



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.

5TH Sunday of Ordinary Time – 7th February 2021 –Year B

Responsorial Psalm

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

He bore our sickness and endured our suffering.

Alleluia!

This 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

Next Week's Readings

6th Sunday in Ord Time Year B

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

Deaths: Brian Moloney, Brian Chalkley (Horsham), Vincent McCarthy (Mitcham), Gary Carmody, Tarlea Roache.

Anniversaries: Terrence McMahon, Father O'Farrell, Kath McGillivray (Kearns).

MASS TIMES:

Tuesday	5.00pm	St Mary's 'Celebrant Bishop Paul Bird'
Wednesday	10.00am	St Mary's
Thursday	10.00am	St Mary's Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes
Friday	*8.00am	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

Sr Aileen Moloney, R.S.M. has recently celebrated her 70th 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 9th February 2021 to allow family and friends to join in this celebration. A light supper will follow.

All Welcome.

'Bishop Paul Bird to be the Celebrant'.



Feast of St Josephine Bakhita

Long after slavery was officially abolished, the practice not only continues but thrives. Whether they are women in electronics, children on cocoa farms or men in bonded labour on construction sites, millions of people globally, including Australia, are forced to perform labour through coercion, intimidation or deceit. On Mon 7th Feb, we celebrate the Feast of St Josephine Bakhita, Patron Saint of Victims of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking and Patron Saint of South Sudan and Sudan. We are encouraging to pray for all those affected by the crimes of modern slavery and human trafficking, and for the people who volunteer and work for the eradication of these crimes.

THIS WEEK NOTICES

Tuesday: C.W.L. Meeting 1.30pm 9th Feb (Gathering Space).

Next Sunday St Valentine's Day. Project Compassion Sunday.

EARLY NOTICE:

Ash Wednesday 16TH/17TH February

Tuesday 16 th Feb	5.05pm	St Mary's Colac
Wednesday 17 th Feb	7.30am 10.00am	St Mary's Colac
Wednesday 17 th Feb	12noon	St Brendan's - Coragulac

R.C.I.A. – Again this year we are fortunate (blessed/graced) to have another young man “Emirijan” who is enquiring about joining our faith community at Easter. Emir has been attending Masses each weekend since Christmas. He is of Turkish family origins and was initially part of the R.C.I.A. Community at St Bede's' Balwyn before lockdown with COVID-19 and has moved to Colac for employment. The St Bede's Community lovingly continued their contact and support to Emirijan. Our first formal gathering with Emir, R.C.I.A. members and any other parishioners. This Wednesday 10th February 7pm – in St Mary's Gathering Space.

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

Linda 0448 314 774

THURSDAY 11TH FEBRUARY – FEAST of Our LADY of LOURDES

- World Day of Prayer for the Sick -

Mass St Mary's 10am (With the Anointing Sacrament Available)

*On February 11th 2021, we will celebrate the annual World Day of Prayer for the Sick. As you are aware, Pope St John Paul II initiated this special day of remembrance in 1992 and Popes Benedict and Francis have continued the tradition. The day has a dual focus on those who are sick and on those who care for them. The theme for the 29th World Day of the Sick 2021 is the following -

"You have but one teacher and you are all brothers" (Mt 23,8)

A trust-based relationship to guide the care for the sick.

* **Pope John Paul II initiated WORLD DAY OF THE SICK** a year after he was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease. It began in 1993 and each February 11 we are called upon to pray for the sick and to remember those who care for them. As the past year has shown us if we have our health then we have much to be grateful for. So we ask you to say this prayer on their behalf. *Let us pray:*

O' God, we entrust to your merciful care all who are sick, We ask you to bless all medical and nursing staff and all who assist them in their work, Give them the grace and strength, the clarity and wisdom, the hope and love that they will need to sustain them in their work. We pray that others will be inspired to follow in their footsteps and to give themselves generously to the healing professions. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, in the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. All: Amen

HEALTH SERVICES:

1: *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.*

2. "Masks" Again are required for Church Attendance.

3. Note on Ash Wednesday: *'Sent to Us by Bishop Paul Bird.'*

Distribution of Ashes in Time of Pandemic

The Priest says the prayer for blessing the ashes. He sprinkles the ashes with holy water, without saying anything. Then he addresses all those present and only once says the formula as it appears in the Roman Missal, applying it to all in general: "Repent, and believe in the Gospel", or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return".

The Priest then cleanses his hands, puts on a face mask and distributes the ashes to those who come to him or, if appropriate, he goes to those who are standing in their places. The Priest takes the ashes and sprinkles them on the head of each one without saying anything.

From the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, 12 January 2021.

4. Word of God Sunday – February 7th - Towards the end of 2019, Pope Francis instituted a Sunday of the Word of God. Most are no doubt familiar with the saying of Vatican II: "the Church has always venerated the divine Scriptures as she has venerated the Lord's body ... offering people the bread of life from the one table of the Word of God and the body of Christ (*Dei Verbum* 21)." In the same vein, the second document quotes St Jerome: "We are reading the sacred Scriptures. For me, the Gospel is the body of Christ; for me, the holy Scriptures are his teaching. And when he says: 'whoever does not eat my flesh and drink my blood' (Jn 6:53), even though these words can also be understood of the [eucharistic] Mystery, Christ's body and blood are really the word of Scripture, God's teaching."

Celebrate, Study, Disseminate the Word The first Sunday in February is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God. The document inaugurating this day, *Aperuit Illis*, offers a number of practical strategies (AI, 3).

Prayers. The Prayer of the Faithful should ask that the Word of God touch and transform the hearts of Christians. The Eucharistic Prayers for Use in Masses for Various Needs acknowledges that the Word of Christ's Gospel calls us to unity across every people, tongue and nation, and then asks that the Church be renewed by the light of the Gospel.

Daily Prayer. Presents an opportunity to encourage people to read, appreciate and pray daily with sacred Scripture, Let us embrace Sunday of the Word of God to help us launch our new year with a deeper and richer encounter with the Risen Lord. (*Fr Tom Elich is a priest of Brisbane Archdiocese and the director of Liturgy Brisbane*)

Please remember to pick up your copy of the new **Liturgy Roster** – on the table in the Gathering Space!!

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