

PRIEST ADMINISTRATOR: Fr Joe O'Shea

PARISH CENTRE: 7 Foote St Dromana 3936

Please address ALL correspondence to: PO Box 126 Dromana Vic 3936

(03) 9401 6314 website: http://perpetualhelp.org.au e-mail: dromana@cam.org.au

aire our letters

from home

PlenaryCouncil 2020

Office Hours: Monday & Friday 10am - 4.30pm

 $17^{th} - 24^{th}$  May 2020 Newsletter, Prayers & Reflections



► COVID-19 Pandemic: For the rest of May, under strict conditions and for no more than TEN people at a time, there can be Masses and Services in Churches.

SEE BELOW for details for Masses and how to be one of a group of 10 for a Mass. Website https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass has Mass online; TV Mass 11am Sun. C31(44). Information about COVID-19 is found at: www.cam.org.au/coronavirus NOTE: The Sunday Obligation of the Faithful will not apply during this time.

**Groups for Masses:** The Pastoral Council has invited groups of 10 persons for Masses this weekend. In accordance with COVID-19 instructions, names and contact numbers of all who attend a Mass in May are to be recorded and appropriate sanitation and social distancing are to be practiced. Forms will be available in front of the HALL, to record your name for one of a group of 10 for Masses for the rest of May. Please one Mass per week per parishioner.

Please allow those, who cannot come on weekdays, to have preference for weekend Masses.

● CELEBRATIONS: 18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> May 2020 for assigned Groups of 10 only!!

Monday **9.00am & 5.00pm** Mass in Time of Pandemic 1 Mass in Time of Pandemic 2 9.00am & 5.00pm Tuesday Mass of Wed 6<sup>th</sup> wk of Easter, Wednesday 9.00am

Thursday No Mass

Friday **9.00am & 5.00pm** Mass of St Rita

Saturday 6.00pm Mass of the Ascension, vr A, 8.00am & 10.00am Sunday Mass of the Ascension, vr A,

• Keep in Touch: See our website: http://perpetualhelp.org.au

- Support Your Parish: We need to continue to support our Parish while we have no collections at Masses. Those who use sacrificial giving envelopes might consider dropping their envelopes off at the Parish Office (in the box by the presbytery door) or:
  - Making a **direct deposit** payment through your bank to:

1<sup>st</sup> Collection (Fr Joe) OLPH Dromana Presbytery Account BSB 083 347 Acc No. 904378858 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection (Parish) Dromana OLPH Church Account BSB 083 347 Acc No: 650781814 Please include your name or envelope number (if you have one) as the reference.

Or • Credit Card via our new Payment Portal: CDFpay for Our Lady of Perpetual Help

All donations will be graciously received. We need finance to continue to pay the bills of our Parish.

• **Project Compassion:** Please bring Project Compassion boxes or set of envelopes to the parish office or put them in the box beside the office door or visit www.caritas.org.au to make a donation

#### FAMILY PRAYER at HOME - 6th Sunday of Easter 2020

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Alleluia! The Holy Spirit is given to us through the risen Christ and the Father!

Leader: Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. All: Amen

> FIRST READING: Acts 8:5-8.14-17
They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

#### > RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

## A Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!

'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!' Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men.

He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod. Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might. 

#

Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul. Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me. R

- > SECOND READING: 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 3:15-18
  In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.
- > GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

➤ GOSPEL: John 14:15-21
I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

► Think about the readings. You can use Lectio Divina on p3 for reflection on the Gospel.

Leader: Almighty God, in whom we know the power of redemption, you stand among us in the shadows of our time. As we move through every sorrow and trial of this life, uphold us with knowledge of the final morning when, in the glorious presence of your Risen Son, we will share in his resurrection, redeemed and restored to the fullness of life and forever freed to be your people.

All: Amen.

**Leader:** Jesus lived the command of love as an example for us, so let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught us: **All:** Our Father ....

**Leader:** May God bless us and may the Holy Spirit be ever beside us as our Advocate.

All: In the name of the Father, + and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

(Ecumenical prayer from the National Council of Churches. We have been invited to pray this prayer at 7pm each day.)

