

PREPARING THE OILS

This week saw the beginning of preparation for the distribution of the Holy Oils around the diocese. On Monday morning the Oils Preparation Group gathered in St Patrick's Hall Kitchen where they mixed and bottled the Oils and then sorted them ready for distribution at the Mass of the Oils.

The Mass of the Oils takes place at the beginning of Holy Week next **Monday, March 26** in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat. This celebration for the whole Diocese will commence at **6.30pm** and be followed by supper.



The Oils blessed at this Mass – Oil of the Sick, Oil of Baptism and the Holy Chrism will reach every Catholic in our Diocese who becomes sick and is anointed; every baby and young child in our diocese who is baptised; and every young person and adult in our diocese who are fully initiated into the community of the Church.

During the Mass, the oils will be presented for blessing by representatives from many parishes working in many ministries and by those to be baptised and received into the Church. At the conclusion of the Mass, representatives from all the parishes of the Diocese will receive the Oils for use in their parish communities.

