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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

**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020 – Year A**

**Deaths:** Kevin Norris (Cobden), Rosemary Roache (Terang), John Roache.

**Anniversaries:** Audrey & Laurie Boylan, Sr. Rose Pekin, S.G.S. Frs. Patrick King and Michael Shanley; Allan Matthews, Margaret Stainsby, Ross McCann, Margaret Brown, Alfred Brown, Antonio LoRicco, Win Rosenstengel, Nilcar Rubante,

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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: 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.

**Trinity College Prayer** - As our 3 Schools return for 4<sup>th</sup> Term, we share this prayer for each of our school communities.

Loving God,

We give thanks for the gift of life.

May Trinity College be a community for learning, new discoveries and the pursuit of wisdom.

Grant that those who teach and those who learn honour your presence in all creation as we respect and look after our environment.

May we learn from the example of Jesus and be open to the power of the Holy Spirit.

May the virtues of faith, hope and love inspire us so that we make a difference through our kindness, mercy and compassion for all. Amen.

**Mother of Mercy, pray for us Live, Jesus in our Hearts, for ever!**

#### **CENTACARE (Family Counselling)**

**St Mary's Presbytery Colac. Wendy 5559 3006**

**'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](http://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/UCIHcYrCTuk5DivKLWY1lbvq>

4th October 2020

### St Francis of Assisi

Born in 1181, the son of a wealthy merchant, Francis gave up everything to obey the words of the Lord: 'Leave all and follow me.' He lived in complete poverty, preaching the gospel. Others came to join him, and they lived by a simple rule based on the Gospel. From them grew the Franciscan Order, which spread rapidly during this own lifetime, though he ceased to be its leader and left its administration to others. His life was a putting into practice of the Beatitudes, and was marked by faith, joy, service of others, prayer, and love of all created things. He died in 1226.

#### Lord, make me an instrument of Your

peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying, that we are born to eternal life. ~ St Francis of Assisi.

*May the strength of the wind and the light of the sun. The softness of the rain and the mystery of the moon reach you and fill you. May beauty delight you and happiness uplift you, may wonder fulfil you and love surround you. May your step be steady and your arm be strong, may your heart be peaceful and your word be true. May you seek to learn, may you learn to live, may you live to love, and may you love—always. Celtic Blessing*

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## WUHAN WHISTLE-BLOWER DOCTOR DIES OF VIRUS HE WARNED ABOUT.

All across China, people are talking about Dr Li Wen Liang. He was the doctor who discovered the novel coronavirus and in the early hours of February 7, 2020 died of the same virus.

In December last year, he was arrested for being a whistle-blower, "spreading rumours" about a mysterious pneumonia-like virus. He continued to care for patients up until he was infected himself.

He leaves a toddler and his wife, who is also infected and eight months pregnant with their second child. Dr Li Wen Liang penned a deeply touching poem, translated here of how he would miss his family and beloved Wuhan. At the end, he quotes St Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 4:7.



LI WEN LIANG  
R.I.P.  
12.10.1986 to  
7.02.2020

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### THE HERO WHO TOLD THE TRUTH

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#### **I don't want to be a hero.**

*I still have my parents,  
And my children, And my pregnant wife who's  
about to give birth,  
And many of my patients in the ward.  
Though my integrity cannot be exchanged for the  
goodness of others,  
Despite my loss and confusion,  
I should proceed anyway.  
Who let me choose this country and this family?  
How many grievances do I have?  
When this battle is over,  
I will look up to the sky,  
With tears like rain.  
I don't want to be a hero.  
But as a doctor,  
I cannot just see this unknown virus  
Hurting my peers  
And so many innocent people.  
Though they are dying,  
They are always looking at me in their eyes,  
With their hope of life.  
Who would have ever realized that I was going to  
die?  
My soul is in heaven,  
Looking at the white bed,  
On which lies my own body,  
With the same familiar face.  
Where are my parents?  
And my dear wife,  
The lady I once had a hard time chasing?  
There is a light in the sky!  
At the end of that light is the heaven that people  
often talk about.*

*But I'd rather not go there.  
I'd rather go back to my hometown in Wuhan.  
I have my new house there,  
For which I still have to pay off the loan every  
month.  
How can I give up?  
How can I give up?  
For my parents without their son,  
How sad must it be?  
For my sweetheart without her husband,  
How can she face the vicissitudes in her future?  
I am already gone.  
I see them taking my body,  
Putting it into a bag,  
With which lie many compatriots  
Gone like me,  
Being pushed into the fire in the hearth  
At dawn.  
Goodbye, my dear ones.  
Farewell, Wuhan, my hometown.  
Hopefully, after the disaster,  
You'll remember someone once  
Tried to let you know the truth as soon as  
possible.  
Hopefully, after the disaster,  
You'll learn what it means to be righteous.  
No more good people  
Should suffer from endless fear,  
And helpless sadness.  
**"I have fought the good fight. I have  
finished the race. I have kept the faith. Now  
there is in store for me the crown of  
righteousness."**  
**2 Timothy 4:7, Holy Bible***

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#### **NOTICES:**

##### **Mary MacKillop "Celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of canonisation of Saint Mary MacKillop..**

**WE INVITE YOU TO ORDER YOUR FREE COPY OF ENCOUNTERING ST MARY MCKILLOP IN PRAYER-** The Sister of Saint Joseph have created a commemorative prayer booklet to inspire us all "take fresh courage".. as Mary did so often.

These prayers share details of her personal journey.. to order [www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/prayer-book](http://www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/prayer-book)

**Season of Creation 2020** continues with prayer resources, liturgical resources, Global Catholic Climate Movement reflection videos, resources to host online prayers, outdoor services and retreat.

Resources are available at: <https://seasonofcreation.org/catholic/>

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**Our Diocesan Community:** Latest Edition available at Church Door/Presbytery Door.

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