

AUSTRALIA DAY  
26TH JANUARY 2020



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# 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 Ordinary Time - Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020 –Year A

### Responsorial Psalm

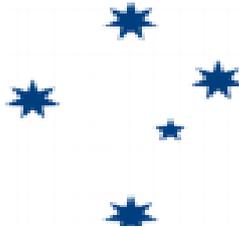
The Lord is my light and my salvation.

### *In our Unity under God lies our strength.*

(Mary MacKillop) 10.8.1874

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Jesus preached the Good News of  
the kingdom and healed all who were sick.  
Alleluia!



### This Week's Readings

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A  
Is 8:23-9:3. Cor 1:10-13.17. Matthew 4:12-23-3

### Next Week's Readings

The Presentation of the Lord – Year A  
Malachi 3:1-4, Hebrews 2:14-18, Luke:22-32.

**Deaths:** Pasquale Dimasi, John Hamilton Burrow (Brisbane), Alice Perkins (Camperdown).

**Anniversaries:** John Cass, John Montano, Veronica Garner, James Morrissy, Beverly Davies, Anne Davies, Robert Davies. James (Jim) Bonner, Fr Frank Harney & Monsignor Galligan.

### MASS TIMES:

Tuesday	9.00am	St Mary's
	5.00pm	St Mary's
Wednesday	10.00am	St Mary's
Thursday	10.00am	St Mary's
Friday	*8.00am	St Mary's
Saturday	6.00pm	St Mary's
Sunday	9.00am	St Mary's
	11.00am	St Mary's

### SACRAMENTAL OF RECONCILIATION

Anytime by Appointment  
\*Each Friday after Mass

### AUSTRALIA DAY 26.1.2020

*"Australia Day – a secular feast day celebrating our unity as a people. We might come from different lands and have strange accents, traditions and belief systems, but we have much to share as we live together in this ancient land. It is also a day for prayerful reflection. We acknowledge the custodianship of the First Peoples. Australia Day should give us all pause to reflect on the need for truth-telling about our history – the good and the bad. We also share the diverse stories of all who have come to our shores in waves of migration and settlement. We pray that the year ahead will be rich with possibility as we teach, encourage and witness to the young Australians in our classrooms across the country." ~ By Ann Rennie*

**'Alanon' Meeting:** – Every Monday 11am at St Mary's Church. Small meeting room. All welcome contact Mary 5234 6339.

**'THANKYOU'** – We are touched by the support of so many at Philip's sending ceremony at Tuesday's Mass. Thanks firstly to Fr Michael who saw Philip's undertaking with Palms as a mission to be acknowledged. Bishop Paul's attendance took it up a notch. We acknowledge and thank Fr. Michael, Bishop Paul, the choir, others who helped in the Mass, and those who prepared the light tea. We're uplifted by the interest and spirit of support, which is already valuable to us and will become more valued as the year progresses. Philip and Anne

**ST BRENDAN PARISH CORAGULAC:** Mass this Sunday, 5pm.

**RE: ST JOSEPH'S PIRRON YALLOCK** – Fr Kevin has advised that his preference is to celebrate Mass at St Joseph's each 1st Sunday at 10.30am. This will enable him to celebrate both Colac A.M. Masses each 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday as it has been his pleasure now over recent years.

**\*\*Trinity College New Library Opening and Blessing - 10.05am Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020.**

**OPENING OF 2020 School Year:** – Teachers and Staff Trinity College; Sacred Heart PS, St Mary's PS & St Brendan PS, will celebrate Mass this Tuesday in St Mary's Church at 9am. Best Wishes to them all. Welcome to New Teachers and especially those commencing their Teaching careers.

**R.C.I.A.** – Yes, with a great blessing we do have a person in the 'Enquiry Stage' of preparing for Baptism and reception into the church at Easter. Our first formal meeting will be on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 3.30pm. We will welcome a 'support community' and any other Enquirers: phone: 5231 2177.



*Congratulation to Rosie McGuane  
Celebrating her 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday this weekend.*

**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS:** Special Collection' for recent Bushfires at every Mass celebrated on the **Australia Day Weekend: 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> Jan.** They have asked "Vinnies Australia" to distribute the monies.  
\* Victorian Bishops statement available in 'Gathering Space.'



