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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. **33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time - 15th November 2020 - Year A**

Deaths: Margaret Gilmartin, Nyawura Meat (Kenya Refugee Camp), Marjorie Allan (W'Bool), Wendy Winton, Bill Brennan (Koroit), Sr Brigid Maloney R.S.M.

Anniversaries: Annie Seabright, Sean Doran, Tom Kearns, Francis John Hanlon, Sr Ethel Carroll, S.G.S., William Fraser,

MASS TIMES

Tuesday	5.00pm	St Mary's
Wednesday	10.00am	St Mary's
Thursday	*8.00am	St Mary's
Friday	10.00am	St Mary's
Saturday	10.00am	St Mary's

RECONCILIATION: Anytime by Appointment.

NO - SUNDAY 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.

SYMPATHY TO: * Mary Makuey & family on the death of Mary's youngest sister who died this week in a Refugee Camp in Kenya. (There is a 4-year-old daughter now without both parents).

** Pam Murray on the death of her sister Marjorie in Warrnambool last week.

TRINITY COLLEGE 'PRAYER FOR STUDENTS' THIS WEEK:

Loving God,
 be with our students now as they prepare for their exams. Thank you for the many talents and gifts you have given them and for the opportunity of education they have engaged in at Trinity.
 Calm their nerves and anxieties, help them to remember all that they have studied, to express it clearly and to answer the questions they face to the very best of their abilities. May they keep everything in proportion and realise that they are precious and loved beyond any exam and any exam result.
 Holy Spirit, sit with our students in their exams - and always. Amen.
 Mother of Mercy, pray for us Live, Jesus in our Hearts, for ever.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Need to be booked in by phoning the Parish Office (9am to 12pm Ph. 5231 2177)

Diocesan Mission

The Diocese of Ballarat is one part of the people of God, Christ's faithful, entrusted to the care of the Bishop. The Catholic Diocese of Ballarat offers support and encouragement to the many thousands of people who live in the rural and provincial communities across the western part of Victoria from the Murray to the Southern Ocean.

The Diocese of Ballarat, through the work of all its people:

- gathers the people of God in worship through its parishes and within its boundaries;
- gives witness to the teachings of Jesus;
- proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ;
- reflects the sacramentality of all things, especially by the giving and receiving of the Sacraments of our faith;
- catechises the faithful and those new to faith;
- oversees the teaching of children in its schools through the work of Catholic Education Ballarat;
- serves those in need especially through the diocesan agency Centacare;
- advocates for social justice;
- communicates openly and well with the faithful and the wider community and takes part in ecumenical and interfaith dialogue;
- enables the work of many groups, commissions and agencies connected to the diocese through a common faith in Jesus Christ and commitment to his mission;
- administers the temporal goods of the diocese with care and integrity.
- evangelises and reaches out towards those who are searching for meaning and faith.

DOBCEL * Tuesday – The Director of Diocese Of Ballarat Catholic Education Limited (Mr Tom Sexton) will be in Colac to sign the papers which will hand the Administration-ship, including Employer Role from the Parish/Parish Priest of our 3 Schools, to DOBCEL. This is a process which is underway in every Victorian Parish and Diocese at the direction of the Victorian Bishops.

**** Representatives of the School/College Board. The School Principals. Representatives of the Parish Leadership Team & Finance committee will also be present.**



NAIDOC WEEK
 8th TO 15th NOVEMBER 2020

OLD WORDS OF CIVILITY RING FRESH AND NEW

“Healing. It was the little word with all the weight once the fireworks and the dancing and the cheers had died away. It is a word - an idea - that had been missing for too long from the vocabulary of an American leader. Joe Biden and Kamala Harris gave it the heft it deserved after only once naming the President who had exiled it for the past four years. Faith and hope, dignity and respect. Unity. Defeating despair. The old words of civility rang fresh and new in the mouths of those who soon enough will inhabit the White House, and who were claiming the victory that had been long in the coming. “Let’s restore the soul of America,” said Joe Biden, finally the President-elect. “Joe is a healer,” said Kamala Harris. Biden reminded everyone that Senator Harris was the first woman, the first black woman, the first woman of south-Asian heritage and the first of immigrant parents to become Vice-President-elect. So many qualities in a single figure that were long overdue from the leadership team of such a diverse nation. What did not need to be said was that for the past four years, the world had been treated to the spectacle of a US President apparently incapable of displaying empathy, pursing his lips and enthusiastically exploiting the divisions across his nation, rather than trying to heal them. And where was Trump as Biden and Kamala Harris gave their soul-laden speeches? Bunkered in the White House, post-golf, even his Twitter stream silent. Earlier he had rage-tweeted “I WON THIS ELECTION, BY A LOT!” No concession speech seemed in prospect. The President of the United States seemed nothing so much as the pathetic kid at school who, realising he was losing the hundred-metre dash, always staged a fall before the end, squalling about how he would have won if he hadn’t tripped or got bumped.

Trump, of course, was bearing the humiliation he heaped on contestants in the so-called reality TV show that delivered him what passes for celebrity in America. “You’re fired,” he snarled again and again on The Apprentice. This time, it was the American democratic system that was sacking him.

Biden offered oblique sympathy, though not for Trump himself.

“For all those who voted for President Trump, I understand the disappointment tonight,” he said, urging everyone to put away the harsh rhetoric and to listen to each other again. “I have lost a couple of times myself.” And so, he had. Biden presents as a homespun, ordinary man, a son of the modest city of Scranton, Pennsylvania - the state that, deliciously, handed him the crucial electoral votes at the weekend - who grew up being teased for his stutter. But he is not an ordinary man in the sense that suggests the mundane. Here, finally, he was President-elect, speaking for himself about the America whose soul he wanted to restore. “Our nation is shaped by the constant battle between our better angels and our darkest impulses,” he said. “And what presidents say in this battle matters. It’s time for our better angels to prevail.” This being an American victory, Biden quoted Psalm 91 to define his meaning of healing. “And he will raise you up on eagles’ wings, bear you on the breath of dawn and make you shine like the sun....” Now, he might reflect, comes the hard part.

***Wonderful that a young man coming from Portland can speak from his ‘home’ experience to help us all reflect:” (Sourced ~ Tony Wright ‘The Age 08.11.2020).*

PLENARY COUNCIL PRAYER

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council. Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road. Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth. Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying. Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

Our Lady Help of Christians Pray for us. St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.

[Link to Reflection Guide for responding to the ‘Thematic Discernment Papers’: HERE](#)

CENTACARE (Family Counselling) St Mary’s Presbytery Colac. Wendy 5559 3006

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