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| MPL  | <p><b>Deanery Forum – Round 3</b><br/><b>10am – 3pm</b><br/>You are invited to join Bishop René for Deanery Forum 3 as it explores the work of the Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Council through the lens of draft Diocesan Provisional Statutes for each. This is especially important for Priests, and PPC/PFC members. Parish staff, ministry coordinators and engaged parishioners will also find this focus very relevant.<br/><b>After you register using details below, you will receive the Forum papers via email.</b></p> <p><b>13 October - Northeastern Deanery - Gateway Hotel, Wangaratta.</b><br/>Register at Trybooking via the following Link or QR Code:<br/><a href="https://www.trybooking.com/DPJMF">https://www.trybooking.com/DPJMF</a></p>  <p><b>20 October - Goulburn Valley Deanery - MOVE (Museum of Vehicle Evolution), Kialla.</b><br/>Register at Trybooking via the following Link or QR Code:<br/><a href="https://www.trybooking.com/DPJNH">https://www.trybooking.com/DPJNH</a></p>  <p><b>27 October - Western Deanery - Fr Ted Harte Parish Centre, White Hills.</b><br/>Register at Trybooking via the following Link or QR Code:<br/><a href="https://www.trybooking.com/DPJNK">https://www.trybooking.com/DPJNK</a></p>  |                         |



# Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst

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| Kennington Parish | <p><b>Annual St. Luke Mass for Healthcare Workers - 6pm, Tuesday 20 October</b></p> <p>Calling all doctors, nurses, paramedics, allied health professionals, pharmacists, and healthcare related workers and students! Our parish will be celebrating our first annual 'St. Luke Mass for Healthcare Workers' from <b>6pm on Tuesday 20 October</b> at St Therese's Church, Kennington. This special liturgy honours the dedicated men and women who bring Christ's healing touch to the sick and vulnerable. A special 'Blessing of the Hands' Prayer will take place during the Mass, followed by light refreshments in our Welcome Area. Please join us as we pray for and celebrate your vital ministry of care.</p> |  |
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## Carried over from last week

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| Chancery    | <p><b>PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION APPEAL - for retired priests of Sandhurst.</b></p> <p>We have 15 retired priests, and our fundraising assists the provision of housing, annual recurrent and everyday expenses. The Foundation relies on the generosity of the priests and people of the Diocese.</p> <p>A special collection will be taken on the weekend of <u>10th and 11th of October</u> and is the major fundraiser of the year. Your Donations are essential.</p> <p>This day is an opportunity to thank God for their ministry and dedication, and to pray for our priests, active and retired.</p> <p>All donations are tax-deductible. Those requiring receipts for donations, please use the envelopes provided. Thank you.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <p><a href="#">Poster</a></p>  |
| Helen Leach | <p><b>March for the Babies Melbourne – 1pm 10 October 2026</b></p> <p>Join us as we walk peacefully through the city of Melbourne to protest the current abortion laws in Victoria on Saturday 10 October at 1pm from Treasury Gardens (corner of Spring Street and Wellington Parade). Signs will be provided but please leave loudspeakers and horns etc., at home. Wear pink or blue to show your support.</p> <p>Helen Leach <a href="mailto:helenleach1@outlook.com">helenleach1@outlook.com</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                    |
| Mary Pianta | <p><b>National Carers' Week 2026.</b></p> <p>From Sunday, 11 October to Saturday, 17 October, the national theme will be "Care for a Carer".</p> <p>Focusing on making carers visible and supporting the more than three million Australians who provide unpaid care, and support family members and friends who have a disability, mental health condition, chronic condition, terminal illness, and alcohol or other drug issue, or who are frail aged.</p> <p>According to National Centre for Pastoral Research (NCPR), figures from 2021 Census showed there were 11,268 Catholics providing unpaid care in our Diocese. Most take on a caring role because of sense of family responsibility. This often means they can only work part-time which leads to serious financial challenges and, sometimes, poverty.</p> <p>Carers need to be supported – their own health, mental health and wellbeing can be seriously affected.</p> <p>Contact <a href="https://www.carergateway.gov.au/">https://www.carergateway.gov.au/</a> or Carers Victoria to develop carer skills or access support services.</p> |                                                                                                                    |