Gracious God, We give thanks anew for your providence and presence. We prayerfully seek your grace, amidst COVID-19 here and overseas. We pray for those in need of healing. We pray for your peace with those who are anxious or grieving. We pray you will continue to strengthen and sustain all those who are serving in response. We pray for your Holy Spirit's discernment amidst the many choices and decisions facing our national, community and medical leaders. We pray we each might see quickly what more we can do to help those who are vulnerable. This prayer for our nation in the family of nations, with all that is on our hearts, we gather now and pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Fr Joe to Retire: After extensive discussions, proposals and counsel, and in consideration of health issues, the Archbishop has accepted that I retire on 30<sup>th</sup> June this year. Fr John Paul Mount will then become the Administrator of Dromana Parish in addition to his appointment as Parish Priest of Rosebud Parish. I am working with Fr John Paul to work out what my continuing role might be in Dromana Parish. It has been a privilege to serve, and hopefully to continue to serve in a new way, all in the Parish of Dromana. 

  Fr Joe
- Sell Raffle Tickets: Due to the current COVID -19 restrictions, the combined Churches raffle has been granted an extension. Ticket Sales Closing Date: 11<sup>th</sup> September Draw Date: 26<sup>th</sup> September at 7.15 pm Publication of Winners Date: 30<sup>th</sup> September.

We still have over 80 Books of Tickets to sell. Get books of tickets from the Parish office during office hours. Ticket butts can & should be returned to the Parish office or the drop-off box beside the presbytery door ASAP. We need to make this Raffle a fundraiser for our Parish!!

#### Readings of next Sunday: Feast of the Ascension, Yr A

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 1: 1-11 Resp. Psalm: Ps 46: 2-3. 6-9 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 1: 17-23 Gospel: Matthew 28: 16-20

#### **WORD of God** – are we Listening better?

→ Use these notes to pray through <u>Lectio Divina</u> on the text of this Sunday's Gospel:

Lectio: Our Gospel this Sunday continues the long discourse of Jesus with his apostles at the Last Supper. Jesus had raised the importance of the Command of Love, but Peter's question of where Jesus was going (last Sunday's text), had sidetracked Jesus. Now he returns to the centrality of love for a disciple. Living the way of love is not just a good way but it is the way that is empowered by the Holy Spirit, the gift to be given from Jesus and the Father at Pentecost. The disciples would only understand this when the Spirit was given at Pentecost. That is after having been witnesses to the greatest act of love, Jesus' death on the Cross, and the triumph over death in the resurrection.

#### Read: John 14: 15 - 21

Jesus said to his disciples: If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave your orphans; I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live.

On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.

**Meditatio:** Am I convinced of the power of love; of how the Holy Spirit works through love? The Holy Spirit is the Advocate, one who stands with you and looks out for you; is that how I experience the Holy Spirit? God lives within me, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, how wonderful that is! Have there been times

when I felt like an orphan — that God had deserted me? Consider what Jesus' words mean for me — "you will see me because I live and you will live". Do I express my love of Jesus by living the way of Love? How has Jesus 'showed himeslf' to me?

**Oratio:** Pray that living the way of love may be central to the lives of Christians, indeed of anyone who loves Jesus. Pray that people may experience the personal closeness and care of God. Pray for those who have lost sight of God in their lives. Pray for patience; love wins through in the end. Pray in thanks for God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who lives within us, especiaslly through Baptism and the Sacraments. Pray for an openness to the Holy Spirit working in our lives. Pray for a deepening of the gift of faith which enables us to see God in our lives.

**Contemplatio** – Dwell in stillness, simply aware of the boundless expanse of mercy that surrounds you.

After your prayer — Show appreciation to those who love you.

**\* Please pray** for those who are sick especially:



Carl Rooney (Fr Joe's nephew), John Jose, Raelene Watt, John Coughlin, Mike Henry, Denise Vidoni, Mark Burns, Jenny Brewer, Hank Morris, and all those who need our prayers. May they receive the Lord's comfort and strength.

(Because we respect your privacy — For people to be named on the list of the prayers for the sick: their names must first be submitted on an AUTHORIZATION FORM available from the Parish Office.)

- **+ Please pray for** those who died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time, and for all who have died. May they rest in peace.
- → Please pray for the peoples of China: May the witness of Christians enhance truth and openness among all nations. Pray the Pope's prayer see p5 and/or The Scripture Rosary for the Church in China p6-9.
- More Prayers etc for 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter: Connect to https://litedliturgybrisbane.weebly.com/
- ▶ e-mails & CENSUS: Please send the Parish an e-mail to dromana@cam.org.au so you can keep in touch during this changing times for Dromana Parish. Title your e-mail CENSUS with your name. Then we can contact you with parish news/updates.
- **The Bishops of Victoria** Letter is posted on the Hall's notice board or below on p10.



