



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.

6TH Sunday of Ordinary Time – 14th February 2021 –Year B

Responsorial Psalm

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia!

This 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

Next Week's Readings

First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 9:8-15 St Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:12-15

Deaths: James Carew (Berwick), Brian Martin, Ellen Lang (Scotland).

Anniversaries: Ambrose McNamara, May O'Shannassy, Peter Carew, Sr. M. Darerca Giles, O.L.M., Amy Griful, Herbert Dawson, Brian Bluett, Frances Hammett, Mary Brown, Sr Theresa Parish O.L.M.

MASS TIMES:

Tuesday	5.05pm	St Mary's Ash Wednesday
Wednesday	7.30am 10.00am	St Mary's Ash Wednesday
Wednesday	12noon	St Brendan's - Coragulac Ash Wednesday
Thursday	10.00am	St Mary's
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

Sympathy To: *Tony & Carmel Martin, Gail & Jan on the death of their brother (Brian in Melb).
**Alison Burston – on the death of her sister 'Ellen in Scotland' this week (COVID-19).
***Claire McGannon, Ursula Millar & Alan Carew and family members on the death of their brother 'James Carew in Berwick'.

CROFT FAMILY GROUP: Lunch at the Beac Hotel Tuesday; 2nd March 12noon. Gather at St Mary's Car Park: 11.30am ph: 0427 313 546.

GLEESON FAMILY GROUP activity for February will be a "High Tea" at Tim and Mary Greene's home in Irrewillipe Rd, Colac - at 3 pm on Sunday 28th February. RSVP before Thursday 25th and check their address also. Plenty of outdoor area.

THIS WEEK NOTICES

Wednesday: R.C.I.A.7pm - Gathering Space.



Congratulations: – To Frances & Peter Cain celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary this week.

THANK YOU – I would like to send a warm and loving thankyou to the St Mary's parish and Fr Michael, for the wonderful hospitality on Tuesday 9th February. I enjoyed the gifts cards and beautiful flowers. I have you all in my prayers, 'God bless you all.' Sr Aileen.

LENTEN REGULATIONS – 2021 – Bishop Paul Bird

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence from meat. On all other Fridays, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled through any one of the following:(a)Prayer: for example, Mass attendance; family prayer, a visit to a church or chapel, reading the Bible, making the Stations of the Cross, praying the rosary. (b)Self-denial: for example, not eating meat, not eating sweets or desserts, reducing time for watching TV or other entertainments. (c)Helping others- for example, taking the family to visit the elderly in old people's home or in the parish, visiting the sick or someone who is lonely. All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. (Canon 1252). All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday February 25th. Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done between Ash Wednesday (February 25th) and Trinity Sunday, (May 30th).



2021 TRINITY COLLEGE CAPTAINS OPENING ADDRESS

Good Morning/Afternoon Staff, Students, Fr Michael and esteemed guests. Trinity College has been a home for many over its past 54 years, for some it has been a chore and for others the greatest time of their lives. To begin I quote the 2019 film The Joker, "I used to think my life was a tragedy, but now I realise It's a comedy". The most esteemed comedians say that a joke when broken down has three parts, your setup, your delivery and your punchline. I like to think of school the same way.

Trinity College's setup stems from the actions of Edmund Rice and Catherine McAuley, the founders of the Christian Brothers and Sisters of Mercy, respectively. These two humans are the reason that our school exists today. Trinity's setup then continues like every other, knock knock, who is there, Br Tuck, Br Tuck who, Br Tuck would you like to be the first principal of Trinity College Colac. We all know these names, the Rice wing, the Tuck wing but I believe it is imperative that we understand their origins and remember the reasons why our school exists. Without a setup it is impossible to reach your punchline.

