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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.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time -26th July 2020 - Year A

Deaths: Kathleen Gleeson(Port Fairy), Rob Gaylard(Geelong), Leo Driscoll(St. Arnaud), Imelda Lantajo(Philippines),
Anniversaries: Patricia McMahon, Fr. W. O'Dwyer, Sr. Philomena Barry, SGS, Our Deceased Grandparents

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.

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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: 811051426

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

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.

POPES INTENTION FOR JULY

Our Families: We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

'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/UCIHcYtCTuk5DivKLWY1bvag>

- 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>

BALLARAT DIOCESE LAY PASTORAL MINISTRY PROGRAM:

REGISTRATIONS OPEN: TOPICS – Sacraments, Scripture, Youth Ministry, Liturgy, Leadership etc. Cycle begins 30th August; Registrations open until Aug. 19th. 0407523424

WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN HUMANS: 30TH JULY

CONGRATULATIONS: MARY MAXWELL – celebrating her 90th. Birthday this weekend

SYMPATHY TO: The Morrow & Murfitt families on the death of Kerry Anne this week.

: Virginia (Filipino) on the death of her sister (Imelda) in the Philippines this week.

CORONIAVIRUS: Our prayerful and loving thoughts to Fidel & Sophie – also to all involved: ALC, Colac Area Health, Colac Otway Shire, Trinity College, Sacred Heart, St. Mary's, Aged Care Facilities, Vinnies and all community support networks including individual parishioners who have reached out to others in a spirit of compassion, understanding and support over the past week. We note also the strong community leadership from Nic & the team from 106.3 FM.

JULY 26TH: FEAST OF STS. JOACHIM & ANNE – In the scriptures, Matthew & Luke furnish a legal family history of Jesus, tracing ancestry to show that Jesus is the culmination of great promises. Not only is his mother's family neglected, we also know nothing factual about them. Even the names Joachim & Anne come from a legendary source written more than a century after Jesus died. The heroism & holiness of these people however, is inferred from the whole family atmosphere around Mary in the Scriptures...we see in her a fulfillment of many generations of prayerful persons, herself steeped in the religious traditions of her people. The strong character of Mary in making decisions, her practice of prayer, her steadiness at moments of crisis, her devotion to her relatives – all indicate a close-knit, loving family that looked forward to the next generation even while retaining the best of the past. *This is the 'feast of grandparents': to remind them of their responsibility to establish a tone for generations to come. They must make the traditions live and offer them as a promise to little children. ... (turn over page for completion...)*

APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

I am very pleased to announce the appointment of **Mr Tom Sexton** to the position of Director of Catholic Education for the Diocese of Ballarat.

With over 30 years of experience in Catholic Education, Tom has spent more than 24 years in senior leadership roles. He has a track record of improving school performance, most recently through his involvement in educational consultancy with various Dioceses across Australia.

Tom has served mainly in our neighbouring Diocese of Sandhurst, first of all as a teacher in Catholic Primary Schools for 7 years and then as Principal for 13 years. He was on the staff of the Sandhurst Catholic Education Office for 2 years as Education Officer with a focus on Technology and then for 11 years as Assistant Director with responsibility for Planning and Resources.

Tom's faith was nurtured in his Catholic family. Over the years, he has been much involved in his local parish community. At various times, in a range of parishes, he has been a reader and a special minister of the Eucharist and has served on parish committees. Tom comes from a rural background, living on a farm north of Shepparton. He and his wife, Ann, have 5 adult children. They are looking forward to making Ballarat their home.

Tom says, *"It is a privilege and an honour to have been appointed Director of Catholic Education for the Diocese of Ballarat. I am very excited by the opportunity to lead Catholic education within the Diocese. I look forward to meeting and getting to know the community as together we continue to provide quality Catholic education across the Diocese."*

I take this opportunity to congratulate and welcome Tom as our new Director of Catholic Education. He will take up this appointment on Monday 17 August 2020.

