



Bulletin Notices 29 July 2026

The Chancery	We warmly welcome Bishop René to the Diocese of Sandhurst and assure him of our prayers as he begins his ministry among us. We look forward to working together in faith and mission in the years ahead. Thank you to all who contributed to and participated in the Installation of Bishop René Ramirez RCJ.	
	Sandpiper e-News – Bishop René RCJ’s Installation Feature If you missed the Bishop’s Installation Mass, you can catch up with the highlights in the latest edition of Sandpiper e-News, here: https://mailchi.mp/sandhurst/ninthbishop (live from 4pm Friday 31 July)	
Rene (Reeny) Burke Muskerry	St Martin of Tours, Muskerry 150th Anniversary Celebrations Sunday 30 August 2026 You are invited to celebrate the 150 th anniversary of the blessing and consecration of St Martin of Tours Church in Muskerry. Starting at 10am with Mass celebrated by Bishop René RCJ, followed by a BYO picnic lunch in the church grounds. All are welcome to join. Contact: Fr Caldow: 5484 1073 or Rene Burke 5432 2283	Poster
Glenys Avard	Sacred Heart Cornella Centenary – Share Your Memories Sacred Heart Cornella will celebrate its 100th anniversary on Sunday, 1 November 2026. The organising committee is seeking photographs, memorabilia and other items from the past 50 years to help update the parish's history. Email digital copies to Glen Avard at jgavard@bigpond.com , or post items to: Glen Avard, 62 Mitchell Street, Colbinabbin VIC 3559.	
	Let's Help St Mary's Echuca Get an Accessible Toilet Join Echuca parishioners at their first Mini-Market and help raise funds for a new accessible toilet, making the church more welcoming and accessible for everyone. Shop with purpose, enjoy the community atmosphere, and support this important parish project. Saturday 16 August, 10.30 am–1.00 pm, on Church grounds.	
	Growing Communities of Mission Sandhurst Formation Institute Registrations close 14 August! What are you waiting for? Your parish needs you. Don't miss this brilliant opportunity to deepen your faith, learn from inspiring presenters and connect with others from across the Diocese. Register for the Sandhurst Formation Institute today. For more information, go to our website: https://sandhurst.catholic.org.au/item/3078-sandhurst-formation-institute-2026	Poster Flyer Youth Flyer 



Carried over from 22 July 2026

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OMPL	Growing Communities of Mission Sandhurst Formation Institute Registrations close 14 August! Friday 21 – Saturday 22 August 2026 at Riverlinks Eastbank, Shepparton Everyone from across the Diocese is strongly encouraged to join us at this Formation Institute: two inspiring days exploring “Gospel, Mission, and Pastoral Outreach”. Hear Bishop René Ramirez RCJ open and conclude the gathering, engage with keynote presentations on What is the Mission and What Does that Mean? and Growing as Communities of Mission, and choose from a wide range of practical seminars. There will also be opportunities for inter-parish and intergenerational dialogue, as well as a dedicated Youth Stream for young people aged 16–35. Renewing Our Parishes Begins with Us Whether you serve in ministry, belong to a parish group, or simply long to see your parish become a vibrant community of faith, hope and mission, this gathering is for you. Register today and be part of renewing our Diocese – one person, one parish, one community at a time. For more information, go to our website: https://sandhurst.catholic.org.au/item/3078-sandhurst-formation-institute-2026 Or check out the Facebook Event: (20+) Diocesan Formation Institute Facebook NOTE TO PARISHES: A short PROMO VIDEO promoting the Sandhurst Formation Institute can be found here: https://youtu.be/VqhtAzfZKaQ Please play it at your parish Masses. Total play time: 1 minute 45 seconds.	Poster Flyer Youth Flyer 

Carried over from 15 July 2026

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Catherine Holmes	Seeking Memories & Anecdotes of Poor Clare Sisters Many of you will remember our Poor Clare Sisters, who were a contemplative Order of Nuns based at their Monastery in Kennington. With the recent passing of Sisters Anthony and Christopher, Sister Clare (now residing at the Poor Clare Monastery in Roswell USA) remains our only living Sister. Given this is the Jubilee Year of St Francis, a Kennington Parishioner, Catherine Holmes seeking parishioners’ memories and anecdotes of the Sisters and compiling them into a book, aiming to capture their spiritual richness, warmth into a book to celebrate the contribution they made to our Diocese. All are very welcome to share their stories. Please email Catherine: Catholmes7777@gmail.com for enquiries and contributions.	

