



St Joseph's ~ Cressy  
St Peter's ~ Birregurra



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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.

## The Presentation of the Lord - Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020 –Year A

### Responsorial Psalm

Who is this King of glory? It is the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
This is the light of revelation to the nations,  
and the glory of your people, Israel.  
Alleluia!

### This Week's Readings

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

### Next Week's Readings

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A**  
Isaiah 58:7-10, St Paul 2:1-5, Matt:5:13-16

**Deaths:** Nellie Tobias ((Nee Ryan).

**Anniversaries:** Beverley Bauer, Lucy O'Toole, Fr John Kelly.

### MASS TIMES:

Tuesday	4pm to 5pm	Holy Hour - St Mary's
Tuesday	5.00pm	St Mary's
Wednesday	10.00am	St Mary's
Thursday	10.00am	St Mary's
	1.30pm	Corangamarah
Friday	10.00am	St Mary's
Friday	6.30pm	St Peter's Cressy
Saturday	6.00pm	St Mary's
Sunday	9.00am	St Peter's Birregurra
Sunday	9.00am	St Mary's
Sunday	11.00am	St Mary's

### SACRAMENTAL OF RECONCILIATION

Anytime by Appointment  
\*Each Friday after Mass

### ~RED CROSS~

Drought & Fire Relief Appeal  
Fundraiser Screening: **Little Women**  
Sunday February 2<sup>nd</sup> 1:30pm  
Colac Cinemas Ticket Available -\$15 each  
Afternoon Tea Provided.

**MEMORIAL MASS:** Next Sunday: St Peter's Birregurra for Prof, Brian Galligan recently buried from Newman College Chapel Melbourne. Brian and his wife Roslyn are property owners in Birregurra and they have attended Mass and participated in Ministry at the Mass in Birregurra over recent years. Memorial mass next Sunday: St Peter's at 9am (Roslyn and family have invited members of the Birregurra community to join them for a B.B.Q. Luncheon at the farm after Mass).

### 'THANKYOU' AUSTRALIAN BISHOP'S SPECIAL 'BUSH FIRE' COLLECTION:

*'Congratulations' and 'Thanks' for generous support to the National Appeal recommended by the Australian Bishop Conference, taken up at every Mass celebrated in Australia last weekend: 'Colac' Contribution: \$3,210.00 Outstanding!!*

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**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 next formal meeting will be on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 3.30pm to 4.30pm. We will welcome a 'support community' and any other Enquirers: phone: 5231 2177.

### AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS ~ 2020



**Australia Day Awards:** Congratulations to members of our Parish Community who have been recognized for their giving of themselves' in various ways in Community Service.

**Dr Mike Connor:** A Medal of the Order of Australia.

**Mrs. Jennie Scott:** Colac Otway Shires' Citizen of the Year.

**Mr John Hutchinson:** Sporting Service of the Year Award.

**Mrs Sandra Sheedy:** Beeac Red Cross: Community Service of the Year Award.

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** February 26<sup>th</sup>. We have ordered: Lenten Scripture Books/QLD: These "Be Opened." Books @ \$10 each. For private and/or group reflections. For your copy contact Parish Office.

## PLENARY COUNCIL: This Tuesday after 5pm Mass

### *How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal?*

Topics explored by this question include:

- A voice in the selection and appointment of bishops
- Affordable adult faith formation courses
- Baby Boomer generation to listen to young Catholics
- Become a Vatican II church
- Better communication of what the Church does
- Better implementation of Royal Commission Recommendations
- Better interface between parish and school
- Better Plenary Council process
- Better preparation and support for married couples
- Better selection and formation of candidates to priesthood
- Better teachers in Catholic schools
- Better use of finances
- Care for neighbour
- Care for the environment
- Care for the family
- Church should adapt to multicultural reality
- Communion for all
- Concerns for diminishing parish communities
- Creation of small communities/groups within parishes
- Cultural Masses
- Defend right-to-life issues
- Diocesan Pastoral Council
- End celibacy, allow priests to be married
- End Clericalism
- End discrimination of LGBTQ
- Establish more youth programs
- Evangelisation in and of the family
- Faith formation for parents
- Fight for human rights issues
- Focus on Ecumenism
- Greater access to Mass and Reconciliation
- Greater connection with and inclusion of Indigenous Australians
- 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 priests
- Greater recognition of Eastern Catholic Churches
- Greater role for women
- Greater trust, faith and hope in God
- Hierarchy to listen to the laity
- Importance of Communion services in rural parishes
- Inclusion of the divorced and remarried
- Laity supporting priests
- Lay-led parishes
- Lay-led liturgies and Masses
- Listen to one another more
- Mass to be appealing to youth and children
- Modernise Church teachings
- More chaplains, youth ministers in Catholic schools
- More formation for priests
- More transparency and accountability regarding clergy sexual abuse
- More welcoming parishes
- New leadership and governance model
- New model of Church, diocese, parish
- Ordaining married men to be priests
- Ordination of women
- Outreach to all the baptised
- Outreach to the wider community
- Outreach to youth
- Overseas priests
- Parish pastoral council
- Parishes involved in planning for the future
- Provide more youth facilities in parishes
- Putting Gospel values in action
- Radical change, a new order, inverted pyramid
- Restore the Third Rite of Reconciliation
- Servant leadership
- Share the faith with others
- Special care of rural parishes
- Stronger parish communities
- 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
- Work together in unity
- Youth to be involved more in Church community.

- Sean James

**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.



### **Bless Our School**

Dear God, Bless our school.

Bless the buildings. Bless the playground.

Bless the teachers and everyone who works here.

Bless the helpers and everyone who volunteers.

Bless the work we do. Bless the games we play.

Bless each and every one of us.

May our school be a place of happiness, respect and love.

### **Diocesan Levies Paid this Month**

(Quarter: Oct/Nov/Dec.)

#### ○ **Parish Account**

Diocesan Administration:	\$ 6,239.00
Christmas Appeal:	\$ 2,908.00
BCSF	\$ 532.00
Mission	\$ 2,555.00
Pope Collection	\$ 175.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$12,409.00</b>

#### ○ **Presbytery Account \$ 4,520.00**

### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR COLAC SHOP.**

Whether you are looking to meet new people, learn new skills or give back to the Colac community, Vinnies have various volunteer positions urgently needed.

Hours and days are flexible with volunteers needed in our donations area as well as driving/jockeying.

We are also looking for volunteers in fashion, jewellery, collectables for sorting and pricing as well as working on the shop floor.

**Phone (03) 5231 2738**  
**COLAC ~ St Vinnies**

### **Reflection on the Gospel-The Presentation of the Lord (Luke 2: 22-40) -Veronica Lawson RSM**

This year the Feast of the Presentation falls on a Sunday and takes precedence over the celebration of the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. We might ask why this feast is of such importance in the liturgical calendar. Between the story of Jesus' birth and the beginning of his ministry, Luke inserts three stories. The first tells of Jesus' circumcision on the eighth day after his birth. The third story has Jesus teaching in the Jerusalem Temple at twelve years of age. He has come with his parents on pilgrimage to Jerusalem to celebrate the great feast of Passover. Luke notes that the family makes this pilgrimage from Nazareth in Galilee to Jerusalem every year. The second story, today's reading, has Mary and Joseph presenting their child in the Temple forty days after his birth, in observance of the Law of Moses (as prescribed in Leviticus 12:2-8). This Sunday marks the fortieth day since the celebration of Jesus' birth: it is not a moveable feast. All three stories locate Jesus and his parents firmly within the tradition as law-observant, faithful Jews.