Yours in Christ,

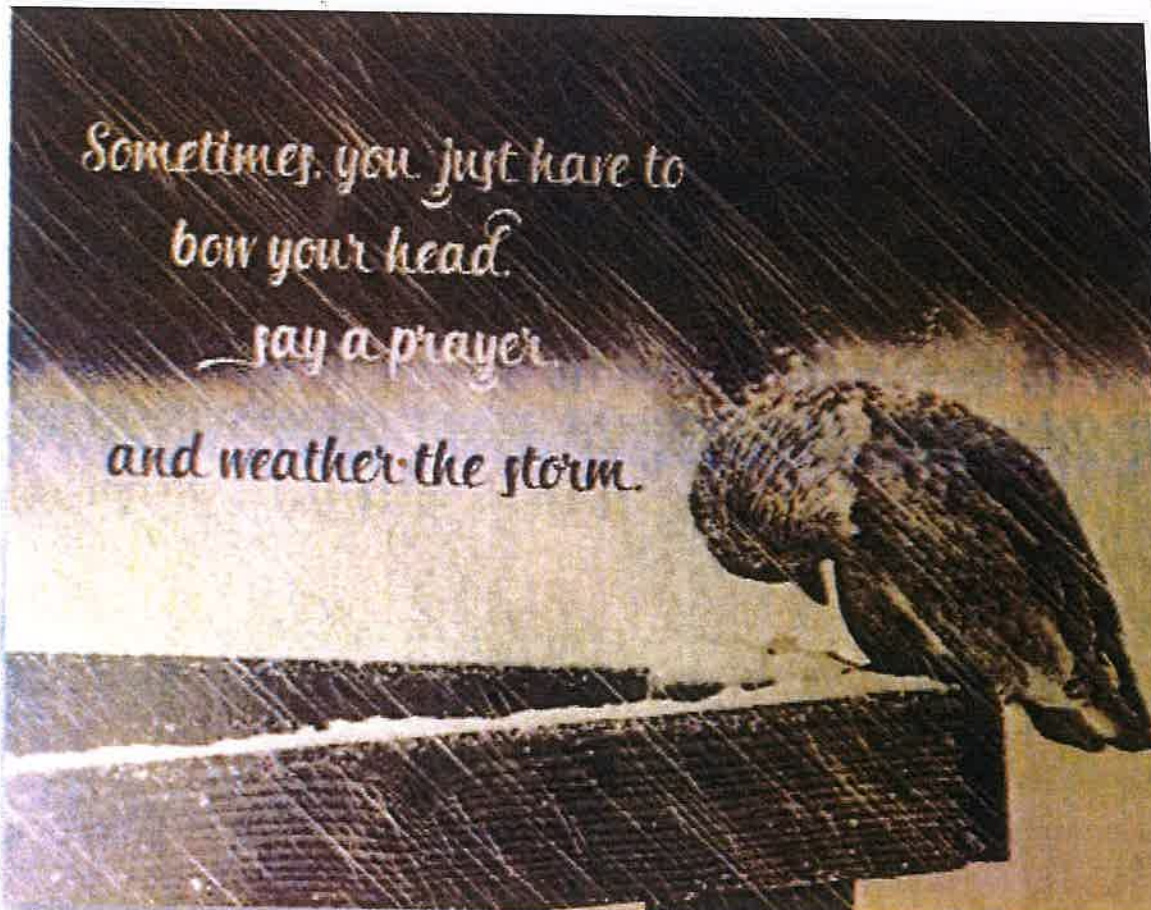
Paul Bird CSsR

Bishop of Ballarat



The 7-word Prayer Pope Francis learned from his grandmother
"Jesus, make my heart more like yours."

(from previous page)...But the feast has a message for the younger generation as well. It reminds the young that older people's greater perspective, depth of experience, and appreciation of life's profound rhythms are all part of a wisdom not to be taken lightly or ignored.



Grateful: phone calls from Sue Searle(Caritas), Deacon George (Sth. Sudanese), many Ballarat priests and some Sisters offering their prayers and good wishes to all in the Colac parish & wider community)

"The more we receive in silent prayer, the more we can give in our active life."
St Teresa of Kolkata.

Green is the colour of hope and growth