## FREE MINI GOLF

Present this voucher, Buy one game of golf or bowling and receive one FREE round of golf (to equal or lesser value)

TOP FUN FAMILY FUN CENTRE 1223 POINT NEPEAN ROAD ROSEBUD 3939

Expiration Date 3/05/2020

PH. 03 59 81 2222 www.topfungames.com.au





Celebrating Lives



## DR JESSICA M WELLS

NETWORK CHIROPRACTOR

0433 336 443

drj@networkchiro.net

35 Somers Ave

www.networkchiro.net

McCrae 3936



Dr Paul Heathcote Dr Marnee Blundell Dr Richard Shanasy 191 Point Nepean Road, Dromana VIC 3936 P (03) 5981 8555 beachsidedoctors.com.au



1091 Pt. Nepcan Road, Resebut 3939 Phone: 5986 3705 Fax: 5986 7863 Email: pfp1031@pac.com:aw

## DIJ ELECTRICAL

LOCAL ELECTRICIAN - FREE QUOTES



NO JOBS TOO SMALL



DAVID JOHNSTON 0413 452 832



Rosebud Funeral Services 123 Jetty Road, Rosebud. 3939. Ph 5986 8491



Kitchen Laundry Decking Pergola Home Extensions

Laurie Cassar 0421 502 772 admin@casadevelopments.com.cu www.casadevelopments.com.au





Find our experienced team of real estate protessionals opposite the pier.

Consistently achieving outstanding results miross.com.au

215 Pt Nepean Rd DROMANA

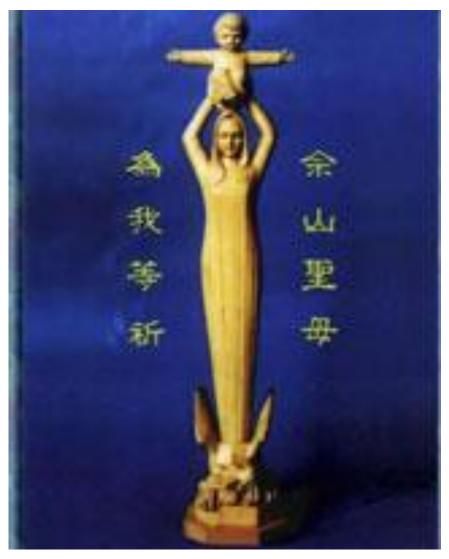
5987 2800



# Prayer for China

Virgin Most Holy, Mother of the Incarnate Word and our Mother, venerated in the Shrine of Sheshan under the title 'Help of Christians,' the entire Church in China looks to you with devout affection. We come before you today to implore your protection. Look upon the People of God and, with a mother's care, guide them along the paths of truth and love, so that they may always be a leaven of harmonious coexistence among all citizens.

When you obediently said 'yes' in the house of Nazareth, you allowed God's eternal Son to take flesh in your virginal womb and thus to begin in history the work of our redemption. You willingly and generously co-operated in that work, allowing the sword of pain to pierce your soul, until the supreme hour of the Cross, when you kept watch on Calvary, standing beside your Son, who died that we might live. From that moment, you became, in a new way, the Mother of all those who receive your Son Jesus in faith and choose to follow in His footsteps by taking up His Cross. Mother of hope, in the darkness of Holy Saturday you journeyed with unfailing trust towards the dawn of Easter. Grant that your children may discern at all times, even those that are darkest, the signs of God's loving presence.



Lady of Sheshan, sustain all those in China, who, amid their daily trails, continue to believe, to hope, to love. May they never be afraid to speak of Jesus to the world, and of the world to Jesus. In the statue overlooking the Shrine you lift your Son on high, offering him to the world with open arms in a gesture of love. Help Catholics always to be credible witnesses to this love, ever clinging to the rock of Peter on which the Church is built. Mother of China and all Asia, pray for us, now and forever. Amen!

## Rosary for the Church in China

#### **♦**1st Luminous Mystery THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

Our Father

John the Baptist said: "I baptize you in water for repentance,

All: But the one who follows me is more powerful than I am. Hail Mary

And I am not fit to carry his sandals;

All: He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

Hail Mary

Then Jesus appeared:

All: He came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John.

Hail Mary

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said,

All: "Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world."

Hail Mary

John tried to dissuade him.

All: "It is I who need baptism from you and yet you come to me!"

