their godparents/sponsors. We need an indication of your approximate numbers **as soon as possible**.
6. It will be helpful if you could be at the Cathedral by 12.10pm on Saturday, March 2 to assist last minute arrangements.
7. As was the case in 2018, priests are encouraged to sit with their parishioners.
8. Following the Rite of Election, a box lunch will be offered to all in the Galilee Centre. Numbers are required for this.