

# dNews

a newsletter for the Diocese of Ballarat

2 October 2024

## From the Bishop

Dear Colleagues in Ministry,

There has been a flurry of activity across the diocese in the last few weeks. I hope those of you who are Synod representatives are looking forward to the October meeting - I hope to be present for some of the time, although Fr Scott will be Presiding as Vicar General.

After some prevarication between medical professionals, some minor surgical procedures for me scheduled for Thursday this week have been put on hold. Physiotherapy, twice a day, means that my muscles are nearly always tired and I look forward to lights out at 9pm each night! While my mobility has improved immensely, it seems likely that wheelchair support will be important into the future. This is not what I was hoping for, but reality must be embraced! For the next couple of weeks I am likely to remain here in Rehab at the Peter Heinz Unit. The wholistic, team care approach is excellent, and I am grateful for your ongoing prayers and love.

With all good wishes and blessings

+ Garry.

The dNews is now coming out weekly until further notice. Contributions must be made to:

[dnews@ballaratanglican.org.au](mailto:dnews@ballaratanglican.org.au)

by 5pm Tuesday each week.

The Diocese reserves the right to edit content to meet space requirements.

## Dates for your Diary

### Bishop-in-Council

8th October 2024

26th November 2024

### Property & Finance Committee

15 Oct, 19 Nov & 10 Dec.

### Tree Planting at the Abbey

5 October 2024

### MU - AGM

Tuesday 8th October 2024

Christ Church Warrnambool

11.00am onwards.

### Synod

18/19 October 2024

### Clergy Retreat

Mon 4-Fri 8 November 2024

### MDC Quiet Day

30 November 2024

Camperdown Abbey

Conductor Rev'd Catie Inches-Ogden

## Planting Day at the Abbey

### DON'T FORGET

**This Saturday** is our Communion Forest planting day at the Abbey. Sister Raphael has over 100 plants for us to plant, and an area prepared for our planting. There are also tree guards to assemble. There is probably some pruning and weeding that could be done. Please bring gardening tools and lunch.



## From the Vicar General

### Guardian Angels - Angel of the North

The Angel of the North is a contemporary sculpture by Antony Gormley, located in Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, England. Completed in 1998, it is believed to be the largest sculpture of an angel in the world and is viewed by an estimated 33 million people every year due to its proximity to the A1 and A167 roads and the East Coast Main Line. I always think of this magnificent structure on and around the Feast of Saint Michael and All Angels. Its imposing presence and majestic wingspan seems to portray both a welcoming and protective embrace. When we gather for celebrations of the Eucharist we do so 'with angels, archangel and all the company of heaven', as we sing God's praises, reflect the sacred scriptures, offer our prayers and receive the sacramental graces we require for our earthly pilgrimage. May we be grateful for the our guardian 'angels' or messengers of God and for their protective embrace.

### Tree Planting Day at the Abbey

I hope many people from across the diocese will gather at St Mark's Abbey Camperdown for the tree planting day on Saturday 5th October. If you are unable to be with us on the day, you might like to make a donation to off-set the cost of the seedlings. Parishes might even consider making a similar donation towards the cost of seedling or four!

### HymnFest

The Parish of Ararat's search for our Diocese's favourite hymns culminates with HYMN FEST on Sunday October 6 @ 3pm in Holy Trinity Ararat. If you enjoy the 'classic' hymns of our Church or even just community singing this event is for you. More information further in.

### Fr Darrell Couch

Fr Martin from Ararat has informed me that on Monday of this week Fr Darrell Couch died. He had been battling cancer for a number of years. Fr Darrell served in the Diocese of the Murray and then Melbourne before coming to Ararat in his retirement where he was locum tenens for 3+ years before Fr Martin arrived. He then went on to serve the Diocese offering relieving ministry to those parishes in the Wimmera that rely on our faithful retired clergy.

His funeral will be in Holy Trinity Ararat on Tuesday 8 October at 11am. (Clerics are not robing).

We offer our deepest sympathies to Mary and their family.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

### Diocesan Synod

I look forward to welcoming you to our diocesan Synod to be held at the Diocesan Centre, Ballarat on the 18th to 19th October.

The gathering of people from across the Diocese is always a joyous occasion. It also is a time when we conduct the business and look to the future with hope.

This year the Bishop's Appeal and Anglicare Victoria are inviting members of Synod to again bring gift to assist with the care of the vulnerable and those in need across the diocese. **"Soaps For Synod"** is this year's theme. I encourage members of Synod and parishes to contribute, "...soap, toothpaste, body wash, conditioner or shampoo!" These gifts will be distributed "... to those experiencing hardship in our communities."

