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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

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Deaths: John Kennedy, Margaret Cochran,
Anniversaries: Margaret Mary McMahon, Frank Paatsch, Judy McDonald

WEEKDAY MASSES:

CONTINUING TO BE CELEBRATED AT THE USUAL TIMES:
TUESDAY- 5PM: WED, THURS., FRI., SAT., 10AM.

20 PEOPLE ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE. REQUIREMENTS REGARDING APPROPRIATE 'DISTANCING & CLEANSING ARE REQUIRED.' REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY THROUGH THE PARISH OFFICE, NAMES WILL BE LISTED ON THE SHEET IN THE 'GATHERING SPACE.'

***NO SUNDAY MASSES UNTIL RESTRICTIONS ARE LIFTED.**

Continued Appreciation to Parishioners for 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: 81 105 1426

**Planned Giving: REF: Envelope number/surname:
 Or phone Mandy in the Parish Office 5231 2177**

BULLETIN NOTICES – DIOCESAN NEWS

Here in the diocese, we will endeavour to look at one paper for a month. For the month of July (you can start in June, of course), we will look at **HOW IS GOD CALLING US TO BE A CHRIST-CENTRED CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA THAT IS Missionary & Evangelising?** 'Mission' is God's initiative and proceeds from the Trinity, whose love overflows in creation and redemption. The Word and Spirit are present and active in the unfolding of the universe and in all human history, as evidenced in the goodness and truth found in all cultures and societies. The incarnate Son of God through his life, ministry, death and resurrection revealed God to us and redeemed us in a unique and unsurpassable way through his paschal sacrifice. His evangelising activity gave birth to the Church which is the visible manifestation of the Gospel command to "Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations" (Mt 28:19). Have a read of the discernment paper, think about your parish and the diocese in general. We welcome any comments. Please send through to jane.collins@ballarat.catholic.org.au. Read the discernment paper Visit the Missionary and Evangelising theme's page

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – Registrations now open 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. The next cycle begins July 12. Study is 5 weeks. Registrations open now until July 8. More information at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or email kim.butler@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 0407 523 424.

As I end my time as Director of Catholic Education, my heart is full of gratitude for the many blessings I have experienced as a member of our Diocesan Education Community for the last eight years. With this remarkable time in mind, I have expressed my thanks to you all in a [short video](#) that you are welcome to share with your community or team...
 "At times, our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us."
 (Albert Schweitzer) Thank you for keeping my flame alight in so many ways and for enabling me to hand over the next piece of our diocesan education story with such optimism for the future. I will continue to hold you all in prayer...
 With every blessing-*Audrey* - Director of Catholic Education



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

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM:

A letter has been sent out to parents (Sacred Heart & St Mary's Primary Schools) this week – offering them the opportunity of deciding either: Leave the Sacramental Celebration to 2021. OR: Have a Home based/Family Program with parents deciding, after working through the Program as a family, when to approach the Parish Office to have a family Celebration!

***PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES**
To be collected from the Gathering Space

POPES FRANCIS JUNE 20TH

Has added 3 new titles to Mary – Mother of Christ & Mother of the Church: They are: 'Mother of Mercy'
 'Mother of Hope'
 'Comfort of Migrants'
 Pope Francis has often emphasised that topic of mercy in the Church. He has also been a champion of migrants and refugees.

'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 or Facebook On <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 St Patrick's Cathedral Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/patrick'scathedral9>

PLENARY COUNCIL

The two assemblies for the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia will be held in Adelaide from October 3-10, 2021, and in Sydney from July 4-9, 2022.

The new dates mean that the celebration of the Plenary Council has effectively moved 12 months from the original plan of a first assembly in October 2020 and a second assembly in June/July 2021.

Archbishop Costelloe said “The one-year change to our initial timeline affords each of us the opportunity for a more extended period of individual and collective discernment leading into the first assembly than we would otherwise have had.”

Plenary Council facilitator Lana Turvey-Collins said that this time will be utilised for all people to re-engage with the journey of discernment toward the Council assemblies after the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“A renewed engagement will take place in a societal context that’s been altered by the pandemic,” she said.

“The recently-published discernment papers were finalised in the midst of the pandemic. They are a key step in the process of discernment and preparation for all of us. The time and space between now and the first assembly, now in October 2021, enables deeper reflection, dialogue and consideration of how we’ve all been affected by recent global events.”

Archbishop Costelloe said prayer, dialogue and discernment have been foundational pillars of the Plenary Council journey and will continue to be so.

“I encourage everyone to read the discernment papers and to take some time in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to continue to guide our path toward the assemblies and beyond,” he said.

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Introduction: After a long journey or after a hard day’s work, we know how welcome it is to be invited in, made comfortable and helped to ease our burden. Indeed, hospitality is one of the hallmarks of civilised humanity. How much more so with the hospitality which God offers to us?

Penitential Act: Lord Jesus, you revealed yourself to the poor. Lord have mercy.
You are the hospitality of the Father. Christ have mercy.
You welcomed the stranger. Lord have mercy.

First Reading 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16 In showing hospitality to the wandering man of God, the woman recognises not Elisha, but the One who sent him. In return for this hospitality, Elisha promises her a share in the hospitable and generous love of God: she will hold a son in her arms.

Gospel Reading Matthew 10:37-42 The Missionary Discourse of Jesus to the Twelve continues...today Jesus instructs the Twelve as to the both the conditions and the rewards of discipleship of him: even a cup of water given in His’ name will be rewarded.

Prayer of the Faithful

Introduction We hear that the Shunammite woman was to have her prayer answered and hold a child in her arms. Let us pray with confidence for the things that we need.

Petitions *We pray for our Church leaders and all those who teach the Gospel. In our world changed by a pandemic we especially pray for all Christian parents that they may have the grace to pass their faith onto their children. (Pause) Lord hear us.

*We pray for the leaders who govern the nations, especially in places that are in the midst of the affects of the pandemic, that they may have a change of heart and strive to promote peace and justice and fair distribution of medical needs. (Pause) Lord hear us.

*We pray for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people that they will find acceptance and joy in the communities around them and find Christ in the people who they meet on their journey. (Pause) Lord hear us.

*We pray for those suffering all over the world that they may have the strength to pick up their cross and allow it to become glorious as they follow Jesus Christ. (Pause) Lord hear us.

*We pray for all of us here, that we may be like the woman who prepared a room for the prophet Elisha. May we also have a spirit of hospitality for the people around us. (Pause) Lord hear us.

*We pray for all those who have died or suffered the death of a loved one in the pandemic, that they may find the gentle hospitality of God around them. (Pause) Lord hear us.

Conclusion *Father, as you have called us to be children of light in a world of darkness, we know that you listen to our prayer as we turn to you in our need. We make our prayer through the power of the Spirit in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.*