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| Wilma McCormack               | <p><b>Marian Festival Sunday 11 October at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo</b></p> <p>All are welcome to the 52<sup>nd</sup> Marian Festival dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The day starts with Mass at 11:00 am celebrated by Bishop Emeritus Leslie Tomlinson, followed by BYO Lunch (or BBQ available); Festival begins with Rosary procession, followed by Guest Speaker then Benediction, and concludes with afternoon tea. National Costume dress welcome.</p> <p>For more information go to: <a href="http://www.bendigofatima.com">www.bendigofatima.com</a></p> <p>Contact: <a href="mailto:info@bendigofatima.com">info@bendigofatima.com</a></p>                                                  | <a href="#">Poster</a>                                                                                          |
| Knights of the Southern Cross | <p><b>Volunteers Needed – Marian Festival, Sunday 11 October 2026</b></p> <p>The Knights of the Southern Cross Bendigo will be providing a BBQ lunch for those attending the Marian Festival. Volunteers are needed to assist on the day from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm (or part thereof).</p> <p>Please ring or text Kevin on 0458485223 if you are able to help.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                 |
| MPL                           | <p><b>Formation Opportunities for existing or new Parish RCIA Teams</b></p> <p>The Mission and Pastoral Life Team (MPL) at the Chancery, in collaboration with experienced local parish RCIA Teams, is offering a formation sessions in October. This is designed for current Parish RCIA Teams and priests, and priests/parishioners interested in starting or restarting RCIA in their parish.</p> <p>The day will cover an overview of the RCIA journey and then move into each component more deeply.</p> <p><b>In Person Gathering</b></p> <p>Saturday 17 October 10 am – 3 pm at Holy Rosary, White Hills, Bendigo</p> <p><b>Registration via QR Code is required - Registrations close Monday 12 October.</b></p> |                              |
| Catholic Theological College  | <p><b>Knox Public Lecture 2026 - Synodality: Global and Local</b></p> <p>You are warmly invited to the 2026 Knox Public Lecture, presented by Most Reverend Patrick O'Regan DD, Archbishop of Adelaide, on "<i>Synodality: Global and Local</i>". <u>Thursday, 22 October, at 7:00 pm at Catholic Theological College.</u></p> <p>Registration Link: <a href="https://events.humanitix.com/2026-knox-public-lecture">https://events.humanitix.com/2026-knox-public-lecture</a>.</p> <p>Further information about the event can be found in the attached flyer.</p>                                                                                                                                                       | <a href="#">Poster</a><br> |
| MPL Care for Creation Team    | <p><b>Praying with Pope Francis for our Common Home: Prayer and Reflection Resource</b></p> <p>The Diocese reminds you of two prayer and reflection resources available the diocesan website. The first, based on Pope Francis' encyclical <i>Laudato Si'</i>, offers inspiration and encouragement. The second book, based on Pope Francis' encyclical <i>Laudato Deum</i> offers prayers for our world and its leaders and the conversion of heart and action necessary to respond to issues that affect us all. Designed to be printed as an A5 booklet, the can both be downloaded from the Diocesan website, <a href="#">here</a>.</p>                                                                              | <a href="#">Poster</a><br> |
| Caritas Australia             | <p><b>Caritas Australia Nepal Flood Appeal</b></p> <p>Caritas Australia have opened an appeal to support their on ground network in Nepal to deliver humanitarian aid. If you would like to donate to this appeal, please follow the following link: <a href="https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/nepal-floods/">https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/nepal-floods/</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                 |