I have asked synod representatives to reflect on and think about **'Stories of Hope'** from your parishes past and present. These can be stories that challenged, redefined, or strengthened the faith communities you represent. Jesus, the Master Story-Teller, brought hope to broken lives, communities, religious institution and nations. As followers of Jesus, the Master Story-Teller, we have stories of hope from our past and present that will inform and shape our future. So can I ask each of you individually to bring with you to this session of Synod a 'Story of Hope', either from the past or the present. It needs to be no more than a A4 page, in point form, or clearly in your mind to communicate with others over our time together.

Please keep in your prayers the Registry staff as they prepare for Synod, and be assured of my prayers for you all as we gather as the Synod of the Diocese.

*Fr Scott*

## From the MDC

### Communion Forest News

#### COP 16

The Sixteenth meeting of the UN Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity will be held 21 October–1 November 2024 at Cali, Colombia. The Anglican Communion will be represented there. The theme developed by the delegations for presentation at both COPs is "to plant hope, plant peace, plant wisdom, plant justice, and plant wellbeing". The presence of the Anglican delegations at these critical UN meetings is to represent the worldwide Anglican Communion of 85 million people from 165 countries. Particular attention will be given to representing people who are suffering as a result of environmental degradation and whose voice is not often heard. Please pray for the delegations, for the governments attending, and for outcomes of justice.

#### Little Book of Saints Too

Our second book of stories about people who inspired or encouraged people from our diocese was launched on Saturday. Copies are available on the diocesan website, or hard copies can be ordered from the diocesan office. Thanks to all those who contributed.

#### Hope25 - Hope – in an uncertain world

An initiative of the Mission and Ministry Commission of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia

Hope 25 seeks to empower Australian Anglican parishes and communities in an intentional season of sharing hope in Jesus from Easter to Pentecost in 2025. They provide training resources and materials to help your parish take part in this initiative.

Contact: [www.hope25.com.au](http://www.hope25.com.au)  
info@hope25.com.au

## Townsend News

### Christmas Lunch

Monday 25th November at Bunch of Grapes.

### Monday October 28th at St. John's Soldiers Hill

There will be a coffee morning tea with a stall from 1000 to 12 noon. \$5 entry.

Proceeds will go to the World Travel Fund for the World President of GFS who will be visiting Ballarat 1 February 2025.

### TOP 10 - Hymn Fest 2024

Thank you so much for sending through your Top Ten favourite hymns. Altogether, we had nearly 40 submissions and we have NOW a list of our Diocesan Top Ten. If you would like to know whether your choice/s made it to the final list, why not attend our Hymn Fest on 6th Oct at 3pm. It will be anchored by Bron Sozanski who is a committed music teacher and well known in the music arena. The Hymns will be accompanied by Scott Harrison (organist) and Dave Tolputt (Trombone). Plus, our Solomon Islands Brothers will render one of the hymns acapella. The whole event will only last for an hour followed by a lavish afternoon tea provided our parish. Please bring a carload of people and spread the news around.

# St. Paul's Bakery Hill - 170th Anniversary Celebrations

Back To Church Weekend  
16th and 17th November 2024



## **SATURDAY 16th NOVEMBER CHURCH OPEN DAY 10.00am to 4.00pm**

Historical displays, hear the beautiful 1864 English J.W. Walker Pipe Organ being played by our Church Organist Jack Stacey, short talks, artwork and other displays. Look at the amazing stained-glass windows. Take a walk around our grounds and memorial garden. Enjoy a free cuppa and chat.

## **SUNDAY 17th NOVEMBER 10.00am Eucharist and service of Thanksgiving.**

The first service was held on this site in 1854, and will acknowledge all past, present and former parishioners and also honour those members of St. Paul's listed on our WW1 Honour board.

An 'order and pay' luncheon will follow at The Red Lion Function Centre in Main Road Ballarat from 12 noon. Pre-lunch bookings are essential.

On behalf of Parish Priest Sr. Elisa and congregation an open invitation is extended to everyone to come and help us celebrate this wonderful milestone. St. Paul's Bakery Hill is also a significant site to the 1854 Eureka history.

For enquires and luncheon bookings please contact: Denise on 0417 306 600 or [denisemlay@gmail.com](mailto:denisemlay@gmail.com)

*The Anglican Parish of Ararat*

# **HYMN FEST**

*Come and Sing  
Top 10 all time favourite  
hymns accompanied by  
internationally acclaimed  
organist Scott Harrison.*

**When : 6<sup>th</sup> October 3pm**  
**Where : Holy Trinity, Ararat**

**Followed by country style lavish  
afternoon tea**

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# Soaps For Synod

**Or toothpaste, body wash,  
conditioner or shampoo!**

**Thank you** for supporting the work of the Bishop's Appeal and Anglicare Victoria in the Diocese of Ballarat to give assistance to those experiencing hardship in our community.

"What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."

**JAMES 2:14-17**

