

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: All Parishes are asked to Listen and Dialogue as part of our preparing **NOW** for the Australia wide Catholic Church Plenary Council. In particular, we are asked to consider and respond to three questions:

- 1. What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?**
- 2. What questions do you have about the future of the Church for the Plenary Council to consider in 2020?**
- 3. Do you have a story of your experience of faith or the Church you would like to share?**

Representatives from Parishes, Schools, Catholic organisations and all interested individuals are invited to attend Plenary Council information gatherings in our diocese in October at which we will hear from Plenary Council facilitator Ms Lana Turvey-Collins. These include two 90 minute gatherings in Ballarat at Glowrey-MacKillop Hall in the Cathedral precinct 7.00pm Wednesday 10th and 10.00am Thursday 11th October at which Lana will speak about the process of "Listening and Dialogue" we're all invited to be part of and the overall 3 year process of the Plenary Council.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE REUNION May 4-5th 2019: For those who attended St Joseph's College, Maryborough (**now Highview College**) 1968-1972, there is a reunion planned for May 4th-5th 2019. Refer to Facebook page: St Joseph's College Maryborough Reunion or contact Chris Egan at Highview: cegan@highview.vic.edu.au and spread the word! Organised by Kathleen Parker (Johnson) and Veronica Spielvogel (Taylor).

ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE 2020 YEAR 7 INFORMATION EVENING:

7.30pm Wednesday 17th October 2018 in the College Chapel, 1431 Sturt Street, Ballarat. Headmaster, Mr John Crowley, and Director of Junior School, Mr John Richards, will speak about educational opportunities at St Patrick's College followed by a College tour then supper and question time with teaching staff. Please register attendance intentions at: <https://www.trybooking.com/XKXV> and further enquiries can be made by contacting the Registrar, Kathryn Mundy at kmundy@stpats.vic.edu.au

NATIONAL REDRESS SCHEME:

The Federal Government's redress scheme commenced on 1st July 2018. The Catholic Diocese of Ballarat, through the Australian Catholic Bishop's Conference, has committed to participating in this to support those who have experienced institutional child sexual abuse. People wishing to find out more and/or pursue support under the redress scheme can visit the Department of Social Services website www.dss.gov.au/redress or call the National Redress Information Line on 1800 146 713. Payments from our Diocese under the redress scheme will be paid from Diocesan resources, not Parishes, as Parish funds and assets belong to local Parish communities. *Andrew Jirik, Diocesan Business Manager.*

WOULD YOU LIKE A CHAT???? Terry Ranger has been coming here for many years and is a highly experienced counsellor happy to talk to anyone about anything! His next visit is on Friday 21st September 2018. Please ring Terry on 5331 4032 for an appointment.

Remembering those who have died:

We pray for Helen Murphy who died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Ronald Jones, John O'Grady, Peter Alexander, John Dell, Gerald Smith, Paul Richards, John Dix, Helen Burns, Rita McQuillen, Jack Clancy, Jack Jess and Flo Bandt.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL 16th September 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Priest: Sisters and brothers in Christ, let us turn to our merciful and loving God who assures us those who seek will find.

Reader: That we will be true to the Gospel both in faith and through good works done each day in Gods' name.

(pause) Lord, hear us: All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That all Christian Churches will be brought together in the unity of one Gospel.

(pause) Lord, hear us: All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those searching for meaning will find wisdom and knowledge in God who knows all things.

(pause) Lord, hear us: All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That farming communities suffering from the effects of drought will be blessed with life-giving rain.

(pause) Lord, hear us: All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For Helen Murphy who died recently and all whose anniversaries are named on the Bulletin.

(pause) Lord, hear us: All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: For Mary's intercession we pray: "Hail Mary....."

Priest: Just and merciful God, in you all things hidden are made clear. Hear our prayers and inspire us to take up our cross and follow where you lead us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.