

THANK YOU AND FAREWELL

On Sunday, April 8, a Morning Tea was held to farewell Sr Helen Murphy ibvm from St John the Baptist Parish, Beaufort. Bishop Peter Connors celebrated Mass for a large congregation and he acknowledged the important role Sr Helen has performed over the past four years.

Sr Helen was thanked for her far-reaching expertise throughout her time in Beaufort. It was noted that Sr Helen has had a particular focus on the youth, young children and their families. This was clearly evident by the number of young people in attendance.

A most important ministry for Sr Helen whilst with us in Beaufort was supporting families at significant times in their lives such as baptisms, weddings, illness and funerals.

Sr Helen was also recognised for her visitation to the hospital and hostel for prayer services as well as being an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion for these services. Mention was also made of her contribution to liturgies in every way possible, every week.

During her time in Beaufort, Sr Helen has served on the Parish Council. She has been involved on Diocesan committees and represented the Beaufort Catholic community at Bendigo Bank Grant meetings and the High School Chaplaincy Program thank you events.

Sr Helen will be greatly missed and is welcome back at any time for a visit. She was presented with a lovely bunch of flowers, some perfume and a glazed pot for her new residence.

In responding Sr Helen spoke eloquently about the importance of everyone contributing to the overall ministry of our community. She spoke about the fact that no matter what people do, it is recognised and valued.



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