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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

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 18th October 2020 – Year A

Deaths: Nance Hammond (W'Bool), Sr. Caroline Deutscher I.B.V.M., Marie Teresa Nash (nee McMahon),
Anniversaries: Fr Pat Baker, Jean Davies, Ethel Dyer, John, Jack & Anne Lourey, Marie Glenane, Tom Burke, Doreen Dunford, Ellen Darmody, Gavan Kavenagh, Shirley Anne McMahon, Frs Frank Monaghan & Frank McKenzie, Mons. Harold Gleeson, Sr. Prisca Fogarty, S.G.S., Sr. Patsy Ford R.S.M., 35 Victims Westgate Bridge: 50th Anniversary, Kamala Brito.



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.

CENTACARE (Family Counselling)

St Mary's Presbytery Colac. Wendy 5559 3006

On Appeal Weekend: October 17/18

Mission Sunday Appeal ~ The joy of the Lord is our Strength! Nehemiah 8:10. Today is World Mission Sunday—a special day, called by Pope Francis, when we are called to pray and offer material support to the work of mission around the world. This year we are invited to partner with the Church in Cambodia, which is reaching out to those who have been affected by disability and giving them hope through the Gospel of Jesus Christ and practical support to live a fulfilling life. *Chen was just 16 years old when he lost both his legs in a landmine accident. Knowing that his life would never be the same, he felt hopeless, until he and his family were approached by the Arrupe Centre. Led by Bishop Enrique Figaredo Alvargonzalez, the Arrupe Centre provides children like Chen with support and opportunities they may not access otherwise. You are warmly invited to partner with the Church in Cambodia through this year's Church Appeal.*

'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/UCIHcYcTuk5DivKLWY1bvag>

PRAYER

Mary MacKillop join us in our gratitude on this 10th anniversary of your canonisation. Be with us in this time of crisis in our world as we gather fresh courage around us for working in God's healing mission. Keep us participating as a people in the gospel engaging with our neighbours for the good of all and serving with Christ in our common home. Holy Spirit strengthen us. Amen.

**TAKE FRESH COURAGE.
 (MARY MACKILLOP 21.5.1877)**

Key Quotes from Fratellia Tutti

(Pope Francis 4-10-2020) Nationalism and globalism
 Ancient conflicts thought long buried are breaking out anew, while instances of a myopic, extremist, resentful and aggressive nationalism are on the rise. In some countries, a concept of popular and national unity influenced by various ideologies is creating new forms of selfishness and a loss of the social sense under the guise of defending national interests.

LIGHT IN THE DARKEST TIMES

*Loving, ever-living and compassionate God,
 You are a light that shines in the darkest times,
 Guide us and heal us in our sickness and sorrow.*

*You comfort us in times of fear,
 May we comfort each other, even as we keep apart.*

You console and lead us in times of doubt and confusion,

May we follow the light of your love and spread hope.

*You move our hearts to acts of generosity,
 May we be led to share what we have with those in need.*

God of life,

We thank you for the signs of your light in the midst of our darkness,

May we be signs of your compassion in the heart of your world. Amen. (SMP – Newsletter)

ITALIAN TEENAGE COMPUTER WHIZ BEATIFIED BY CATHOLIC CHURCH



ASSISI, Italy (AP) - A 15-year-old Italian computer whiz who died of leukemia in 2006 moved a step closer to possible sainthood Saturday with his beatification in the town of Assisi, where he is buried. Carlo Acutis is the youngest contemporary person to be beatified, a path taken by two Portuguese shepherd children living in the early 1900s who were proclaimed Catholic saints in 2017. At the beatification ceremony in the Basilica of Saint Francis of Assisi, a portrait of Acutis was slowly unveiled, revealing a smiling teen in a red polo shirt, his curly dark hair illuminated by a halo of light. Cardinal Agostino Vallini, the papal legate for the Assisi basilicas, kissed each of the boy's mask-wearing parents, Andrea Acutis and Antonia Salzano, after reading the proclamation decreed by Pope Francis.

Already touted as the "patron saint of the internet," Acutis created a website to catalogue miracles and took care of websites for some local Catholic organizations. While still in elementary school, Acutis taught himself to code using a university computer science textbook, and then learned how to edit videos and create animation.

"Carlo used the internet in service of the Gospel, to reach as many people as possible," the cardinal said during his homily, adding that the teen saw the web "as a place to use with responsibility, without becoming enslaved." Acutis was born in London on May 3, 1991, to Italian parents and moved to Milan as a child. Already as a small child, he showed a strong religious devotion that surprised his non-practicing parents. His mother told the *Corriere della Sera* newspaper that from age 3 he would ask to visit churches they passed in Milan, and by age 7 had asked to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion, winning an exception to the customary age requirement. "There was in him a natural predisposition for the sacred," his mother said. His curiosity prompted her to study theology in order to answer his questions, renewing her own faith. "Carlo saved me. I was an illiterate of faith. I came back thanks to Father Ilio Carrai, the Padre Pio of Bologna, otherwise I would have felt discredited in my parental authority. It is a path that continues. I hope to at least wind up in purgatory," she told the Milan daily. Acutis died of acute leukemia on Oct. 12, 2006.

He was put on the road to sainthood after Pope Francis approved a miracle attributed to Acutis: The healing of a 7-year-old Brazilian boy from a rare pancreatic disorder after coming into contact with an Acutis relic, a piece of one of his T-shirts.

"I was sure he was already a saint while alive. He healed a woman from cancer, praying to the Madonna of Pompeii," his mother told *Corriere*.

Another verified miracle is necessary for sainthood, although Pope Francis has waived that on rare occasions. Acutis was buried in Assisi at his own requests, having become an admirer of St. Francis of Assisi for his dedication to the poor. The Umbrian town was one of his favorite travel destinations. His body, clad in a tracksuit and sneakers, has been on display for veneration in a sanctuary in the town, and his heart will be displayed in a reliquary in the St. Francis Basilica.

Acutis told his mother that he would give her many signs of his presence after death.

"Before he left us, I told him: If in heaven you find our four-legged friends, look for Billy, my childhood dog that he never knew," the mother said. One day she got a call from an aunt who was unaware of the mother-son pact, saying "I saw Carlo in a dream tonight. He was holding Billy in his arms." (Source: apnews)

NOTICE:

- ***It is St Mary's 10th Anniversary and you're 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>