Hail Mary

But Jesus replies: "Leave it like this for the time being;

All: It is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands."

Hail Mary

As soon as Jesus was baptized he came up from the water,

All: And suddenly the heavens opened Hail Mary

John saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove

All: **And coming down on him.** Hail Mary

And a voice spoke from heaven,

All: "This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him." Hail Mary

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness

All: **To be tempted by the devil.** Hail Mary

Glory Be

#### Prayer to Our Lady of Sheshan n1

Virgin Most Holy, Mother of the Incarnate Word and our Mother, venerated in the Shrine of Sheshan under the title "Help of Christians", the entire church in China looks to you with fervent affection. We come before you today to implore your protection. Look upon the People of God and, with a mother's care, guide them along the paths of truth and love, so that they may always be a leaven of harmonious coexistence among all citizens.

ALL: Mother of China and all Asia, pray for us, now and for ever. Amen.

### **Description THE WEDDING AT CANA THE WEDDING AT CANA**

Our Father

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there,

All: And Jesus and his disciples had also been invited.

Hail Mary

When they ran out of wine,

All: Since the wine for the wedding was all finished.

Hail Mary

The mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine".

All: Jesus said, "Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet." Hail Mary

His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you".

All: There were 6 stone water jars standing there, each could hold 20 or 30 gallons.

Hail Mary

Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water",

All: **And they filled them to the brim.** Hail Mary

"Draw some water out now" he told them

All: **And take it to the steward.** Hail Mary

The steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine.

All: Having no idea where it came from - the steward called the bridegroom.

Hail Mary

"People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink,

All: But you have kept the best wine till now". Hail Mary

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus.

All: It was given at Cana in Galilee. Hail Mary

He let his glory be seen,

All: **And his disciples believed in him.** Hail Mary

Glory Be

#### Prayer to Our Lady of Sheshan n

Virgin Most Holy, when you obediently said 'yes' in the house of Nazareth, you allowed God's eternal Son to take flesh in your virginal womb and thus to begin in history the work of our redemption. You willingly and generously co-operated in that work, allowing the sword of pain to pierce your soul, until the supreme hour of the Cross, when you kept watch on Calvary, standing beside your Son, who died that we might live.

ALL: Mother of China and all Asia, pray for us, now and for ever. Amen.

#### **♣** 3<sup>rd</sup> Luminous Mystery <u>THE PREACHING OF THE KINGDOM</u>

Our Father

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him,

All: **Returned to Galilee.** Hail Mary

There he proclaimed the Good News from God.

All: "The time has come", he said. Hail Mary

And the kingdom of God is close at hand.

All: **Repent, and believe the Good News.**Hail Mary

The people said: "Here is a teaching that is new and with authority behind it: All: **He gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.**Hail Mary

Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?

All: Jesus said, "I did not come to call the virtuous, but sinners".

Hail Mary

His mother and brothers now arrived and, standing outside, sent a message asking for him.

All: He replied, "Who are my mother and brothers?"

Hail Mary

Anyone who does the will of God,

All: That person is my brother and sister and mother.

Hail Mary

One of the Pharisees invited Jesus to a meal, a woman came in, who had a bad name in the town.

All: She waited behind him at his feet, weeping, and her tears fell on his feet.

Hail Mary





I tell you that her sins, her many sins, have been forgiven her, or she would not have shown such great love.

All: It is the man who is forgiven little who shows little love. Hail Mary

The guests began to say to themselves, "Who is this man, that he even forgives sins?"

All: Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace.

Hail Mary

Glory Be

#### Prayer to Our Lady of Sheshan n3

Virgin Most Holy, standing beside your Son, who died that we might live, from that moment, you became, in a new way, the Mother of all those who receive your Son Jesus in faith and choose to follow in His footsteps by taking up His Cross. Mother of hope, in the darkness of Holy Saturday you journeyed with unfailing trust towards the dawn of Easter. Grant that your children may discern at all times, even those that are darkest, the signs of God's loving presence.

ALL: Mother of China and all Asia, pray for us, now and for ever. Amen.

#### **4** 4<sup>th</sup> Luminous Mystery

#### **THE TRANSFIGURATION**

Our Father

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James

All: **And went up the mountain to pray.** Hail Mary

As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed

All: And his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Hail Mary

Suddenly there were two men talking to him,

All: They were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory. Hail Mary

They were speaking of his passing.

All: Which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Hail Mary

Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but kept awake

All: And they saw his glory and the two men standing with him.