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| <p>Central Victorian Irish Association</p> | <p><b>Launching of the Irish Harp Monument at Sacred Heart Cathedral by Bishop René: Sunday 18 October 2026.</b></p> <p>After many years of hard work, the time has finally come when we can formally celebrate the Contribution of the Irish people to the wonderful city of Bendigo and wider Australia with the launch of an Irish Harp memorial at the Sacred Heart Cathedral on Sunday 18 October, 2026 at 2pm.</p> <p>It is with the help of the Diocese of Sandhurst, Rotary Club Port Phillip, P M Godfrey, The Irish Embassy of Australia and members of the Central Victorian Irish Association (CVIA) who have supported this venture both financially and in kind, that this day is made possible. We also thank the John Bailey and his family who's assistance was invaluable in the actual installation of the Harp.</p> <p>Bishop René will be conducting the launch and the Mayor, Cr Thomas Prince will be in attendance along with other dignitaries. There will be performances by local artists, Celtic Harpist, Meryl Wilkinson, Michelle Westley, John Clancy and dancers from the O'Shea Ryan Irish Dance Academy.</p> <p>We warmly welcome everyone to join us in this great celebration of the history of the Irish in Bendigo and for further details and RSVP please contact Sue Foley (President of CVIA) on 0418 557 751 or suefoleyrotary@gmail.com</p> | <p><a href="#">Poster</a></p>                                                                                       |
| <p>ACBC</p>                                | <p><b>Survey of Catholic Couples over September</b></p> <p>The Australian Catholic Bishops are funding a survey over the month of September into the experience of Catholics in their first 10 years of marriage. The information gathered will inform the development of pastoral responses and resources for this vital stage of married life.</p> <p>Any couple married in the last 10 years, where at least one spouse is Catholic, can contribute their valuable insights via this link <a href="https://thepmrc.org/survey">https://thepmrc.org/survey</a> All answers are anonymous and confidential, and participants can contact the researchers directly with any questions via the survey link.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                     |
| <p>MPL Care for Creation Team</p>          | <p><b>St Francis of Assisi Reflection and Prayer Resource</b></p> <p>It has been 800 years since the death of St Francis of Assisi, yet he remains deeply relevant today. His life speaks to some of the most pressing concerns of our time: care for creation, peace, poverty, fraternity and a simple, Gospel-centred life. St Francis' vision was not about admiring creation from a distance, but recognising our relationship with God, one another and the whole of creation.</p> <p>Pope Leo XIV declared 2026 a special Jubilee 'Year of St Francis'. To mark this important anniversary, the Diocese of Sandhurst has published a resource for reflection and prayer, developed by the Office of Mission and Pastoral Life at the Chancery with the Sandhurst Care for Creation Team.</p> <p>The Diocese invites people to rediscover the witness of St Francis and to draw his spirit of simplicity, peace, compassion and care for creation into their own lives and prayer.</p> <p>This A5 booklet can be downloaded from the Diocesan website, here: <a href="https://sandhurst.catholic.org.au/item/3145-st-francis-of-assisi-jubilee-prayer-book">https://sandhurst.catholic.org.au/item/3145-st-francis-of-assisi-jubilee-prayer-book</a></p>                                                                                                                          | <p><a href="#">Poster</a></p>  |



## Events in November and Beyond

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| Glen Avard                     | <p><b>Sacred Heart, Cornella celebrates a century of worship</b><br/> Sunday 1, November 2026<br/> Rushworth parishioners are eagerly preparing for the 100th Anniversary celebrations of Sacred Heart Church, Cornella, and are seeking photographs, anecdotes or other material to bring the history of this Church to life. Submissions can be emailed to Glen Avard at <a href="mailto:jgavard@bigpond.com">jgavard@bigpond.com</a> or posted to 62 Mitchell Street, Colbinabbin 3559.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                         |
| Chancery                       | <p><b>St Mary's School, Inglewood – Save the Date 22 November 2026</b><br/> St Mary's School, Inglewood has been a place of learning, friendship, faith and belonging, shaping the lives of generations of local families for more than 160 years. As the school prepares to close at the end of this year, we invite past and present students, staff, families, parishioners and community members to join us in giving thanks for its extraordinary legacy and the people who have been part of its story.<br/> Enjoy lunch on the school grounds, browse historical displays, take a school tour and catch up with members of the school community. A celebratory Mass will be offered at the beginning of the event for those who are able to attend. To help us with catering, please register for this free event here:<br/> <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/DQBUZ">https://www.trybooking.com/DQBUZ</a><br/> <br/> Mass at St Mary's Church: 10:30am-11:30am<br/> Lunch and School tours: 11:30am-2:00pm</p> | <a href="#">Poster</a>  |
| Heathcote Parish               | <p><b>Blessing of the new Mary Help of Christians Parish Hall, Heathcote</b><br/> You are cordially invited to the Blessing of our new Parish Hall by Bishop René Ramirez RCJ on Sunday 29th November 2026 following the 9am Mass. Bishop René will be the Main Celebrant at the Mass and Priests of the Diocese are invited to concelebrate. After the Blessing, all are invited to enjoy Lunch together in the Hall.<br/> Could Priests wishing to concelebrate please let us know.<br/> For all who intend to stay for lunch please RSVP and advise any dietary requirements for catering purposes to:<br/> Phone: 03 5433 2030<br/> Mobile: 0430 964 224<br/> Email: <a href="mailto:heathcote@sandhurst.catholic.org.au">heathcote@sandhurst.catholic.org.au</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                         |
| Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney | <p><b>Eucharist28</b><br/> Eucharist28 will be held in Sydney from <b>24 September to 1 October 2028</b>, preceded by a <b>Theological Symposium from 20 to 22 September 2028</b>.<br/> Eucharist28 is a special opportunity for the Church. The coming years of prayer and preparation offer us a significant opportunity to deepen devotion to the Eucharist, strengthen the faith life of our communities, and help people rediscover the joy and transforming power of Christ's presence among us.<br/> The path to Eucharist28 begins with one simple, powerful word: <b>Believe</b>.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <a href="#">Poster</a>  |

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