



St Peter's Birregurra  
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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 every one can grow. We acknowledge the Gulidjan, people, the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years.

**4<sup>TH</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time – 31<sup>ST</sup> January 2021 –Year B**

## Responsorial Psalm

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The people in darkness have seen a great light;  
A radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.

Alleluia!

## This Week's Readings

4th Sunday in Ord Time Year B

Deut 18:15-20, Corinthians 7:32-35, Mark 1:21-28

## Next Week's Readings

5th Sunday in Ord Time Year B

Job 7:1-4. 6-7 Cori 9:16-19. 22-23 Mark 1:29-39

**Deaths:** Trevor Smith, Brian (Pud) Walsh (Colgoa), Peter Robbins, John Gach Moses,

**Anniversaries:** Veronica Garner, James Morrissy, John Cass (Snr), Bevan, Anne & Robert Davies. Jim and Monica Martin, Lucy O'Toole, Fathers Frank Harney and John Kelly.

## MASS TIMES:

Tuesday	5.00pm	St Mary's
Wednesday	10.00am	St Mary's
Thursday	10.00am	St Mary's
Friday	10.00am	St Mary's
Saturday	6.00pm	St Mary's
Sunday	9.00am 11.00am	St Mary's

### SACRAMENTAL OF RECONCILIATION

\*Anytime by Appointment \*Each Friday after 10am Mass

### TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD  
(Blessing of Candles: Church and or Homes)

**\*Baptisms this weekend we welcome:  
Ava Harding & Zara Harding.**

**\*Today Sunday: 2pm Placement of Ashes in Columbarium: Bernie O'Shannassy, R.I.P. Colleen invites friends to share this prayerful time with her and family.**

## THIS WEEK NOTICES

**Tuesday:** \* 10am - Southern Zone Meeting: Pastoral leaders meeting (Colac).

\* 5.30pm -6.00pm Shared Reflection on Australia Day Document.

**Wednesday:** \*11.30am – Colac Ministers Association.

\*The KSC first Meeting since the 'lockdown': 7.30pm New Members Welcome: Further information contact Bill van Engelen 0437 062 981.

**Sr Aileen Moloney, R.S.M. has recently celebrated her 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Religious Profession 24/1/2021**

whilst residing now: Rice Village, Marshall (Geelong). Sr Aileen is able to accept our invitation to join us at the 5pm Mass: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021 to allow family and friends to join in this celebration. A light supper will follow. All Welcome (if intending to attend Ph: St Mary's Parish 5231 2177 Mon- Fri: 8.30 – 12.30pm).

## AUSTRALIA DAY:

A fitting Day to celebrate with  
Joan Hannah 90th Birthday!!



**GLEESON FAMILY GROUP MEMBERS.** Welcome to 2021, a year we hope to be an improvement on last year! We are planning a social meeting on Sunday 31st January, 2pm at Gleeson's to decide what we might do this year. Looking forward to seeing you all again.

**CRAWFORD FAMILY GROUP:** Lunch at Colac Central Hotel on Tuesday February 2nd at 12 noon. RSVP: 0427 313 546.

**CROFT FAMILY GROUP:** Get together and planning day. Sunday Feb 7 at 12:30 25 Talbot St Elliminyt (off Pound Rd). Please bring your own picnic lunch and ideas for 2021. New members welcome. Linda 0448 314 774

## 2021 NATSICC Australia Day Reflection



We find ourselves pondering whether Australia will ever be the same after COVID-19? It might be more useful to ask **whether it should** be the same after the pandemic. Australia can continue to learn from the challenges of the virus and embrace the gifts of First Nation's Culture to make it a better place for all.

With COVID-19 a continuing threat across the world, the following words of St John Paul II to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in Alice Springs 1986 may never be more timely nor resonate more strongly for all Australians:

Our gifts of acceptance, tenacity, perseverance, and faith in a Greater Being are what we want to share with Australia and what we want Australians to embrace. These attributes are evident in every line of the Uluru Statement; they are embedded in the very fibre of Community-led Organisations that support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and are evident when we conduct Cross cultural learning to help others better understand our point of view.

**As we enter 2021 with a sense of hope and 'rebirth' we ask that, for the first time in post-colonial history, Australians stand together to lift one another up. Stand alongside the Traditional Custodian. Stand alongside the migrant striving for a better life. Stand alongside the grandmother that has lived through so much. We are much stronger, and much better when we are together.**

**\*\*To read full report visit: [View in your browser https://mailchi.mp/56a70050ae1e/emerging-as-a-more-equitable-and-caring-nation-after-covid?e=8f4c95bc3f](https://mailchi.mp/56a70050ae1e/emerging-as-a-more-equitable-and-caring-nation-after-covid?e=8f4c95bc3f)**

**\*\*Reflection – Sharing: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 5.30pm (Gathering Space).**



### **MEMORIAL PRAYER: TODAY I AM MASS, FOR JOHN GACH MOSES.**

Who died suddenly last Saturday evening. The Sth Sudanese community gather today for a "Memorial prayer." They are reaching out to support his family for burial cost and other expenses. They would appreciate any support we too can offer.

### **AUSTRALIA DAY – COLAC**

*"Red Violets: (Jill O'Dowd & Claire Foley) invited the children from Sacred Heart and St Mary's to join them on stage to sing: "We Are Australian" between the Presentation of: Colac Otway Shire Awards and the Induction of the New Citizens: The Students along with Claire and Jill were wonderfully received and celebrate*



### **HEALTH SERVICES: I: Again, to update:**

*Due to COVID-19. Restrictions!! Advisable for those desiring "Sacramental Ministry" to notify the parish Office – prior to admission to all facilities. Families can request "Pastoral Care Visits if necessary. Parish Office: 5231 2177.*

**LITURGY ROSTER -To help in the planning of the next Liturgy Roster – Please state your availability in the clipboard on the table in Gathering Space.**

**CATHOLIC CARE (Family Counselling)**  
St Mary's Presbytery – Colac. Wendy 0409 192 480