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Dear friends,

In today's gospel we see that, Jesus visits the home of Simon and Andrew who have left everything to follow Jesus. They told him that Simon's mother-in-law is sick with fever and Jesus heals her. She immediately waits on them, attending to the needs of Jesus and his disciples. She thanks Jesus for healing her by her service. Besides Simon's mother-in-law, Jesus cures many people who are sick with various diseases and drives out many demons. Here we see that the people apart from Simon's mother-in-law, who received the healing, didn't show their gratitude to Jesus and went away from Jesus.

Are we not like those people who went away from Jesus once their needs were met? Jesus takes care of those whom we love. He attends to the worries and concerns of our families. Are we ready to sacrifice our time and talents for his service? Are we prepared to give up our comfort so that we can serve Jesus faithfully and dedicate ourselves to continue his mission on earth? We can't take things for granted. Let us take the example of Simon's mother-in-law. She received healing from Jesus and expressed her gratitude by serving him and his disciples. So let us ask God, to give us his grace to serve and build up his kingdom in our day-to-day life. - Neville

Rite of Election

The Rite of Election is an important part of the process of a person's journey to full membership in the Catholic Church community and one which is greatly appreciated by all who participate. This applies to both adults and children of catechetical age. The Rite of Election for catechumens, candidates and children of catechetical age will take place on **SATUR-DAY**, **FEBRUARY 17**, **2018** at **12.30pm** in **St Patrick's Cathedral**, **Ballarat**. The presider will be Bishop Paul Bird CSsR. At the conclusion of the ceremony all are invited to join the Bishop in St Patrick's Hall for a light lunch. For further information contact the Pastoral Ministry Office, ph. 5337 7159 or <u>pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au</u>.

Feast of St Josephine Bakhita

The Feast of St Josephine Bakhita on February 8 2018 has been designated by Pope Francis as a day of prayer, reflection and action to end the injustice of human trafficking in the world. ACRATH supports this call and invites us all to mark this day, particularly at Masses this weekend.

Diocesan Youth & Young Adult Ministry Project Worker

Mass of the Oils: Monday, March 26, 2018

The Mass of the Oils will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 6.30pm on Monday, March 26, 2018. This Mass is a celebration of the whole Church of the Diocese of Ballarat. We celebrate the unity and ministry of the ordained priests in the midst of the entire priestly people of God of the Diocese. Ministries required for the Mass of the Oils include Ushers, Readers, Oils Bearers, Presentation of the gifts, Collection of Oils, Musicians and Singers. For further information contact the Pastoral Ministry Office, ph. 5337 7159 or **pastoralministorry@ballarat.catholic.org.au** **Our Sick:** Bailey Delaney, Frank Vogels, Xavier Reicha, Fletcher Densley, Fr Peter Murnane, John McKenzie, Geoff Townsend

February Anniversaries: M McMeel, M van Nieuwkerk, W Chirchill, P

O'Connor, N Kennedy, J McMeel, P Maslin, N Pekin, S Boyle, F Hammett,

C O'Connor, J Colman, J Delaney, E Maguire, J Fowler, G Bell, J Vogels

PRAYER REQUESTS

Stations of the cross

Friday 16th February at 12 noon at St Joseph's Timboon. Contact Katrina Currell 55983445

Feast Days: 5th St Agatha, 6th St Paul Miki & Companions, 8th St Jerome Emiliani St Josephina Bakhita, **14th Ash Wednesday**

World Interfaith Harmony Week flag event

You are invited to the Ballarat Interfaith Network's flag raising event in celebration of World Interfaith Harmony Week, in partnership with Ballarat City Council, on Monday, February 5, 2018 at 11.00am in the Queen Victoria Square in front of the Town Hall Sturt Street median strip. Indigenous acknowledgement of country and didgeridoo playing, Mayoral address, Baha'l keynote speaker, St Alipius' PS choir, flag raising and refreshments.

Timboon	4th February Closed	11th Feb 10:00 a.m. Assembly W & C	18th February 9:00am Mass
Welcome		F Evans	N McKinnon
Leaders		T O'Connor C Mar- tin	
Statue	D & M Moloney	G & M Townsend	N & P Haugh
Reader		R Hoffmann	J McInerney
P.O.F.		N Denny	M van Nieuwkerk
Gifts			S Berry & L Tregea
M of C		L McInerney	K Currell & A McMeel
Church Cleaning		L Tregea S Berry	L Tregea S Berry
Bulletin	P Nicholson	P Nicholson	P Nicholson
	M Moloney	M Moloney	M Moloney
Slides	P Nicholson	P Nicholson	P Nicholson
Simpson	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	
	Mass	Assembly W & C	
Statue	F & B Wouters	G Swierczek	M & M Dillon