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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. **19th Sunday in Ordinary Time -9th August 2020 - Year A**

Deaths: Carol Craig, Patrick Hobson, Victims of Chemical Explosion (Lebanon), John Hume (Ireland).

Anniversaries: Donny McCarthy, Jack & Eileen Mahoney, Brian & Kevin Mahoney, Margaret Flynn, Josephine Carew, Josephine Duynhoven, Jim Britt, Jim Cummins, Jim Storan, Ethel Dyer, Stacey Attwood, Darren Tait, Matt Finnigan, Tony Griful, Antonietta Griful, Arthur Hammett, Fr Peter Creed, C.M., Jim Milverton, Mary O'Connor, Sr Winifred Murray, O.L.M., Vin O'Connor, Victims of Nagasaki and Hiroshima Atomic Bombing (August 1945).

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.

~ THE PEACE RIBBON 2020 ~

"One of the deepest longings of the human heart is for security, peace and stability.

The possession of nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction is not the answer to this desire."

~ Pope Francis, Nagasaki Hypocentre Park, November 2019

To participate in the project and make a peace ribbon panel, [click here](#). (Hold down the ctrl key and click on the "click here link")

For peacemakers around the globe, the 75th anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki is a call to recommit ourselves to advocate for a world free of the threat and tyranny of nuclear weapons. On this solemn anniversary, Pax Christi USA and a coalition of partner organizations are raising awareness of the imminent threat of nuclear weapons in our world today and reflecting on what befalls us if nuclear weapons were to ever rain down on the Earth again. This project, the Peace Ribbon 2020 aims to spur the imagination of all that would be lost if we succumb again to the use of a nuclear weapon. We stand with the 'hibakusha' whose very presence is a witness to the road we must never again take. We honor them and the memory of all who lost their lives 75 years ago and in the aftermath whenever we raise our voices to say "No! Never again!"

Japan on Thursday marked 75 years since the world's first atomic bomb attack, with the coronavirus pandemic forcing a scaling back of ceremonies to remember the victims. Survivors, relatives and a handful of foreign dignitaries attended this year's main event in Hiroshima to pray for those killed or wounded in the bombing and call for world peace. But the general public was kept away, with the ceremony instead broadcast online. Participants offered a silent prayer at exactly, the time the first nuclear weapon used in wartime was dropped over the city. The Hiroshima attack killed about 140,000 people. Three days later, the US dropped a second atomic bomb on Nagasaki, where 74,000 people were killed.

Hello Everyone, **4th August 2020**

As you would be aware, the Victorian government has introduced further restrictions to counter the renewed spread of COVID-19. In regional Victoria, including our Diocese of Ballarat, Stage 3 restrictions will apply from midnight tomorrow (August 5). The restrictions will apply until September 13. The regulations require that "religious ceremonies and private worship" be "broadcast only". This means that our churches and chapels will be closed to the general public. It will still be possible to live stream Masses or other services from churches or chapels, although this would only involve those necessary to conduct the services and enable the live streaming. For information about Masses online, you could go to our diocesan website at

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au In regional Victoria, there are exceptions for weddings and funerals, though with limited numbers. For weddings, there may only be 5 people (the couple, two witnesses and the celebrant). For funerals, there may be up to 10 people, plus those conducting the funeral. It is very sad that we will not be able to gather for Mass in the coming weeks. However, medical advice indicates that the restrictions are necessary for the health of the community. I hope and pray that these steps will be effective in reducing the impact of the pandemic and that we will be able to come together again soon to give thanks to God. In the meantime, we can pray anywhere and anytime in our own heart. Families can pray together at home. We might also pray with others online or simply with a phone call.

Christ promised to be with us always. May we know his presence in the weeks ahead.

Peace be with you.

God bless you all.

Bishop Paul



'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>