

# 'MAKING A SCENE AT CHRISTMAS'

Through the continued generosity of a number of collectors across the Diocese of Ballarat, the combined Catholic Parishes of Ballarat have again this year been able to beautifully present in excess of two hundred nativity cribs from all over the world with the 'Making a Scene at Christmas' event.

Over two days, December 9 and 10, in the primary schools of St Thomas More, Lumen Christi, Our Lady Help of Christians and St Francis Xavier in Ballarat, around seventeen hundred children were able to gather, view and participate in a series of educational activities with thoughts of embracing and celebrating the true meaning of Christmas.

Story time, interactive play and craft activities allowed children to create and share their own interpretations of the nativity whilst learning how other cultures celebrate their Christmas.



Nazareth House Aged Care was also a venue this year, where on Friday, December 11, residents and their families had the opportunity to see numerous nativities on display.

From the same nativity story so many different interpretations were presented and 'Making a Scene at Christmas' helped create a peaceful time and a reminder to slow down and take a little time from the mayhem that has become part of life during the busy Christmas season.



*Middle: L-R: Anita, Vin and Fr Andrew*

*Bottom: L-R: Julie, Fiona, Bernadette and Maree*