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The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund Annual Appeal will be held today. The BCSF Committee is very grateful for the support you give each year to the promotion of this appeal, and requests your assistance again this year.

The appeal has raised nearly 1.7 million dollars since it began in 1991, including nearly \$54,000 last year. This shows a tremendous generosity by the people of the diocese, for which the priests are very grateful.

Monies can still be placed in envelopes and on the collection plate.

Lay Pastoral Ministry Program offers low cost opportunities for online study and formation for lay workers in the diocese, both employed and volunteers. The study cycle starts soon. If you interested first check out the details on the diocesan website (link to Lay Pastoral Ministry Program at <http://ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-and-agencies/dsp-default.cfm?loadref=249>, then contact Amanda Smith, 53377125 or email: amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Fr Peter Murnane says "I really only love God as much as the one I love the least." Dorothy Day, co-founder of the Catholic Worker Communities.

I will be in Melbourne from Monday to Friday this week attending the Assembly of our Dominican Province. I can still be contacted for urgent matters (048761231)

Social Justice Sunday 25th September.

Social justice in an ageing society An African proverb says, "*The death of an old person is like the loss of a library*". The Australian Bishops concur that the wisdom and lived experience of older people are priceless treasures. Briefly, I wish to share some stories from the library of elders I know, and the wisdom I find there for our human journey which is, of course, a spiritual journey.

Have you noticed we seem to want a long life but don't want to become old? In preparation for this talk I interviewed five Good Samaritan Sisters who I think have made a good job of becoming old.

Three things struck me about these women whose average age is 87. Though they struggled with their diminishment, they accepted it. They were all still working on love and they were overwhelmingly grateful.

Morris West wrote his autobiography at 80. West says, "*Once you reach a certain age, there should be only one phrase left in your vocabulary: Thank-you! With every birthday, gratitude should deepen until it colours every aspect of life.*" I visited another Sister who'd taught me. She was 98 and fully alert. "*I have a gift for you,*" I said. She said, "*I don't want it*". With age comes wisdom and graciousness, but as Oscar Wilde observed, sometimes age comes alone. *Address by Sr Patty Fawkner SGS at the launch of 'A Place at the Table: Social justice in an ageing society'*

The Parish of Timboon is a Parish with a Supervised Community Leadership. The Parish Leadership Team coordinates parish life and lay pastoral ministry supported by the Supervising Priest and the Visiting Priest. Fr Peter Murnane 0478 761 231



Parish Leadership Team:

Moderator: Jean McMeel

Members: Marlene van Nieuwkerk, Katrina Currell, Gerard Vogels, Charles Martin, Pat Nicholson and Joanne Robertson

Parish Secretary: George Swierczek

Our sick: Ann Ryan, Terry McMeel, Pat Gaut, Sarah Vogels, Bailey Delaney, Ann Dodd, Andrew Cook, Frank Vogels, Heather Paton, Tania Vogels, Margaret Dillon.

September Anniversaries: Leo O'Connor, Harriet Conheady, Jeff Haugh, Jeffery Arnold, Leo Couch, Jeanette Gale, Fr Peter Claridge, Graham Cecil.

Recent Death ; Fr Mackay



Power Point presentation by Rachael

O'Connor of WYD was very much appreciated by those who saw it , thank you Rachael. The presentation will very soon be available on the Timboon Parish part of the website <http://ballarat.catholic.org.au/> and go to Timboon parish.

eConfrence was held on Tuesday in the church, the topic was **Mercy a way of being in the world**. If you missed this it will be available from the church as a loaned DVD when it is produced. It was a very provocative set of talks and reviews.

St Andrew's, Simpson have either Mass or Assembly of W & C each Sunday at 9 am.

St Andrew's statue roster:

Sept 25th P & J de Jong, 2nd Oct A & J O'Connor, 5th Oct N O'Connor

Timboon	24th Sept 6:00 p.m. Assembly of W & C	2nd October 10:45am	4th Oct 6:00 p.m. Assembly of W & C
Welcome	B Maslin	G Delaney	M van Nieuwkerk
Leaders	P Martin C Martin		A Vogels C Marr
Statue	B Moloney	T & E O'Connor	D & M Moloney
Reader	M van Nieuwkerk	A Vogels	K Currell
P.O.F.	R Hoffmann	C Martin	A Denny
Gifts		A McMeel, M Turner	
M of C	E O'Connor	K Currell M Leske	E Roberts
Church cleaning	A McMeel	Vogel Family	Vogel Family
Bulletin	P Nicholson M Moloney	Denny Family	Denny Family
Slides	A McMeel	J McMeel ,C Martin	J McMeel ,C Martin