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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.

First Sunday of Lent – 21st February 2021 –Year B

Responsorial Psalm

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth,
to those who keep your covenant.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory.
 No one lives on bread alone,
 but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
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This Week's Readings

First Sunday of Lent

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

Next Week's Readings

Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12:1-4. Timothy 1:8-10. Matthew 17:1-9

Deaths: Brenda McKay, Les Barry, John P. Hodgkinson (St Leonards), Shirley Whitehead (nee McMahon), Nora Best (Ballarat), Anaja Stanislaus (Sister of Fr Neville (Camperdown)), Jim Carew, Brian Martin, Ellen Lang (Scotland).

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

MASS TIMES:

Tuesday	5.00pm	St Mary's
Wednesday	10.00am	St Mary's
Thursday	10.00am	St Mary's
Friday	*8.00am	St Mary's
Friday	11.00am	St Brendan's (Thomas Carr College)
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).
 ***Carew Family (Alan, Ursula, Claire) on the death of their brother Jim (Berwick).
 ****Annette & Paul Maher on the death of Annette's mother in Ballarat this week.

THIS WEEK NOTICES

Tuesday C.W.L. "Afternoon Tea" Café Nu Deli – 2pm.

Wednesday: R.C.I. A. St Mary's 7pm - Gathering Space.

VINNIES – (Urgent) Volunteers required to work at Vinnies on any Saturday. Hours from 10am – 2pm. (whatever is possible). Either in the Shop or at the back of the Store. Contact :52312738 (Business Hours 9am-5pm).

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.

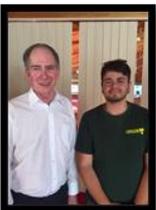
LENTEN REGULATIONS – 2021 – Bishop Paul Bird

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).

Rite of Election Today Saturday:

St Joseph's Warrnambool

Bishop Paul Bird officially accepted the name of Emircan Akarsu – in the Rite of Election to formally prepare for Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist in our Easter Ceremonies.



POPE FRANCIS' MESSAGE FOR LENT 2021: LET US RENEW OUR FAITH.

In his message for Lent 2021, Pope Francis says that Lent is a time for believing, for welcoming God into our lives and allowing him to “make his dwelling” among us (cf. Jn 14:23). The Holy Father reminds the faithful that the Lenten practices of fasting, almsgiving and prayer make it possible for us to live lives of sincere faith, living hope and effective charity, thereby sharing in Jesus' mission of the salvation of the world. During this season of conversion, Pope Francis invites the faithful to draw from the “living water” of hope, and receive with open hearts the love of God.

PROJECT COMPASSION CALLS ON AUSTRALIANS TO 'BE MORE'.

Compassion: “We’re giving them what is their right. We’re helping them to have the basic necessities of human life. And that’s our duty – if it’s their right, it’s our duty.”

BRISBANE Archbishop Mark Coleridge has presided over the launch of Project Compassion 2021, explaining that “God wants to give all His children what they need for life”. Archbishop Coleridge told a small gathering of students and educators from Catholic schools across the Brisbane archdiocese that “Project Compassion is a way of doing our God-given, human duty”.



With its iconic donation boxes, the annual appeal by Caritas Australia runs for the six weeks of Lent. 2021 marks the 56th year of Project Compassion. Over the decades, Australians have raised millions of dollars for marginalized communities worldwide. “We’re not offering some kind of loose change to people who need it. We’re not just doing them a favour,” Archbishop Coleridge said during his homily. “We’re giving them what is their right. We’re helping them to have the basic necessities of human life. And that’s our duty – if it’s their right, it’s our duty.”

Pick up your Project Compassion Envelopes/ Money Box in the “Gathering Space!!”

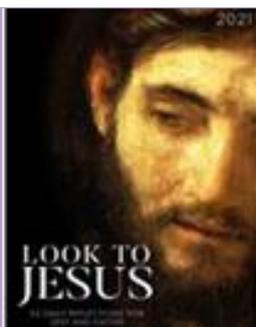
CRAWFORD FAMILY GROUP: * Note change of venue: Lunch now at the Union Hotel Tuesday; 2nd March 12noon.

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 Feb.

RSVP Thursday 25th ph. 0419 261 286.

Plenty of outdoor area.

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



**‘Look To Jesus’:
Reflections for
Lent & Easter
available \$6
In Gathering
Space.**

Melbourne Archdiocese

Today we begin our Lenten journey. With our eyes fixed on Jesus, and in the midst of all this uncertainty, we are called to live lives of sincere faith, living hope and effective charity. In the silence of our hearts, let us reflect on the way and person of Jesus, renew ourselves in His love, and recommit to the path of discipleship. 'Now, now – it is the Lord who speaks – come back to me with all your heart.' (Joel 2:12)

Click on Link: [Lent: Towards the freedom only Jesus can give](#)

A Pilgrimage for the Year of St Joseph (Fr Justin Driscoll)

The Aussie Camino is a pilgrimage route running from Portland in Victoria to Penola in South Australia, inspired by the life and journeys of Australia’s first Saint, Mary of the Cross MacKillop and her mentor Fr Julian Tenison Woods.

This year being declared the Year of St Joseph by Pope Francis, is a great opportunity to visit & reflect on the “Josephites or Brown Joeys”; the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, founded by St Mary McKillop in Penola in 1866. On average, you will walk between 20 & 25 km per day (6 to 8 hours) for the 8 days of walking. Each day is long, however it is spectacular and is both a spiritual and a human experience. **For more information contact:**

Travel Ballarat: leonie@lifestyletravel.com.au