



St Joseph's ~ Cressy
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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.

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Sunday 16th February 2020 -Year A

Responsorial Psalm

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries
of the Kingdom.
Alleluia!

This Week's Readings

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Eccl: 15:15-20 Cor: 2:6-10 Matt: 5:17-37

Next Week's Readings

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Lev: 19:1-2. St Paul: 3:16-23. Matt: 5:38-48

Deaths: Joan Ryan (Melbourne Br Bernie's Sister) Robert Munro,

Anniversaries: Basil O'Brien, Jeanette Monahan, Ambrose McNamara, Kevin Mackrell, May, Patrick and Michael O'Shannassy, Sr Brigid Ryan, S.G.S.

MASS TIMES:

Tuesday	5.00pm	St Mary's
Wednesday	10.00am	St Mary's
Thursday	10.30am	Barongarook Gardens
Friday	10.00am	St Mary's School Opening Mass St Mary's
Saturday	6.00pm	St Mary's
Sunday	9.00am 11.00am	St Mary's St Mary's

SACRAMENTAL OF RECONCILIATION

Anytime by Appointment *Each Friday after Mass

GLEESON FAMILY GROUP: First activity for 2020. A Special Occasion High Tea on Thursday 20th February 5.30pm at Pat and Brian's. RSVP is necessary. Contact Gleeson's 5231 2362

KELLY FAMILY GROUP are having lunch and meeting at the East Hotel on Thursday 27th Feb at 12.30 pm. Need to discuss our plans for the year. Please contact Janice or Bill on 52316145 by 24th so we will have numbers.

CRAWFORD FAMILY GROUP are having Lunch at Winchelsea Hotel. Meet at St Mary's Car Park at 11.30am on Thursday 27th February

World Day Of Prayer - Rehearsal will be held at Scots Presbyterian Church, Colac. At 1.30pm on Friday Feb 28th.

World Day Of Prayer Service is on Friday March 6th - 1.30pm

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- 1: 'Kath Drummond' Celebrating her 90th Birthday with her Family Group.
- 2: 'Lex Garner' Celebrating his 90th Birthday as well this week!!

School Principals Network (4) meeting this Wednesday 19th Feb - 1pm at the Presbytery.

* **St Mary's School** - Opening Mass Friday 10am.

* **Today Sunday 16th February** - 2pm South-West Family Church (516 Murray St Colac West). Guest Speaker: Sondra Oster Baras, a resident of Samaria: Will share Biblical Teachings while updating audiences on the unique challenges facing Israel today.

R.C.I.A. (Rite for the Christian Initiation of Adults)

Enquiry Session: Tuesday 18th February 3.30pm. We again support our candidate for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist - this Easter with our group meeting. (At the Presbytery)!!

We welcome into our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism

'ROMAN PAUL DOUGLAS DAVIS'

LET'S GATHER AND PRAY TOGETHER

Lord, You once told us,

'Just as you did it to one of the least of these, who are members of my family, you did it to me.

'May our eyes be opened to the hungry, thirsty, naked, sick and imprisoned. May our minds be freed from the bounds of self-interest, fear and prejudice.

May our hearts be moved to recognise and respond to the needs of your people. May we be open to the fruits of your Spirit, so that our thoughts, words and actions can be infused with love, peace, compassion and selflessness. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(Prayed this week at Our Leadership Meeting and Finance Committee Meeting).

***Next Plenary Council Meeting:**

Tuesday 25th Feb- after 5pm Mass: **Topic "A Church: Missionary & Evangelising."**





Pope Francis

Message for the XXVIII World Day of the Sick

Tuesday 11 February 2020

Dear brothers and sisters,

Jesus' words, "Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest" (Mt 11:28) point to the mysterious path of grace that is revealed to the simple and gives new strength to those who are weary and tired. These words of Christ express the solidarity of the Son of Man with all those who are hurt and afflicted. How many people suffer in both body and soul! Jesus urges everyone to draw near to him – "Come to me!" – and he promises them comfort and repose. On this XXVIII World Day of the Sick, Jesus repeats these words to the sick, the oppressed, and the poor. For they realize that they depend entirely on God and, beneath the burden of their trials, stand in need of his healing. Jesus does not make demands of those who endure situations of frailty, suffering and weakness, but offers his mercy and his comforting presence. He looks upon a wounded humanity with eyes that gaze into the heart of each person. That gaze is not one of indifference; rather, it embraces people in their entirety, each person in his or her health condition, discarding no one, but rather inviting everyone to share in his life and to experience his tender love. I offer heartfelt thanks to all those volunteers who serve the sick, often compensating for structural shortcomings, while reflecting the image of Christ, the Good Samaritan, by their acts of tender love and closeness.

To the Blessed Virgin Mary, Health of the Sick, I entrust all those who bear the burden of illness, along with their families and all healthcare workers. With the assurance of a remembrance in my prayers, I cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing.

St Valentine's Day, we celebrate the patron saint of romantic love and happy marriages.

What is a commitment in marriage?

Likewise, commitment isn't just a pledge made on your wedding day and forgotten. It's a daily practice of caring and communication, sharing and sacrifice. It is about intentionally working together and relating as a couple.

Of course, commitment is more than just being happy and comfortable in your relationship and wanting it to continue. It's easy to commit to a relationship when things are going well. It's when things aren't going very well when commitment kicks in. Dealing with conflict is uncomfortable, but it's important we don't sweep problems under the rug or shut down emotionally. Listen actively to what your partner is saying and be willing to compromise. Focus on the issue at hand, rather than attacking your partner. Even when you're angry, find ways to stay connected to one another. Instead of becoming defensive or hurt, make sure each conflict is coloured by respect and even little signs of affection.

Deal with an issue quickly, solve the problem and let it go. Forgive for good.

We need to build a genuine acceptance of ourselves and our partners, blemishes and all. No one is perfect, and everyone is different.

THE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS: The Bereavement Support group offers an opportunity for people who have experienced the death of a loved one, be it a partner, parent, friend or work colleague to access some additional support. The group meets either at the Neighbourhood House or at a cafe on the first or third Monday of the month. The Neighbourhood House meetings include a short presentation aimed at helping people explore their emotions and concerns around grief and bereavement, in an informal and confidential way. The next meeting is the social group at Café Nu Deli at 2.00pm on the 17th of February. This will be followed by the group meeting at The Neighbourhood House at 2.00pm on the 2nd of March.

EARLY NOTICES:

A) ASH WEDNESDAY: February 26th. 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.

B) February 27th Sacramental Meeting Parents of Children preparing for Sacrament of Reconciliation 5&7pm.

C) SPECIAL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: 1: Training Session for new Special Ministers will be held soon: For either Sunday Masses/ Nursing Home Ministry. **OR - Special Ministers** are required to assist Lyn & Yvonne in Ministry to Barongarook Gardens. If interested, please contact Parish Office.

St Vincent De Paul is looking for volunteers for our Colac Shop. Phone (03) 5231 2738