

MARY HARRIS RIP: We pray for our dearly loved Havilah Hostel resident and former Carisbrook and Maryborough parishioner, Mary Harris, who died on 20th December, a month after happily celebrating her 100th birthday with family and friends. At Mary's request, she has been buried with her husband at Carisbrook Cemetery and a private family funeral will be held for her.

2019 COLUMBAN CALENDARS: \$7 each from Piety Stall and Avoca and Dunolly churches.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 – LISTENING AND DIALOGUE ENCOUNTERS.

All are invited to participate in the *Listening and Dialogue* process to help prepare the Plenary Council agenda. Information flyers on Ballarat diocese website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au and in ODC invite us to answer: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"

Questions for individuals or groups: 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?* **Responses due by Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2019 at www.plenarycouncil.org.au**

PLENARY COUNCIL – TIME TO SHARE OUR STORY AND SHAPE THE FUTURE:

The above notice urges us to think about what God is asking of us, to propose questions for our national Plenary Council to consider and to share stories about our faith including where we have felt God's presence in our lives and been inspired by others. In the 2016 Australian Census, 95,688 people identified themselves as Catholics in the area covered by our Ballarat Diocese. Of these, 8,481 regularly attend Sunday Mass in our 2018 Mass Count figures. While some speak of us having fewer priests, our Diocese presently has a more significant shortage of people attending Mass than our current priest per Mass attender ratio that is relatively high in historical terms. Leaflets outlining a way we can begin contributing to the Plenary Council are enclosed in our current "Our Diocesan Community" magazine. Copies of these leaflets are also at the back of the church inviting each of us to participate in a "Listening and Dialogue" encounter to discern and share where we think the Holy Spirit is speaking to us and seeking to lead us in our parish, across our diocese and throughout our nation.

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DUNOLLY 2021: St Mary's church was built in 1871. Our Parish Council is considering ways we can prepare for and appropriately celebrate its 150th anniversary. Please share your thoughts and ideas with St Mary's parishioners so we can get preparations underway.



Remembering those who have died:

We pray for Mary Harris who died recently, and for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Robyn Eastwood, Ray Severino, Renato Novelli, Patricia Wood, Leo Harnetty, Dianne Brown, Harry Daly, Mary Grigg, Henry Dam, Esther Corcoran, Julie Neville and Graham O'Shaunassy.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL 30th December 2018 Feast of the Holy Family

Priest: Dear friends in Christ, through the Holy Family of Nazareth, let us bring our prayers before the Lord.

Reader: That Pope Francis and Bishop Paul be filled with grace and holiness in their pastoral care for our Christian family.

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

Reader: That leaders and governors will recognise the sanctity of the family unit and serve with peace, justice and harmony.

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

Reader: That those from broken families will find a welcoming and loving home with God's people.

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

Reader: That all members of our human family will show tolerance and goodwill to one another.

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

Reader: For Mary Harris who died recently and those 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: Loving Father, you have created the human family as an image of your love for us. Hear our prayers and give us the grace to love one another as we follow in the ways of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.