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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 **24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020 - Year A**

**Deaths:** Jennifer Morris (*Ballarat: nee Jacob: Dreeite*); Fr John Naughton (Sandhurst), John Micklejohn (Gordon), Nell Carey (Koroit), Petronella Van De Wouw, Edna Lane.

**Anniversaries:** Fr. John Walsh, Ian Weller, Brad Hallyburton, Margaret Manuell (Dalziel), Keith Park, Patrick R. Finlay, Giuseppe Oliveri, Rose Oliveri, Fathers John Russell & Claridge, Sisters Isobel Murray and Audrey King.

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### 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.

**Prayers:** Dyson & Jenny Scott are requesting prayers for Dyson brother 'Ian Scott' (Berrigan, N.S.W.), who is seriously ill.

**Anniversary:** September 16<sup>th</sup> – Fr John Walsh: 1944 – former Parish Priest Birregurra. Born Co. Galway, Ireland. Buried (Lot 83) Warncoort Cemetery.

**Annual Pontifical Good Friday Collection – this weekend** 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 this weekend (September 13, 2020). Please find attached information and documentation to assist in promoting the collection in your parish. A special video production has also been included for promotion of the appeal  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o62bhQoaCTw&feature=youtu.be>

### **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.*

### PLENARY COUNCIL UPDATE

The journey to the Plenary Council 2020 continues. While it's in a context more different than we could have ever expected, the need to pray, discern and listen to the Holy Spirit and each other is more important than ever. Next step on Plenary Council journey: As part of the ongoing journey for the Plenary Council, work has commenced on the preparation of the instrumentum laboris, or working document, for the Council. Fr Kevin Lenehan is part of the instrumentum laboris writing team

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news/feature-articles.cfm?loadref=102&id=2881&categoryId=101>

**Plenary Council Discernment papers now available in audio format:** The Diocese of Bathurst has taken the discernment papers to another format, recording audio versions to help with the reception of the documents. All six discernment papers have now been recorded and can be accessed on the Plenary Council website  
<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/continuing-the-journey-of-discernment/>

### **A PRAYER FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS DURING THIS TIME OF THE CORONAVIRUS COVID**

Loving God,  
 We place into your care  
 All our doctors, nurses and healthcare workers.  
 Give them courage of heart and strength of mind and body.  
 Keep them safe from harm.  
 May they know our deep gratitude  
 For all they are doing to heal and help those affected by the coronavirus.  
 God of all consolation  
 May they know your protection and peace  
 Bless them in these challenging days  
 And bless their families. **Amen**

- The new diocesan website is now live [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au).



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CREATION

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## CREATION EXAMEN – SEPTEMBER 16, 2020

You are warmly invited to find an oasis of peace and calm for 45 minutes with a guided meditation 'Finding God in Creation'. This Creation Examen will be held via zoom on Wednesday, September 16 at 7.30pm. Developed by St Ignatius of Loyola, the Examen is a simple technique of prayerful reflection on the events of the day which will help you to listen to the inner movements of your heart. This Ecological Examen asks you to reflect with gratitude on your personal relationship with God in creation, to notice where you can do more to protect creation and to promote ecological justice by standing in solidarity with those most impacted by environmental harm. Please respond by email to [catholicearthcare@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:catholicearthcare@ballarat.catholic.org.au) and you will be sent a link to zoom closer to the date.

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### PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP MOVEMENT-SOUTHERN TEAM

Family Groups, to have found creative ways to stay in touch with each other. In April this year, our mentor Fr Brian Traynor CP, wrote this to all FG member in our Newsletter:

*'The aim of the Movement is primarily not to 'get together' but to become a family, and to do that a number of ingredients are required. Everyone knows what they are, or knows what they are not, because we belong to a family. We know that families need love and communication.'*

*In facing this current challenge we are hearing of many creative ways individual Family Groups are reconnecting, e.g. Phone trees have been activated; a fortnightly wine and nibbles hour by Zoom; a quiz night preceded by information sent by email; reflections, encouragement and humour passed around.*

*The possibilities are endless. COVID-19 will challenge us and we need each other more than ever. Let's rise to the challenge and reconnect!*

*The PFGM Southern Team members have continued to remain in contact to support Parish Coordinators through email, telephone contact and occasionally via Zoom.*

*Frances Sullivan - for the PFGM Southern Team. For more information website link: [www.pfgm.org](http://www.pfgm.org)*

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### **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](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) or email [djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

### **Centacare support offering**

Centacare's family and relationship team are offering support during COVID-19. View the flyer for programs on offer and contact details at

[https://mcusercontent.com/fe8dff0912e9e1b378f7db433/files/c7d47726-0da8-4a94-8f27-f73ed3eb922b/Programs\\_brochure\\_COVID.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/fe8dff0912e9e1b378f7db433/files/c7d47726-0da8-4a94-8f27-f73ed3eb922b/Programs_brochure_COVID.pdf)

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**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER ONLINE WEEKEND** *If you are spending time together, but feel the distance between you . . . A great opportunity to spend a weekend improving your communication in the comfort of your own home. This VIRTUAL Weekend gives couples the chance to sleep in their own beds and check-in on kids or animals during mealtimes. Come and learn how to keep/rekindle the passion in your relationship and how to keep your love growing! The weekend we offer is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. Couples from regional areas may find this option ideal. Next weekend is on 9-11th October 2020 11th October 2020 11th October 2020. Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 Mercy & James 0409 183 676 Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or Email: [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au) Web: [me.org.au](http://me.org.au) [wwme.org.au](http://wwme.org.au)*

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Kindness in Another's Trouble,  
Courage in Your Own.  
Adam L Gordon

"Do small things with great love"  
St Mother Teresa

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