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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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 20th September 2020 - Year A

Deaths: The Hon John Fahey AC, GCSG, Patricia Andrews, Ian Scott, Your Fagan (Sudan), Kevin Oswald Adams, Sr Catherine Finn, R.S.M. Mary Fagan (Sudan).

Anniversaries: Josephine Veronica Foley, Norene Brogan, Ted Parker, Mick Ryan, Jack & Marie Ryles, Nick Cheng, John Arackal, Thelma Taylor,

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: 811 051 426

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.

Sympathy: To Vivian's Mum (Nana to Fiona, Micky, Emmanuel & Janet) on the death of her youngest sister and brother in Sudan last week.

* Dyson & Jennie Scott on the death of Dyson's brother: Ian (Berrigan). (Jennie phoned to thank Parishioners for their prayers and compassion)'.
 * Br Bernie on the death of his brother Kevin (Melb).
 * Dick McKenzie & Lane family on the death of Edna.

Annual Pontifical Good Friday Collection

This year, due to the closure of churches during Holy Week and the cancellation of the annual Pontifical Good Friday Collection, Pope Francis has rescheduled this collection to September 2020. A special video production has also been included for promotion of the appeal

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o62bhQoaCTw&feature=youtu.be>

(Thanks to generosity of many parishioners).

St Mary McKillop

It is St Mary's 10th Anniversary and you are invited!

To mark the 10th anniversary of the canonisation of Mary MacKillop, Australia's first Saint, the Sisters of Saint Joseph invite you to celebrate the wonderful life and inspirational legacy of Saint Mary of the Cross. The Sisters have created commemorative prayers, videos and a global vigil in of honour

Mary throughout September and October

<https://www.sosj.org.au/10th-anniversary>

16th September 2020

Hello Everyone,

As you would be aware, the Victorian government has announced some easing of the restrictions that have been in force to counter the spread of COVID-19.

In regional Victoria, including our Diocese of Ballarat, we will move to the Third Step of the government's staged reopening. This will apply from midnight September 16th.

What does this mean as far as our churches and chapels and religious ceremonies are concerned?

Weddings will be able to have up to 10 people gathered (including the couple and two witnesses), plus the celebrant.

Funerals will be able to have up to 20 people gathered, plus those required to conduct the funeral.

Together with the other bishops of Victoria, I have been making representations to government for an easing of the restrictions in relation to places of worship. I have proposed that places of worship should at least be treated in the same way as other places where people can gather socially. In the coming week, bishops and other religious leaders will have further meetings with government. I hope these meetings will bear fruit so that we will be able to gather again in our churches. We do need to safeguard the community's health. Yet we have shown that we can observe the necessary precautions for physical health at the same time as we celebrate the liturgy, which contributes so much to the spiritual and mental health of the community. I pray particularly that we will soon be able to share the Eucharist, source and summit of the Christian life.

Peace be with you.

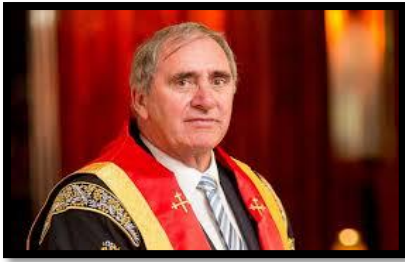
God bless you all.

Bishop Paul

Popes Intention for September

Respect for the Planets Resources

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered but shared in a just and respectful manner.



ACU mourns the death of Chancellor John Fahey

12 September 2020

It is with great sadness that Australian Catholic University (ACU) announces the death of the University's Chancellor the Hon John Fahey AC, GCSG after a battle with leukemia.

"John Fahey was our Chancellor, but also an Australian hero. As well as holding some of the highest offices in the land he will always be renowned for bringing the Olympics to Sydney.

"John was greatly loved as Chancellor. He was profoundly committed to the idea of a Catholic university, and brought to office courage, wisdom and dignity."

A man of great integrity and deep faith, Mr Fahey was born in New Zealand in 1945 to Irish migrants Stephen and Annie Fahey, educated at Chevalier College in the NSW Southern Highlands and at the University of Sydney. Upon graduation he practiced law before entering public life as a politician, industry leader, and administrator.

Mr Fahey was NSW Premier from 1992-95 before entering federal politics, where he served as Minister for Finance and Administration in the Howard government until 2001. As chairman of the bid team, he was instrumental in securing the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games.

He earned the affectionate epithet "Jumping John" Fahey for his enthusiastic response to the announcement Sydney had won the bid. He had already earned the admiration of the public when leaping to disarm a protester who had threatened Prince Charles with a gun at an awards ceremony in Sydney in 1994.

In 2002 Mr Fahey was made a Companion of the Order of Australia for his work in the political arena, and for facilitation of industry growth and industrial relations reform.

In 2019 Pope Francis awarded Mr Fahey the Pontifical Equestrian Order of St Gregory the Great, one of the Church's highest awards, in recognition of his significant and distinguished service to the Catholic Church in Australia including ACU. During his time as Chancellor the University's reputation as a Catholic university has been enhanced. Much of this was due to the personal convictions that Mr Fahey had on the critical role that the university plays in the life of the Church in Australia. This was reflected in 2015 when ACU was awarded the Ex Corde Ecclesiae medal, the highest award of the International Federation of Catholic Universities.

As Chancellor, Mr Fahey encouraged ACU to develop into a national university of stature. Under his stewardship, the university underwent a long-term, sustainable expansion strategy that encompassed a rise in the numbers of both students and staff, the establishment of two new campuses, enhanced research capabilities, deepening partnerships in Australia and internationally, and greater engagement with our communities.

Family, faith and football have always been central to Mr Fahey. Such was his lifelong love of rugby league team Canterbury Bankstown Bulldogs, he was once a reserve grade player, always a fan and later became patron of the club.

His personal life has been marked by great joy and deep tragedy. An aggressive bout of cancer threatened to fell him in 2001 but he overcame the disease with only one lung, shorter of breath and a renewed determination to contribute as a leader, mentor and campaigner. He was profoundly affected by the sudden death of his daughter Tiffany who was killed in a car accident in 2006. The Faheys raised Tiffany's two children.

He is survived by Colleen, children Matthew and Melanie, and grandchildren Amber and Campbell.

The NSW Government will hold a state funeral for Mr Fahey on a date to be determined.

ACU will hold Memorial Masses on each campus to honour Mr Fahey. May He Rest in Peace.



Spring Beckons In Colac

Spring is a metaphor for change. Some changes we eagerly await, and some we abhor. Some changes we plan and others arrive uninvited. To all these changes we ask the gift of Your perspective beckoning us to expectation, hope, and rebirth.

May the sunlight and the rain be reminders that You are at work renewing the earth. As a God of renewal, You are ever at work in our lives, too.

Open our eyes and lives to the needed changes in our lives this Spring. Awaken us to new life and perspective, for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Submitted by Rev. Mark

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program Online Study

Low-cost online study and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parish and other ministries. 5-week study cycles include Sacraments, Scripture, Youth Ministry, Liturgy, Leadership and more. Registrations open now until October 12 for the next cycle which begins October 18. More information at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or email djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au

- The new diocesan website is now live www.ballarat.catholic.org.au.