## PLENARY COUNCIL: This Tuesday after 5pm Mass

### *How is God calling us to be a Christ-Centred Church that is Open to Conversion?*

*Renewal and Reform. (From the initial meetings and submissions to the Plenary*

*Council National Committee the following topics are suggestions for our discussion):* Better communication of what the

*Church does • Better formation for liturgical ministries and sacramental programs • Better implementation of Royal Commission recommendations • Better Plenary Council process • Better selection and formation of candidates to priesthood • Better teachers in Catholic schools • Better use of finances • Charismatic spirituality • Communion for all • Concerns for diminishing parish communities • Contemplative spirituality • Creation of small communities/groups within parishes • Diocesan Pastoral Council • End celibacy, allow priests to be married • End clericalism • End discrimination of LGBTQ • Fight for human rights issues • Focus on the new evangelisation • Greater focus on Jesus Christ • Greater focus on permanent deacons • Greater focus on the Word of God • Greater inclusion of all people • Greater involvement of the laity • Greater leadership from bishops • Greater leadership from priests • Greater trust, faith and hope in God • Heal and move beyond the clergy sexual abuse scandal • Healing liturgies and public signs or acts of reparation for clergy sexual abuse • Hierarchy to listen to the Laity • Inclusion of the divorced and remarried • Laity supporting priests • Lay-led parishes • Lay-led liturgies and Masses • Listen to one another more • Listen to the Holy Spirit • Mass to be appealing to youth and children • Modernise Church teachings • New leadership and governance model • New model of Church, diocese, parish • New translation of the Mass (inclusive language) • Ordaining married men to be priests • Ordination of women • Overseas priests • Parish pastoral council • Parishes involved in planning for the future • Radical change, a new order, inverted pyramid • Reduce margins between rich and poor • Renewed call to holiness • Restore the Third Rite of Reconciliation • Servant leadership • Support same-sex marriage • Transparency in governance and decision-making • Use social media to engage people • Welcome back priests who have left to marry • Women deacons. - Sean James (\*\* Plenary Council - Flyer available in the Church Gathering space for this Tuesday).*

## **BISHOP PAUL BIRDS 'Homily for Philip Drew' - BLESSING OF PALMS MISSIONARY**

Colac, 5.00 pm, February 21, 2020

*In his first year as Pope, Pope Francis published a document called "The Joy of the Gospel". He began with these words: "The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. With Christ, joy is constantly born anew. In this exhortation, I wish to encourage the Christian faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelisation marked by this joy." In a very definite way, Philip is embarking upon a new chapter of evangelisation. He will soon begin his service with the Palms organisation in Kiribati – a service of sharing the good news of Christ, including the promotion of just, sustainable and peaceful development. Philip will make a particular contribution through teaching and mentoring local teachers. This will be a new chapter of evangelisation. I pray that this new chapter might be marked by much joy – for Philip and for all those he meets in Kiribati. No doubt there will be difficulties. There might well be times of stress and tears. Yet, even in the difficult times, our faith in Christ can bring us an inner peace and joy. In his document "the Joy of the Gospel", Pope Francis quoted some words of Pope Paul VI. Pope Paul also highlighted the joy that the gospel can bring. Pope Paul referred to "the delightful and comforting joy of evangelising, even when it is in tears that we must sow." Pope Paul went on to pray that the world would receive the good news from joyful messengers. "May the world of our time, which is searching, sometimes with anguish, sometimes with hope, be enabled to receive the good news, not from evangelisers who are dejected, discouraged, impatient or anxious, but from ministers of the Gospel whose lives glow with fervour, who have first received the joy of Christ." A few weeks ago we were celebrating Christmas. You may recall the passage from the gospel according to St Luke that tells of the birth of Jesus. St Luke says that the angel brought the good news to the shepherds. "I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today, in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord." "News of great joy". I sometimes dip into the original Greek New Testament. In the Greek, "great joy" is "charàn megàlen". From that word "megàlen" we get our modern term "mega" meaning very large, as in "mega-store" or "mega-city". So a more literal translation of the message of the angel could be "I bring you news of mega joy." This evening we pray for Philip in his new mission. May God bless him with mega joy in his mission of sharing the gospel. We also pray for one another. Wherever we may be, we're called to bear witness to the good news by what we say and by the way we live. By our words and by our lives we're called to share the gospel with those around us. As we do so, may God bless us all with mega joy.*

**CRAWFORD FAMILY GROUP:** Lunch at Colac Central Hotel on January 30<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 12 o'clock. Please ring 0427 313 546 If attending.

**CROFT FAMILY GROUP:** Lunch and Planning day Sunday Feb 2. Bring your ideas and a picnic lunch to share or have a BBQ under the trees at 25 Talbot st, Elliminyt. 12:00. All Welcome. If you are interested in joining a family group come along for lunch or contact Linda 0448314774

**GLEESON FAMILY GROUP:** Planning Meeting - To be held on Sunday 2nd February at 2pm at Pat and Brian's. A small plate to share for afternoon tea, please.

### **CENTACARE (Family Counselling)**

St Mary's Presbytery – Colac.

Wendy 5559 3006

Next Visit Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

**"THE TWO POPES:"** Again, thanks to Tim Greene for enabling the parish to host the current film. If sufficient number indicate (to parish office) a second 'showing' could be arranged.

### **Colac and District Bereavement Support Group Meetings**

The next session is coming up at 2pm Monday the 3rd of February at the Neighbourhood House in Colac. We will host Russell Armstrong a Spiritual Support Worker for Barwon Health. He will present some information to the group followed by a confidential group discussion and a cuppa. Then on the 18th of February we will have a social get together at Cafe Nu Deli (Corangamite St, Colac).

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