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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.

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 17 May 2020 – Year A

**Deaths:** Margaret O'Sullivan, Giovinni Ruberta (Italy), Helen Edmunds.

**Anniversaries:** Lucie Cummins, Rita O'Brien, Frs Con Healy, Hussy and Stickland.

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#### **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2020**

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in Australia will be observed from May 24-31, 2020 in the week between Ascension and Pentecost. This year's theme, "They showed us unusual kindness" (Acts 28:2), calls us to move from shared prayer to shared action and remembers the historic shipwreck of Paul on the island of Malta. It calls us to a greater generosity to those in need. Resources are now available at the website [The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity](http://www.theweekofprayer.org).

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#### **Message from Pope Francis to Pray the Rosary in May**

Pope Francis has asked Catholics to make a special effort to pray the Rosary during May and has composed two new prayers asking for Our Lady's intercession to help end the COVID-19 pandemic. See attached or go to the diocesan website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

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#### **POPES INTENTION FOR MAY**

**For Deacons** - We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

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#### **Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)**

There is a new update this week from Bishop Paul regarding the easing of COVID-19 restrictions and gathering in our churches. Letter attached and also available on the diocesan website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au).

**Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – now open for new participants** 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 5 weeks per subject. Study Cycle 4 begins May 24. Registrations open now. More information at [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) 0407 523 424.

#### **AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE 8/5/2020**

The Catholic bishops of Australia have today elected Archbishop Mark Coleridge of Brisbane to a second two-year term as president of the Australian Bishops Conference. Sydney Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP was re-elected Conference vice-president. Four members of the Permanent Committee of the Bishops Conference were also elected today; Perth Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB; Toowoomba Bishop Robert McGuckin; Adelaide Archbishop-Designate Patrick O'Regan; and Maronite Bishop of Australia Antonie-Charbel Tarrabay.

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**\*Easter Water: Available at St Mary's Church Doors!**

#### **Sympathy to:**

- O'Sullivan family on the death of Margaret this week.
- Teresa & Frank Dimasi on the death of their Nephew (Giovinni) in Italy this week.

**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.

**Continued Appreciation to Parishioners for Sensitivity and Generosity in ongoing support of the Parish. Parish Bank Details for those wanting to assist with Parish Expenses:**

#### **\* For Direct Giving Details:**

**BSB: 083 585 Account: 811051426**

**Planned Giving: REF: Envelope number/surname:**

**Or phone Mandy in the Parish Office 5231 2177**

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 '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/UCIHcYtCTuk5DivKLWYIbvag>  
 - St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat: Mass livestreamed daily at 11.30am can be viewed on Patrick's Cathedral Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/patrick'scathedral9>

**"Participate joyfully in the sorrows of the world. We cannot cure the world of sorrows, but we can choose to live in joy." Joseph Campbell.**