New Bulletin Notices

OMPL	**"Magnificent Humanity" an Advent-Christmas Resource for Reflection, Discussion and Prayer** This year's Resource covers the four weeks of Advent, Christmas, and the Feast of the Holy Family. It interweaves the weekly Mass Readings with Pope Leo's messages on the opportunities and challenges of Artificial Intelligence, taken from his 2026 Encyclical *Magnificent Humanity.* You can download the Resource using the QR Code. It will also be available for download through the diocesan website and via social media. Use it for your own reflection over the coming weeks or, better still, get together with a small group to reflect, discuss and pray together.	LINK to RESOURCE
Joanne Bravo (CDOS)	**PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION APPEAL - for retired priests of Sandhurst.** We have 15 retired priests, and our fundraising assists the provision of housing, medical and everyday expenses. The Foundation relies on the generosity of the parishioners & public of the Diocese. The Priest Retirement Foundation Appeal is the ONLY annual Diocese of Sandhurst appeal, with 100% of funds raised going to support our sick and retired priests. The 2026 appeal is live until 30th June 2027. Your Donations are essential and your generosity is an opportunity to thank God for their ministry and dedication, and to pray for our priests, active and retired. All donations are tax-deductible and can be made via the information on the envelopes at your church or by contacting Joanne Bravo at the Bishop's Office. Receipts for donations can be requested via phone, email or by using the envelopes provided. Any questions are very welcome. Contact Joanne Bravo on 0432 398 073 or at joanne.bravo@sandhurst.catholic.org.au. Thank you. https://events.humanitix.com/prf-appeal?c=bulletin	
SJOG	**CHRISTMAS EVE MASS AT ST JOHN OF GOD HOSPITAL** An invitation is extended to you to attend the Christmas Eve Mass at 6pm on Thursday, 24 December, celebrated by Most Reverend Bishop René Ramirez, in the St John of God Bendigo Hospital Chapel. This will be Bishop René's first Christmas Mass with our St John of God community, making it an especially significant occasion. We hope you can join us for this special celebration. All are welcome to stay and enjoy light refreshments together following Mass. **WEEKLY MASS AT ST JOHN OF GOD HOSPITAL** All are warmly invited to join us for Mass at St John of God Hospital Chapel, Bendigo. Whether you are a patient, visitor, caregiver, volunteer, or member of the wider community, you are welcome to attend. Mass is celebrated each Tuesday at 11am in the Hospital Chapel. All welcome!	

Marist Brass Band	**Carols at St Kilian's – Sunday 6 December 2026 at 7pm** Please join us for a special community Christmas celebration hosted by the Marist Brass Band at St Kilian's Church, Bendigo. The evening will feature a wonderful line-up of local musical talent. Marist Brass Band will lead the evening with a selection of concert items and provide the music for everyone to sing along to their favourite Christmas carols. Our Marist Brass Academy will showcase the talents of our young musicians, while special guests Marist College Choir and Sacred Heart Cathedral Choir will add to the festivities, with Sacred Heart Cathedral Choir also leading the community sing-along carols. Entry is by donation and everyone is welcome!	Poster

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ACU and CAM	**Musical Catholicity in the 21st Century: A Composer Reflects** Friday 27 November - Cathedral Hall, 20-22 Brunswick St, Fitzroy Leading international composer **Sir James MacMillan** will reflect on his music in the light of faith, drawing and recent compositions. MacMillan will conduct Melbourne's Polyphonic Voices in a selection from his ***Strathclyde Motets*** and the Australian premiere of his 2025 ***Salve Regina***. Following the lecture, **Professor Clare Johnson** (ACU) will facilitate a conversation with **MacMillan** and panellists **Professor Judith Wolfe** (St Andrews/ACU) and **Reverend Dr Christopher Willcock SJ** (ACU). For registration please visit: **www.acu.edu.au/PublicLectureCf**	Poster
Mary Zobec	**ADVENT Christ be our Light** CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL SANDHURST Welcoming Christ's Presence in daily life Faith, Prayer and Service including Mass celebrated by Fr Arun Korlakanti **Saturday 28th November 2026** 9.30 cuppa, 10.00am-3.30pm St Brendan's, Knight Street, Shepparton at Mons Peter Jeffrey Centre **All welcome** Lunch: Please bring a plate to share and an offering will be taken up Contact: Brigita Hore: 0412 042 196 or Mary Zobec: 0427 190 282	Poster
Heathcote Parish	**Blessing of the new Mary Help of Christians Parish Hall, Heathcote** 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. Could Priests wishing to concelebrate please let us know. For all who intend to stay for lunch please RSVP and advise any dietary requirements for catering purposes to: Phone: 03 5433 2030 | 0430 964 224 Email: heathcote@sandhurst.catholic.org.au	

MPL	**Deanery Forum – Round 3** **10am – 3pm** 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. **After you register using details below, you will receive the Forum papers via email.** **Saturday 12 December - Western Deanery** **Fr Ted Harte Parish Centre, White Hills.** **Register at Trybooking via the following Link or QR Code:** **https://www.trybooking.com/DPJNK**	

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ACMRO	**Save the Date – Online Prayer Service** Parish and Stakeholders Providing Pastoral Care for Seasonal Workers Network Online Prayer Service on Friday, 4 December.	Poster

Prayer Resources and ongoing Appeals

MPL Care for Creation Team	**St Francis of Assisi Reflection and Prayer Resource** 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. 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. 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. This A5 booklet can be downloaded from the Diocesan website, here: https://sandhurst.catholic.org.au/item/3145-st-francis-of-assisi-jubilee-prayer-book	Poster
MPL Care for Creation Team	**Praying with Pope Francis for our Common Home: Prayer and Reflection Resource** The Diocese reminds you of two prayer and reflection resources available the diocesan website. The first, based on Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'*, offers inspiration and encouragement. The second book, based on Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Deum 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, here.	Poster

Caritas Australia	**Caritas Australia Nepal Flood Appeal** 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: https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/nepal-floods/	

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