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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.

Second Sunday of Lent – 28th February 2021 –Year B

Responsorial Psalm

I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
in the land of the living.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
 From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
 This is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

This Week's Readings

Second Sunday of Lent
 Genesis 12:1-4. Timothy 1:8-10. Matthew 17:1-9

Next Week's Readings

Third Sunday of Lent Year B
 Exodus 20:1-17 Corinthians 1:22-25 John 2:13-25

*** Project Compassion Kits available in Gathering Space.**

Deaths: Bishop Bede Heather (Sydney), Frank Shanley.

Anniversaries: Patrick O'Toole, Ned Nolan, Maria Bonfante, Sr. Mary Joseph Conway, Mons. Tom O'Brien & Jim McInerney.

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
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

THIS WEEK NOTICES

Tuesday: Leadership & Finance Meeting located in the Presbytery 9.30am.

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).

***Baptisms this weekend we welcome:**
 Margot Williamson & Hazel Williamson – St Mary's.

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 last 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. He was supported by a number of the R.C.I.A. Team.

CATHOLIC CARE (Family Counselling) St Mary's Presbytery – Colac

Monday 1st March Wendy 0409 192 480

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."



Margret, 39, is a teacher at a vocational school for deaf students in the Solomon Islands. She was born deaf, so she knows the challenges it poses to education and employment.

The school faced water shortages for about half the year. Staff and students would walk for up to half an hour to collect water for drinking, cooking, washing and growing vegetables. Then in April 2020, amidst the threat of COVID-19, Tropical Cyclone Harold struck, damaging school buildings and its vegetable garden.

With Caritas Australia's support, Margret's school installed eight large water tanks and provided cyclone-proof materials to repair the damage. It also helped the school to implement COVID-19 prevention measures, providing fabric for students to make face

masks. Margret's school now has enough safe water to supply the school's population of 150 and has the capacity to cater for more students. It plans to boost food security, by increasing its agricultural production. This will improve nutrition and boost the school's income, while building resilience to future disasters. Margret hopes that the school can aspire to 'Be More'.

"I am proud that our school community works together with Caritas Australia as our partner in ensuring that we live in a healthier environment," Margret says.

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

Pope Francis meets with Auschwitz survivor

Hungarian author Edith Bruck, now almost 90 years old, has lived in Italy for many years. In January, L'Osservatore Romano interviewed her for Holocaust Memorial Day.

Struck by her witness, Pope Francis on Saturday decided pay her a visit at her home in Rome's centre. He read her interview, which related the horrors she and her family experienced during the Nazi persecution, and was deeply moved. So he asked to meet her and paid her a visit in her home. Pope Francis on Saturday afternoon left the Vatican and headed to the centre of Rome for a private visit to the home of Edith Bruck.

"I have come here to thank you for your testimony and to pay homage to the people martyred by the insanity of Nazi populism," Pope Francis told her. "And with sincerity I repeat to you the words that I spoke from my heart at Yad Vashem and that I repeat before every person who, like you, has suffered so much because of this: [I ask] forgiveness, O Lord, in the name of humanity."

In a statement, the Holy See noted that, "the conversation with the Pope revisited those moments of light with which the experience of the hell of the camps was punctuated and evoked the fears and hopes for the time in which we live, emphasizing the value of memory and the role of the elderly in cultivating it and passing it on to the young." What is perhaps most striking, when reading the episodes she describes in the interview with L'Osservatore, is the attitude of hope Edith conveys. Even as she recounts the darkest moments of the abyss of horror into which she was plunged, and in which she lost a large part of her family, she never fails to fix her gaze on something good and beautiful, some hint of humanity that allowed her to go on living and hoping.



CRAWFORD FAMILY GROUP: 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. Plenty of outdoor area.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The Christian Family Church at 1.30pm
Friday 5th March in Cants Road Colac.



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

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:

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