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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. **18th Sunday in Ordinary Time -2nd August 2020 - Year A**

Deaths: Danny Gleeson, Anne Crooks, Valerie Beers, Victorian Coronavirus Victims, Sr Margaret Wilson RSM.
Anniversaries: Patricia Coates, Mary Ryan, Jane McNeil, Marinus Engles, Fernando (Fred) Brandimarti, Frs Meagher & Brophy, Sr Dorothy Finnigan S.G.S.

NO PUBLIC MASSES - SUNDAY & WEEKDAY MASSES: UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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**

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.

'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>

Monday:



Good Morning, Michael.

Greeting from Ballarat. I hope you're keeping well.

Colac has been in the news with the number of coronavirus cases. I offer my best wishes to you and your parishioners and all the Colac community as you face this challenging situation. May the Lord watch over you and the whole community

God bless you Michael.

Bishop Paul Bird

P.S.: I did share this message with our School Principals to distribute to Staff and School Communities.

**We continue to receive greeting and prayerful support from Priests throughout the diocese as well as from parishioners in other localities.*

P.S.: Our thanks to our 3 School Principals: Paul, Jack & Michael, for the amazing response they make daily to the 'unexpected crises and challenges,' they are presented with. We also acknowledge the generous involvement of Tim O'Farrell representing the Catholic Education Office in daily - sometimes 3) meetings with the Colac Community Response Team.



Thursday:

Hello Everyone,

Today, the Victorian Premier announced some further restrictions aimed at countering the spread of the coronavirus. From midnight tonight (Thursday, July 30), people living in the local government areas of Colac Otway, Greater Geelong, Surf Coast, Moorabool, Golden Plains, and the Borough of Queenscliff, will no longer be able to visit people or have visitors at home. This will affect people in a few of our parishes, such as Apollo Bay and Colac. The other new provision will affect us all namely, the requirement to wear a face covering. From midnight on Sunday (August 2), people throughout our diocese, together with people throughout the whole of Victoria, will be required to wear face covering whenever we leave home. You can find further details on the Victorian government's web pages, such as: www.vic.gov.au/coronavirus-covid-19-restrictions-victoria .

***Here I would simply add a note regarding the celebration of liturgies.** In our diocese of Ballarat, we will still be allowed to gather for liturgies in churches, with a maximum of 20 people in the congregation, plus those needed to conduct the service. However, from Monday August 3, everyone will be required to wear a face covering through the liturgy. The only exception would be when the priest is speaking to the congregation or reading prayers, when a reader is actually reading Scriptures, when a song leader is leading the singing and when anyone is receiving communion. As well as the new requirement to wear a face covering, the current requirements about hygiene and distance between, people will continue to apply. God bless you all.*

Paul Bird CSsR

Bishop of the Diocese of Ballarat

(Of course presently we are 'on our own').