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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 everyone can grow.

### SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – 19<sup>th</sup> April 2020 – Year A

**Deaths:** Sr. Janet Colbourne, S.G.S. ( My Grade 1 Teacher: MO'T), Sylvia Moran (C'down), Michael Bowden (N.T.), David McCluskey (Horsham); Frances Kirkman(nee Morrissy).

**Anniversaries:** Geoff Parker, Phil Sly, Lorna Carrol, Noreen Carew, John McMullin, John Satatois, Leo & Johan Hammett, Nathan Berry, Rebecca Lang, Sr Margaret Houlihan, R.S.M., Srs Cecilia Carew, S.G.S. Placid Tait, S.G.S., Frs Frank Madden, Pat Lynch, John O'Brien.

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**AGAIN 'WE' SAY THANKS!!:** \*For many expressions of "Thanks" and Easter Wishes to the Parish Office.

\*Delighted so many have appreciated the many 'links'-shared on the Bulletin for 'on-line Masses and Liturgies. And pleased: Both Channel 7's coverage of the Good Friday Liturgy & Easter Sunday Masses brought much joy, peace and consolation to so many. (Emails were sent from the Parish Office to both Channel 7 & St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney- expressing 'our' appreciation for the Celebration & Presentation to us of the Good Friday and Easter Sunday Liturgies).)

\* For support to the Project Compassion; Good Friday/Holy Land; And contributions to the Parish & Presbytery – Amazing! - Outstanding! – Humbling! – Praise God; Alleluia!!

\***Easter Water** – still available at Church Doors.

\* **The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St Mary's Church:** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020. The Parish Finance and Maintenance Committee has planned for the painting of the Timber on the outside of St Mary's. This work commenced last Friday. The timber downstairs on the Presbytery windows etc. have also been included in this program.

**Plaque** – To recognize the 40th Anniversary of St Mary's Church, Colac and to "speak to current and future challenges for our Church / Parish Community. A Plaque is being prepared and hopefully will be in place by the weekend of 25th/26th April. The wording was prepared by the Parish Leadership Team.

*It reads. 'We welcome all who gather here. We offer a safe and respectful environment making hospitality our special care. We are committed to protect all who enter this place of worship and Gathering Space, especially children and vulnerable adults. We acknowledge the traditional owners, the Gulidjan people, on whose land this church is built.'*

\* **For Direct Giving Details: BSB: 083 585 Account: 811051426 - REF: Envelope number/surname:**  
 Or phone Mandy in the Parish Office 5231 2177

*May the Beauty of Easter inspire you, the Joy of Easter fill your heart and the Blessings of Easter be with you always.*

#### **Diocesan Levies** (Jan/Feb/Mar.)

(Yes they were issued! Except for the Bishops Cathedraticum)

\***Parish Account: Total: \$ 6,948.00 \*Presbytery Account \$ 3,194.00**

**Diocesan News:** New Clergy from India for the Ballarat Diocese Father Shaiju and George are Missionaries of the Society of St Thomas the Apostle (MCT) based in Kerala. Their respective appointments are Ballarat and Robinvale & Ouyen.

#### **Popes Intention for April: Freedom from Addiction**

*We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.*

**Low cost online study** and formation for lay workers in parish and other ministries; employed or volunteers. Sacraments, Scripture, Youth Ministry, Liturgy, Leadership and more. Study over 3 weeks in the Cycle 3 only. Study begins April 19.

**PROJECT COMPASSION**  
 'REMINDER TO RETURN YOUR ENVELOPES AND BOXES!'



**Strong Recommendation:** If Parishioners (Individual/Families) have members planning hospitalizations and seek any other sacramental ministry contact Parish Office Ph: 5231 2177, prior to admission to facilities.

'Sunday Mass' On Television: 6am – Channel 10  
 Catholic Mass online: <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand> or  
 - St Joseph's Parish Warrnambool: can be viewed via:  
 YouTube - [www.tiny.cc/joe3280](http://www.tiny.cc/joe3280) or Facebook Or  
<https://www.facebook.com/stjosephswarrnambool>  
 - Sacred Heart Parish Mildura: Sunday Masses available on:  
<http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIHcYrCTuk5DivKLWY1bvag>  
 - St Patrick Cathedral Parish Ballarat: Mass livestreamed daily at 11.30am can be viewed on Patrick's Cathedral Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/patrickscathedral9>  
 \* **Worth Watching** View ABC1 Compass 11am Sundays. "Songs of Praise" Sundays 11.30am on ABC1.

**Brisbane Archbishop Mark Coleridge expounds in his Easter homily:** "God is always in the darkness. That is where Easter begins. There is a blessing even in this strangest of Easters. In the midst of this crisis, there is a blessing. Easter not only promises the blessing to us, but it calls us to discover that blessing. So this Easter is like no other in many, many ways but in the deepest way this Easter is the same as every Easter before and every Easter to come, summoning us to touch God in the darkness and allow God to turn our darkness, the darkness of this crisis, into the light that never ends."