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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 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

Exodus 17:3-7. Romans 5:1-2,5-8. John 4:5-42.

Next Week's Readings

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13. Ephesians 5:8-14. John 9:1-41.

Deaths: Judi Curtis, Frank Vogels(Timboon), Archbishop Bathesby (Brisbane), Peter O'Callaghan,

Anniversaries: Fr John McGannon, C.S. S.R., Daniel & Mary McGannon, Wendy Hynes, John Holland.

MASS TIMES:

Tuesday	5.00pm	St Mary's
Wednesday	10.00am	St Mary's
Thursday	10.30am	Barongarook Garden
Friday	10.00am	St Mary's Sacred Heart PS Attending
Saturday	6.00pm	St Mary's
Sunday	9.00am 11.00am	St Mary's St Mary's

Reconciliation: Friday after 10am Mass
 OR Anytime by Appointment.

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

Minutes of entire meeting on Notice Board of interest
 notes RE: 40th Anniversary for St Mary's Church.

CHOIR PRACTICE: Wednesday 18th March
 at 5.30pm. St Mary's Church - New
 members most welcome!

CENTACARE (Family Counselling)

St Mary's Presbytery Colac.
 Next Visit 16th March Wendy 5559 3006

Pope's Prayer Intentions for March

Catholics in China *We pray that the Church
 in China may persevere in its faithfulness to
 the Gospel and grow in unity*

The family of Patricia Callahan
 welcome you to join them
 for afternoon tea to celebrate
 Patricia's 90th birthday.
 March 22nd, 2020 - 1.30pm till 4.00pm
 St. Mary's Primary School
 Multi-Purpose Hall
 (enter at rear of school, via carpark)

Tuesday March 17th Feast of St Patrick's: Luncheon – at
 Colac East Hotel: "Gathering" at 12 Noon. A table (s) will
 be booked. 'Some idea of number' to Mandy by Tuesday
 10.30am. Ph. 5231 2177.

*Trinity College A.G.M. – 5.45pm

*Sacred Heart School A.G.M. – 7.30pm

Sunday 22nd March: Mass St Brendan's 5pm (Anointing Mass).

BAPTISMS: Welcome this week into our Parish through
 the Sacrament of Baptism: Ruby Hay,
 Charlotte Windsor, Piper Walker, Nakita Wilson.

Attention: Liturgy Meeting previously listed for 19th
 March has been re-scheduled for Tuesday 17th March:
 10am in Church Meeting Room.

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

40th Anniversary is on Monday April 27. Sam Macdonald is working
 on the plaque to be put up next to the opening plaque. Have normal
 weekend masses, liturgy committee will be asked to assist in preparing
 liturgies. Invite parishioners to share any memorabilia which we could
 copy and return. Put up a display in the gathering space: Cup of tea after
 each mass *family group do 9 am* Each of the others to have a tea ladies
 member who could be in charge of the kitchen with extra helpers -
 Pauline will help organise this. *Put initial advice on the weekly
 Noticesheet. - All to be confirmed depending on effects of coronavirus.

TRINITY COLLEGE COLAC
COME AND SEE
OPEN DAY Sunday, 22nd March
 Please join us at our Open Day. Tours will commence from the Jubilee
 Centre at 1pm, 1.20pm and 1.40pm. Please arrive 10 minutes early to
 register. PUBLIC TOUR at 3pm. Please join us!

POPE FRANCIS AT GENERAL AUDIENCE: "In this moment, I would like to address all the sick that have the virus and that suffer the illness and the many that suffer uncertainties about their own sicknesses," the Pope said during his General Audience broadcast from the Library of the Apostolic Vatican Palace. "My heartfelt thanks to the hospital personnel, the doctors, the nurses, and the volunteers, who in this very difficult moment are next to the people that suffer. "I thank all the Christians, all the men and women of goodwill that pray for this moment, all united, regardless of the religious tradition to which they belong; my heartfelt thanks for this effort. However, I would not like this pain, this very strong epidemic make us forget the poor Syrians that are suffering at the border between Greece and Turkey: a people suffering for years. They must flee from war, from hunger, from sicknesses. Let us not forget our brothers and sisters, the many children that are suffering there."

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.



Diocesan Appointments:

From Mildura – To Sth America: Fr Michael McKinnon
From Stawell – To Retirement: Fr Eric Bryant
From Swan Hill – To Mildura: Fr Matt Thomas
Stawell into Ararat: Fr Andrew Hayes
From Casterton/Edenhope to Robinvale: Fr Anthony
From Robinvale – Retired to India: Fr Peter Jose.

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

RE: CORONAVIRUS AND RECEPTION 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.*

PIETY SHOP – CHURCH : Sale Reducing all stock!!!

CROFT FAMILY GROUP. Weekend at Apollo Bay. Friday 3rd April until Sunday 5th April. Vacancies still available if you would like to join us. Contact Linda 0448 314 774 or Clare 0418 313 854.