St Mary’s Noticesheet

St Mary’s Colac is a community of believers, who strive to bring Christ’s good news to the people of Colac and district. Through service, caring and love we aim to create an environment of respect and understanding in which every one can grow. We acknowledge the Gulidjan, people, the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years.

Third Sunday of Lent – 15th March 2020 – Year A

Responsorial Psalm

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and Praise Lord Jesus Christ; Glory and Praise to you.
From the shining cloud the Father’s voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and Praise Lord Jesus Christ; Glory and Praise to you.

This Week’s Readings

Third Sunday of Lent

Next Week’s Readings
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Deaths: Judi Curtis, Frank Vogels (Timboon), Archbishop Bathesby (Brisbane), Peter O’Callaghan, 
A CORONAVIRUS PRAYER — BY KERRY WEBER

Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love. Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbours from helping one another. Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders. Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace. Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace. Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace. Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth. Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace. Jesus Christ, heal us.

NEWS ITEMS:
Special Minister of Eucharist: Congratulations and Thanks to Anne Baum, Jennie Scott, Terri Stephens and Michael Allison who were recently inducted as Ministers of the Eucharist (Church and Nursing Homes).

Catholic Women’s League: Colac Fundraising Screening of “I Still Believe’ Sunday, April 19th 2pm @$15.

R.C.I.A. Trica Hook preparing to join us in Easter Faith – All welcome to join and support her with Lenten Scripture Reflection each Tuesday 3.30pm at the Presbytery.

Harmony Day is a day which is celebrated in Australia on March 21. This is a day when Australians celebrate the core values of inclusiveness, respect for other cultures, tolerance, and diversity. It is a day that began in 1999 and coincides with the UN’s International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

PASTORAL STATEMENT FROM THE VICAR GENERAL (MARCH 5TH 2020).

RE: CORONAVIRUS AND RECEIPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION.
Statement available-Hard copy on Gathering Space Table Red Paper.
* Communion only by Host; *Celebrant only to drink from the chalice
*Sign of Peace – Smile or Bow *All Ministers to Use Hand Sanitizers
*Holy Water Fonts to be emptied.
* Preferable Communion in the hand and not on tongue.

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