



Parish Newsletter - June 18th 2017

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No Masses at St Joseph's.

Diocesan Website: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

RECENT DEATHS: Geoff Torney,

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Betty Smith, Des Callahan, Edward Whitty, Bernard Mulraney, Mary O'Connor, Gwentyth Hart, Florica Zelnicek

Prayers for Sick: Gary Eyles



DIOCESAN BULLETIN NOTICES

Liturgy Formation 2017 The Diocesan Liturgical Commission is offering Liturgy Formation Sessions again in 2017 at Colac on June 25, Ballarat Cathedral on July 9 and Warrnambool on July 23. Bishop Paul will celebrate Mass in parishes on these days. Workshops on offer are Funeral Ministry, the Diocesan Sacraments of Initiation Program, "Let the Children Come" and Formation for Lectors. Attached is a flyer and registration form for distribution in your parish. Registration is also available via the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au. The Commission would appreciate your support in promoting these events in your parishes.

Family Matters - Strengthening Respectful Relationships Forum All are welcome to attend this Forum with Fr Frank Brennan SJ as the guest speaker which will be held in Ballarat on June 24, Warrnambool July 22, and Mildura August 26. These free events are being hosted by the Social Justice Commission of the Diocese of Ballarat together with many workshops provided by Centacare. Please register your attendance at one of the venues listed: <http://2017familymatters.weebly.com/> Alternatively, contact Danielle Peters or Tony Haintz - social.justice@ballarat.catholic.org.au.

Is God calling you to a deeper relationship with Him? Father Doroteo Bravi CFD, a Monk of the Community of the Sons and Daughters of God will celebrate Mass at St Patricks Cathedral Ballarat on Thursday, June 29, 2017 at 6.00pm. Following Mass he will give a talk in the small hall at the Cathedral on the theme "Is God calling you to a deeper relationship with Him?". After the talk there will be cup of tea. All are invited to attend.

Symposium: "Promoting Lay Formation: Cardijn and the YCW in Australia" Please find attached an invitation to the symposium "Promoting Lay Formation: Cardijn and the YCW in Australia" on Saturday, July 29, 2017 at CTC East Melbourne.

Youth and young adults: Pope Francis' Online Survey now open Please encourage young adults you know to do this survey (Pope Francis wants to hear from everyone whether they are actively connected to church or not). This online survey is seeking opinions and perspectives of young people (16-29) as part of a national consultation process that will inform the world-wide Synod on Youth that Pope Francis is convening in October 2018. The survey closes on **2 July 2017**. Access the survey on the Ballarat Diocese website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au For more information: youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au or 5337 7125

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RCIA Victorian State Conference - Melbourne Saturday, August 26, 2017. "Ask, See, Knock: Joyful Encounters of RCIA". Flyer attached.

Uniting Church 40th Anniversary Combined Churches Service Will be held on Thursday, July 22, 2017, 7.00pm at the Ballarat Central Uniting Church preceded by a street party BBQ at 5.00pm. There are also other events throughout the week. For more information ph. 5333 1361 Tuesday-Thursday from 8.30am- 2.20pm.

