

St Mary's Church, Dunolly Celebrates its 150th Birthday:

Today we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the blessing and opening of St Mary's church by Bishop Goold on 17th September 1871. Back then, Dunolly was part of the parish of Inglewood with which it became part of the newly created Ballarat diocese in 1874. In 1978, after 104 years in the Ballarat diocese, Inglewood parish was transferred to Sandhurst (Bendigo) diocese and Dunolly, along with Bealiba and Tarnagulla, became part of our St Augustine's, Maryborough parish. We welcome visitors from far and wide including our local Anglican and Uniting Church sisters and brothers to celebrate this special occasion with 12.00noon Mass then byo lunch at the Gordon Gardens, Dunolly.

State Election Prayer: Heavenly Father, source of goodness, justice and truth, guide us in our deliberations to elect representatives who will work tirelessly to pursue the common good. May all who are elected work diligently to create a more just society. May Victoria be a place where peace and justice flourish, religious freedom is respected and all people, especially the most vulnerable, are valued, respected and cared for. May we each renew our commitment to do the same ourselves; following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ, in all things.

Our Diocesan Community – October 2022: Despite its date, just arrived in our parish and well worth reading; including its parish life reflections from our newly ordained priests Frs Matt Restall and Bill Lowry. Make sure you pick up your free copy this weekend!

Australian Catholics – Summer Edition:

Also still available if you've not yet picked up your free copy.

Christmas Cards and Calendars: Cards \$8 per 10 pack and 2023 Columban Calendars \$7 available after 10.30am Sunday Mass.

St. Vincent de Paul Relocation: While our shop has moved, our old building at 54 High St continues to support local folk in difficulties. This is being renovated into a bright, new, welcoming space and needs a desk and a coffee table. If anyone has one to spare we would be most grateful. Why don't you give us a call on 0488 207 172 Kerry Cameron

Remembering those who have died:

We pray for Patricia O'Dwyer (nee Coutts) who died this week and those whose anniversaries are at this time: Leigh Anne Naeff, Mathew Mark Kelly, Nora Booth, Margaret Troia, Des Meagher, Ken Lowry, Tom Daly, Patrick Cudmore and John Rafferty.

Priest: As we begin our season of Advent waiting, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord with our needs.

Reader: We thank God for the blessings bestowed upon the people of Dunolly for the last 150 years of worshipping in St Mary's church and pray that we may continue to be attentive to Christ's presence in our midst.

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

Reader: That all who gather in Jesus' name across the world will clothe themselves in his deeds as we prepare for celebrating his birth into our world at Christmas and his final return in glory.

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

Reader: That those elected to represent us and govern our State this weekend will be guided by the Holy Spirit to set aside personal differences and work together for the good of all; serving others as Christ served and gave of himself for us.

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

Reader: That those who live in the darkness of illness, hunger, unemployment and homelessness will see a new day dawn with the help and support of those around them.

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

Reader: We pray for Patricia O'Dwyer who died recently and those whose anniversaries are at this time.

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

Priest: We ask for Mary's intercession – "Hail Mary full of grace ...

Priest: Faithful God, rouse us from our sleep to be attentive in faith and heart; ever watchful and ready for the glorious coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**