

# Deanery News



The Spring edition of our **Diocesan Catholic Outlook** is now available for you to collect when you are next at Mass or online via the following link: <https://www.catholicoutlook.org/>.

As mentioned previously, our Plenary journey has been put back a year with the first Assembly in Adelaide, October 2021 and the second in Sydney, July 2022. You can read about the delegates and Plenary working documents in pages 36-38 of the Catholic Outlook.

Richard McMahon, director of pastoral planning, explains the roles of the **Diocesan, Deanery and Parish pastoral councils** under the title 'The voice of the people' on pages 44-45.

We are invited to join with others online to be informed about the next steps for the Plenary Council 2020. You will experience how to use a simple guide to animate your local community to engage with the Thematic Writing Papers, and to develop Good News Stories in the spirit of Plenary. If you are interested, please book into one of the following sessions:

- Saturday 19 September at 2.30pm: <https://tinyurl.com/plenary19september>
- Monday 21 September at 7pm: <https://tinyurl.com/plenary21september>
- Thursday 24 September at 7pm: <https://tinyurl.com/plenary24september>

## Other News:

- ✠ We **welcome** Father John McSweeney PP and Fr Abraham to the Upper Mountains/Katoomba parish and we wish Fr Jolly a fruitful mission in Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens. (No news of his replacement at Glenbrook yet).
- ✠ The Australian Bishops have released a 200 page response to the Royal Commission recommendations. '**The Light from the Southern Cross**' aims at promoting co-responsible governance with transparency and accountability in our Church.
- ✠ The full report and reading guide are available on-line.
- ✠ Our Deanery initiative to support the **Jesuit Refugee Service** and **The House of Welcome** has been adopted across the diocese. Participating parishes will be rostered *twice a year* to donate to support refugees and details will be published when confirmed.

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