



Over recent months there has been a spate of final Masses across the Diocese: Murrayville, Clunes, Jeparit, Springdallah and Hawkesdale. Quite a spread; but while these are significant events they are not to be misread. Springdallah had not celebrated weekly Masses for decades and Murrayville is only 15-20 minutes drive from Pinnaroo. We are a mobile community and transport has helped mitigate distance since these church buildings were established. Similarly we don't have schools dotted every few miles across the country as was a requirement before World War II.

As archivist, I try to ensure that a good record is maintained of the communities that have nurtured these places and therefore I record these events. Age aside, for the need to keep up with historical events we have recently called, via parish bulletins, for interested people from across the diocese to share this gathering/collecting role by becoming involved with the Historical Commission. For more information on this, see [here](#).

We care about our community, our buildings, our objects, art/iconography and our records.



Community, Murrayville final Mass



Minute Books - Ballarat, Allendale & Clarkes Hill



Werrimul church



Historic Vestments/Symbolism from Learmonth



Holy water font Springdallah

Images from the historical collection demonstrate the breadth of our interest in the faith community that does interact throughout our region of North and Western Victoria.