The next step is our delivery, your delivery at Trinity college starts in year 7 and finishes in year 12. Last year taught us more than anything I had ever previously learnt. I learnt resilience, communication and that going to homeroom from my bed is much easier than I thought it would be. 2020 for Trinity College Colac saw an exponential leap in the way that teachers communicate with students and the way that Trinity communicates with the Colac community, and these are the kinds of things that need to stem from last year. This year is an experience like no other as we, at Trinity College community have the opportunity to unite, create traditions, compete and have fun. With the introduction of the Glowrey house this is the moment where our competitiveness and our drive are a necessity in creating a legacy at this school. You can use last year as an excuse or even this one, but we, as a school are being presented with an opportunity to look back in years to come and say, that was the time where my life was changed.

Lastly you have the punchline, otherwise known as the outside world. Our lives are jokes, on a grand scale some say we mean nothing, others say the search for meaning is our purpose. School is defined as 'an institution for educating children' some may argue otherwise but I see school as a place where I occasionally learn things, but I mostly prepare, I prepare for a world that is unkind and scary but liberating. A liberation that our founders sought to offer children, an opportunity for anyone to become anything through the guidance of Catholicism. Trinity College is special, that is why you see so many people come back as teachers. Trinity College is a place where we can re-build and that is what we are going to do this year, we are going to accept this rare opportunity to unite as a cohort and create a legacy that outlives all the students here. We are not going to use excuses for our lives are anything but tragic, our lives are beautiful our community is beautiful but mostly our lives, are one big joke. – **Saul Kavenagh.**

Good Morning staff, students and guests.

My name is Jennifer Roache and I am proud and excited to be College Captain for 2021. For the past 5 years, Trinity has been a school that has inspired me and has presented opportunities to grow and push myself outside of my comfort zone. Together with Saul and the student leaders, we want to continue the proud tradition of opportunity and growth for all Trinity Collegians.

As the year 12 leadership team we've decided our theme for this year is 'rebuilding community connections'. We believe that after 2020, our main goal is to really build up a strong connection between year level cohorts and embracing the link Trinity College already has with it's surrounding community.

It's essential in the current situation, that our school spirit and bond is stronger than ever and everyone feels that they are contributing to something meaningful. So this year, we want to encourage all students to be engaged and willing to participate in school events; whether it be sports days, extracurricular activities or opportunities to represent the school in the community.

To encourage this, the leadership team and year 12s will lead the way with a positive attitude toward participation in events. With the introduction of Glowrey House this year we see an amazing opportunity to lift our school spirit with a bit of healthy competition.

Acknowledging our Core Values, one of the things we find most important here at Trinity is community. And following our theme, this year we're trying to involve ourselves more throughout Colac and to really strengthen and reinforce this value. Our social justice work at school is a key part in connecting us to our surrounding region, making us open our eyes to common problems that surround us that we might have previously been oblivious to. Then following our Christian values, leading with compassion, and striving for justice we can work together to raise awareness and overcome the challenge.

Today, we're lucky to have with us our mayor Kate Hanson and our parish priest Father Michael. These inspiring community leaders presence at our commencement assembly show us the great connection Trinity already has with the wider community. But we believe this year we can make the bond even stronger by really encouraging students to get involved in community initiatives such as cooking for St Vinnies food bank, raising awareness of community issues, getting on board with sustainability movements and spreading the message that all are welcome and valued here.

Trinity in 2021 will be a year where we create opportunity. Opportunities for our students to embrace their skills and interests and to use their enthusiasm to encourage and spread positivity. I would like to thank and wish all staff, students and guests the best year possible as I finish with a quote from the inspiring Helen Keller; author, disability rights advocate and activist, who says 'Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much'. – **Jennifer Roache**



VALENTINE'S DAY 14/2 *Love is inventive, even to infinity*

St Vincent De Paul If we look about us, love is all around. It is the love of parents for children, the love of husband and wife, the love for siblings and friends and those with whom we are affiliated by faith or interest of hobby or passion. It may be first love, only love, sometimes lost love, love imagined or love regained. It might be a love of music or art or words or the love of life and the gifts it offers each one of us. It is the love of God for all his children—us. As we celebrate Valentine's Day let us give thanks for all the loves in our lives and for those whose daily, constant and enduring love makes our hearts beat with happiness and hope. **Ann Rennie**

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

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