Events in August

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Anne O'Brien Serra Club of Bendigo	Pray for Vocations National Vocations Awareness Week (3-9 August) The Serra Club of Bendigo invites all to attend Mass, Rosary, and Prayers at St Therese's Church, Kennington, for National Vocations Awareness Week. Commencing Monday 3 August at 9:15 am each day, please join us to pray for our wonderful Priests, Religious, Seminarians and for Vocations. A cuppa and morning tea will follow. Your attendance every day, or even one day, would be warmly welcomed. Enquiries to Anne O'Brien 0447 390 162	
Mary Pianta Disability contact Coordinator	Vision Australia Seeing Eye Dogs Roadshow Bendigo (10 August 10 am- 1 pm) Discover the life-changing impact of Seeing Eye Dogs with Vision Australia. Experience trial walks with dogs in training led by expert staff in hands-on information sessions at Vision Australia, 20 Bridge St, Bendigo on Monday 10 August 10 am – 1 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend this free roadshow, but registration is essential. To register, email SEDclients@visionaustralia.org with your name and contact details.	
Fr Brian Boyle Administrator, Diocese of Sandhurst	"Growing as Communities of Mission" Friday 21 – Saturday 22 August 2026 at Riverlinks Eastbank, Shepparton Please see above.	

Events in September

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Care for Creation Team	Season of Creation Mass 1 September 11:00 am, Huntly Streamside Reserve The annual Diocesan Season of Creation Mass will take place at Huntly Streamside Reserve at 11 am on Tuesday, 1 September. All are welcome to join us as we celebrate all Creation at this outdoor Mass. A BBQ will follow. BYO chair, water bottle, hat!	
Care for Creation Team	Catholic Earthcare Season of Creation Gathering 2026 304 September 2026 3-4 September 2026 10:00 am – 4:30 pm A nationwide Online Catholic Ecology Event hosted by Caritas Australia. This gathering aims to bring together more than 300 participants from across Australia to deepen formation and inspire practical ecological action grounded in faith. Recognising the urgent environmental challenges facing our world, this event responds to Pope Francis' call for ecological conversion and care for our common home. To register to attend this event online go to: https://www.caritas.org.au/soc-gathering/ Join us in the Chancery on Friday, 3 September as we participate in this online gathering. For more details and to express your interest to join us at the Chancery: contact mpl@sandhurst.catholic.org.au	

Events in October

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Marg Watson	CWLV Prayer Day 7 October, Holy Rosary White Hills 9:15 am Catholic Womens' League Victoria invites you to join them for Mass, Rosary, a Talk and time for building and renewing friendships. BYO lunch, tea and coffee provided. Contact: Margaret 0409 621 080. All Welcome. We would love to see you.	
Wilma McCormack	Marian Festival Sunday 11 October at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo All are welcome to the 52 nd 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. For more information go to: www.bendigofatima.com Contact: info@bendigofatima.com	Poster

Events in November

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Glenys Avard	Sacred Heart Cornella Centenary Celebration Sunday 1 November 10:00 am Sacred Heart Church, Cornella, will celebrate its 100th anniversary on Sunday, 1 November, with Mass at 10.00am, followed by a light lunch. Mass will be concelebrated by Bishop René Ramirez RCJ and priests of the Diocese. Everyone with a connection to Cornella is warmly invited to attend. Organisers are also seeking historic photos and stories to include in a commemorative publication. Please email contributions as soon as possible to Glen Avard at jgavard@bigpond.com .	

Events in 2027

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Astrid Delayre Catholic Mission	One Heart Many Voices (OHMV) Conference, Sydney 3-5 May 2027 Catholic Mission's eighth OHMV Conference in Sydney, marks an exciting new chapter shaped by participant feedback and a growing desire for a space where people can come together to share, learn and be inspired by the stories of mission. With a new logo and refreshed program features, nationally recognised speakers expert in their field; practical workshops; immersive experiences; and, new opportunities for networking, prayer and formation, creating a well-rounded conference experience to equip participants to live and share the Gospel in their own communities. For more information go to: www.mohv.com.au	

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