Hail Mary

As these were leaving him,

All: Peter said to Jesus, "Master it is wonderful for us to be here; Hail Mary

Let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah."

All: - He did not know what he was saying.

Hail Mary

As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow;

All: And when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. Hail Mary

And a voice came from the cloud saying,

All: This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.

Hail Mary

And after the voice had spoken,

All: **Jesus was found alone.** Hail Mary

Glory Be





#### Prayer to Our Lady of Sheshan

n4

Our Lady of Sheshan, sustain all those in China, who, amid their daily trails, continue to believe, to hope, to love. May they never be afraid to speak of Jesus to the world, and of the world to Jesus. In the statue overlooking the Shrine you lift your Son on high, offering him to the world with open arms in a gesture of love. Help Catholics always to be credible witnesses to this love, ever clinging to the rock of Peter on which the Church is built.

ALL: Mother of China and all Asia, pray for us, now and for ever. Amen.

**♦** 5<sup>th</sup> Luminous Mystery

#### THE LAST SUPPER

Our Father

It was before the Festival of the Passover, and Jesus knew that the hour had come

All: For him to pass from this world to the Father.

Hail Mary

He had always loved those who were his in the world,

All: But now he showed how perfect his love was.

Hail Mary

When the hour came he took his place at table,

All: And the apostles with him.

Hail Mary

And he said to them,

All: "I have longed to eat this Passover with you before I suffer;

Hail Mary

I tell you I shall not eat it again until it is fulfilled

All: In the kingdom of God."

Hail Mary

Then he took some bread and when he had given thanks,

All: Broke it and gave it to them.

Hail Mary

He said, "This is my body which will be given for you;

All: Do this as a memorial of me."

Hail Mary

He did the same with the cup after supper, and said

All: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be poured out for you."

Hail Mary

"My little children, I shall not be with you much longer.

All: I give you a new commandment: love one another.

Hail Mary

Just as I have loved you, you must love one another.

All: By this love you have for one another, everyone will know you are my disciples"

Hail Mary

Glory Be

♣ Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life our sweetness, and our hope! To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve, to you we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us; and after this our exile, show to us the blessed fruit of your womb Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary:

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

All: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

## Catholic community in Victoria, The Catholic Dioceses of Melbourne, Ballarat, Sale and Sandhurst

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Throughout this situation of the Coronavirus pandemic our prayers and solidarity have been with you all, and will continue to guide the challenging decisions we have been called to make.

Despite the many weeks of worry and social restrictions, we are delighted that as of 11.59pm yesterday, Tuesday 12 May 2020, churches in Victoria may now be open in certain circumstances.

This opportunity for small gatherings and for some quiet moments of prayer in the sacramental presence of Our Lord is a gentle first step in the right direction, and rightly a moment of rejoicing for God's people. We are pleased to work constructively with our communities to make appropriate adjustments. Strict restrictions still govern our actions due to the risks of COVID-19 and we are all being asked to show patience and fortitude.

Each Diocese is communicating with their parishes about how various ministries, including sacramental care, will be conducted in this first stage of the easing of social restrictions. We wish to be fully compliant with the directives that apply across Victoria, so that we ensure the protection of elderly and vulnerable people, and work together for the common good of our communities.

The conditions under which a church can be open include a collection of contact details (for the purposes of contact-tracing if it becomes necessary), strict monitoring of numbers, ongoing hygiene requirements, publicising the scheduled times for private worship, and public worship limited to ten people at a time.

Arrangements for liturgies and access to churches while ensuring these conditions are met will vary, depending on the facilities and resources that are available in each particular community. We recognise that deciding on these arrangements and putting them in place is not straightforward, and we ask for patience and understanding during this time.

This new stage of restrictions is subject to changing guidance that we receive from the State Government authorities, and we are advised this will be reviewed at the end of May.

After a difficult time for all of us, including many new pressures on families and great challenges for healthcare and emergency workers, we share in the disappointment that social restrictions are likely to continue for some time.

Nevertheless, we act with one accord in doing what is most prudent and loving for the sake of those most susceptible to the virus. We rejoice that Christ is with us and will walk with us as we begin the long journey out of the current stage of restrictions.

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE Most Rev Paul Bernard Bird CSsR MA, DD BISHOP OF BALLARAT

Most Rev Shane Mackinlay BISHOP OF SANDHURST

Rev Peter Slater
DELEGATE OF DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATOR, SALE