

# UPDATED BULLETIN INFORMATION

This bulletin was printed on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024. Therefore, some notices need updating and we need to provide you with some new notices.

## **TEMPORARY CHANGE TO PARISH OFFICE**

As most of you are aware, our Parish Secretary Kate Allen was due to undergo surgery on 5<sup>th</sup> November but it was cancelled and she returned to work. After having had her surgery cancelled on four occasions now she is re-scheduled to undergo surgery on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November. Please pray for her and her family members. Kate will be on leave and then return to the office on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.... if all goes to plan! Our Finance Secretary, Phil Hickling, will be in the office on Tuesday of this week.

## **ROSTERS FOR ST. BRIGID'S RAYMOND TERRACE AND OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS MALLABULA**

If Kate's surgery goes ahead, she will not be in the office to take phone calls regarding changes to the rosters (refer to notice in the Bulletin). If you are able, please email any changes and Kate will take note of these when she returns to the office. If you are unable to email, please send in a handwritten note in an envelope marked 'Kate – Rosters' and return via the collection plate for Raymond Terrace parishioners and send in via the port for Mallabula parishioners by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November.

## **LEBANON APPEAL**

The situation in Lebanon continues to deteriorate due to the ongoing conflict between Israel and Hezbollah. Over 2,200 have died and another 12,000 have been injured. Essential services have collapsed due to the destruction of buildings and infrastructure. More than 1 million people have been displaced from their homes. The need is desperate. Here in Australia, the Maronite Catholic Eparchy, together with the Melkite Catholic Eparchy have established an appeal to provide assistance to the people of Lebanon who are in most need of support. The appeal will enable the Catholic Dioceses in Lebanon, Caritas Lebanon and The Order of Malta to channel this support directly to where it is needed most. Any donations towards the appeal can be remitted directly to the Maronite Eparchy's account. BSB: 942-206 and Account Number: 1669910

## **FR GREG BARKER**

Bishop Michael Kennedy has appointed Fr Greg Barker as Parish Priest of Inner Newcastle, Mayfield and Stockton effective from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025.

## **CATHERINE MCAULEY COLLEGE MEDOWIE**

Bernard Burgess has been Appointed Principal of Catherine McAuley College, Medowie commencing Term 1 January 2025.

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### **MERCY SISTERS ECOLOGY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM**

This program is for emerging leaders in Integral Ecology awareness and animation who desire to be part of the ongoing enhancement and development of reflective action for Gospel justice in response to the cries of Earth. There are 5 components of the Program committed emerging leaders will engage and complete to better enable them and their communities to respond to ecological challenges. Applications for the fully funded 2025-2026 Mercy Sisters Ecology Fellowship Program close on Monday 18th November. Find out more about the program and to apply visit:

[https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5acea6725417fc059ddcc33f/t/67049b914d3947588f61acb7/1728355220931/20241008\\_ISMAPNG+Mercy+Integral+Ecology+Fellowship+2025-26.pdf](https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5acea6725417fc059ddcc33f/t/67049b914d3947588f61acb7/1728355220931/20241008_ISMAPNG+Mercy+Integral+Ecology+Fellowship+2025-26.pdf)

### **SR LOUISE GANNON rsj**

Sr Louise Gannon rsj will retire from Diocesan Ministry and her final day will be Friday 29th November 2024.

### **VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

It's the time of the year when the local Vinnies conference asks you to share the spirit of the season with our Vinnies clients. This Advent we're trying something different. Instead of asking for cash or credit donations, we're asking you to bring gift cards – of whatever value suits you – and leave in the gift box at the back of the hall/church (or at Medowie, on the Christmas tree!). Please ensure they are for local stores – Woolies, Aldi, Big W etc – so they are easily redeemed. It's more helpful to have eg two x \$25 cards rather than 1 x \$50 card, for obvious reasons. The cards – as well as those ordered by the Conference from its funds – will be distributed in time for clients to choose what best suits their needs, so we'd appreciate having cards early in December. We are always ready to welcome new members to the Conference. You need a heart for the poor, and reasonable computer skills, and you will be guided every step of the way of course. Maybe a new year resolution? Thank you for your generosity.

### **FORMATION FILM – DIOCESAN RESOURCE CENTRE**

You are invited to the Diocesan Resource Centre for the December Formation Film event – “The Man Who Invented Christmas” on Saturday 7th December from 11am. A Christmas inspired lunch will be provided! In 1843 London, author Charles Dickens finds himself in financial trouble and desperate for a hit. Dickens relies on real-life inspiration and vivid imagination to bring Ebenezer Scrooge, Tiny Tim, and others to life in A Christmas Carol. Featuring acclaimed actors; Christopher Plummer, Miriam Margolyes, and Simon Callow. To book please call 02 4923 0682

### **RECENTLY DECEASED**

Fr. John Begg SM

### **DEATH ANNIVERSARY**

Maureen Paul