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Be Opened!

Sometimes I stop rushing around and realise that I rarely hear birds singing.

I stay pretty busy. My mind stays pretty focused on the new task or appointment. And I miss the birds. And I fear I miss other cries as well – the cries of people who need me.

“Be opened!” Jesus commands in this week’s Gospel. He restores a man’s hearing and gives him the power to speak. I wonder what that man heard after that. I bet he heard the sighs of lonely people who needed his time. I bet he stopped and sat with them. I bet he heard pleas of hunger from poor people. I bet he stopped and fed them. I bet he heard the cries of people who were rejected or suffering. I bet he stopped and embraced them.

Many people in our families, our schools, our jobs, and our world need our ears opened. Many don’t want our advice. They just want us to listen without judgement while they talk about what hurts. Others need us to stand up with and for them at school or in our community. They need us to listen closely to understand their problems. Others, like parents and mentors, are crying to offer us advice for life. They need us to listen to their wisdom without getting defensive.

Do we hear the cries or advice as we go through life? Or do we rush so quickly that we miss them? This week, each day, ask Jesus to open your ears so you can listen closely. People will come across your path who need you to listen, or to whom you need to listen.

What can keep me from really listening to people who need my help or who are offering me advice?



Child Protection Sunday - September 9

Each year the Australian Catholic Church dedicates the Sunday at the end of Child Protection Week as Child Protection Sunday.



Plenary Council 2020
 Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

Welcome to the Plenary Council’s first stage of preparation – Listening and Dialogue. This first stage of preparation will continue until Ash Wednesday 2019. Together, we are on a journey of listening to God by listening to one another. All people are invited to engage in Listening and Dialogue Encounters – which are an open and inclusive experience of listening, dialogue and discernment about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia.

The Listening and Dialogue Encounter is an opportunity to get together a group of friends, family or colleagues and spend some time thinking and talking about your experiences of faith, life and the Church. Everyone is invited to respond to the question: **What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?**
 #PlenaryCouncil #ListentotheSpirit #SharetheStory

Our Sick:

Bailey Delaney, Xavier Reicha, Fletcher Densley, Fr Peter Murnane, Geoff Townsend, Philip Delaney, Maria Nguyen, Noel Haugh
September Anniversaries: Leo O’Connor, Harriet Conheady, Jeff Haugh, Jeffrey Arnold, Leo Couch, Jeanette Gale, Fr Peter Claridge, Fr Bob Markey, Graham Cecil, Mavis Couch, Steven Saliba, Mick Dillon, Janet Dillon, Paul Brick



Carer Support and Respite Services –provides short term respite accommodation for carers of people with mental illness and their families.

Available through Centacare Ballarat
 For more information contact parish office Leaflets available at the back of

Rosary before Mass. We are commencing a Rosary Programme to be held before Masses. If you are interested in participating, please be at the Church at 8:45 a.m.

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: 6.30pm Cobden
Sunday: 9am 1st Sun. Simpson
 9am 2nd Sun. Lismore
 9am 3rd/5th Sun. Timboon
 9am 4th Sun. Derrinallum
 (Lay led assembly other weekends)

| Timboon | Sept 9th Ass of W & C | Sept 16th Mass 9am | Sept 23rd Ass of W & C |
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| Welcome | P. Martin | A McMeel | F Evans |
| Leaders | T. O’Connor A. Vogels | | P Martin R Hoffman |
| Statue | B. Moloney | T & E O’Connor | D & M Moloney |
| Reader | R. Hoffmann | J McInerney | L McInerney |
| P.O.F. | C. Martin | T O’Connor | A Denny |
| Gifts | | A & R McMeel | |
| M of C | E. O’Connor | C Bullen, P Martin | M Van Nieuwkerk |
| Church Cleaning | A. McMeel | A McMeel | A McMeel |
| Bulletin | A. McMeel C Marr | A McMeel C Marr | A McMeel C Marr |
| Slides | | K Currell | K Currell |
| Simpson | Ass of W & C 9am | | Ass of W & C 9am |
| Statue | J & P de Jong. | A & J O’Connor | M O’Connor |