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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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent – 21st March 2021 –Year B



YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

Pope Francis on December 8, 2020 published an Apostolic Letter *Patris corde* (With a Father's Heart), commemorating the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of St Joseph", running from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021.

This Statue in our Church was blessed: 19th March (Feast of St Joseph). It will sit this year alongside St Mary MacKillop. (Her Companions: Sisters of St Joseph).

Deaths: Lindsay Hulm, Gladys Evans, Kevin Bradshaw, Patricia Heath, Peter Kennedy(QLD).

Anniversaries: Bernard McGrath, Margaret Delahunty, John Delahunty, Wendy Haintz (nee Daffy), Chris Burrow, John Hamilton/Burrow, Margaret Monica Klein, Cameron Gerard Riches, Srs. Geraldine Mugavin, S.G.S. & Bridget Ryan, S.G.S., Val O'Toole, Aileen McCarthy, Jack Darmondy.

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

25th March - **FEAST of the Annunciation of the Lord**

SACRAMENTAL OF RECONCILIATION

Anytime by Appointment *Each Friday after 10am Mass

*Baptism this weekend we welcome:



- * George Armstrong
- *Tanner Austin Hodge
- *Oliver Donnelly
- *Monty Kirkman
- *Indy Kirkman

This Week's Readings

Fifth Sunday of Lent Year B

Ezekiel 37:12-14. Romans 8:8-11. John 11:1-45.

Next Week's Readings

Palm Sunday Year B

Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11 Mark 14:1-15:47

* Project Compassion Kits available in Gathering Space.

THIS WEEK NOTICES - MEETINGS

MEETING Colac Otway Shire: Leadership Team and Finance Committee Re: "Dream": Housing Retreat. Parish Office Fri 26th March 10.30am.

FINANCE MEETING: 'Gathering Space' Thurs 8th April 5.30pm

Pious Goods: Reminder to parishioners of Pious Goods which can be purchased both at the Piety Stall (Church) and Vinnies.

CATHOLIC CARE

(Family Counselling) St Mary's Presbytery/Colac

Ph: Wendy 0409 192 480

TRINITY COLLEGE COLAC

COME AND SEE

OPEN DAY/NIGHT Thursday, 25th March

We are changing things up! Please join us at our Open Day/Night. Tours are available during school hours between 9 and 11am, or please join us between 4 and 6.30pm. (No bookings necessary)



PROJECT COMPASSION CALLS ON AUSTRALIANS TO 'BE MORE'.

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

Halima is raising two children under seven in a refugee camp in Bangladesh, while caring for her mother who has a disability. Widowed at just 21, Halima fled violence in Myanmar's Rakhine State in 2017, arriving at the camp with nothing. Caritas Australia, through its partner, Caritas Bangladesh, helped Halima out with a shelter and cooking equipment so that she could feed her family. She participated in hygiene and sanitation training and took on the role of community trainer herself, organising the cleaning of washrooms, wells and toilets. Halima's training became all the more invaluable as the COVID-19 pandemic struck - when safe hygiene and preventative measures suddenly became lifesaving. Halima is proud that she is able to earn a small income, while maintaining the health of her family and the cleanliness of the camp community. Her children are adapting to life in the camp and are now at school. Halima aspired to 'Be More' for her family and for the community around her.

"My hope is that our children will be able to do a job, to live with pleasure, they will find their happiness - that will bring wellbeing for them," Halima says.

Year of St Joseph Monthly Reflections: Each month during the year of St Joseph, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference will publish a reflection on the various aspects of St Joseph's life and character. Robert Falzon reflects on how St Joseph may have responded to his astonishing call to be the foster-father of Jesus and spouse of Mary. What does it mean for fathers and husbands in today's world? <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>



Harmony Day: Sunday 20/21st March 2021

**At the Vigil Mass tonight, we welcome children representing the 'New Colac' – enriched by families from many/varied backgrounds. All endeavouring to call "Australia Home!" What a rich blessing for our Parish & Civic Communities.*

**Again, we are proud to welcome the Afghan Community to the precincts of St Mary's School Ground to celebrate their 'New Year'- Narose. We can join them this evening (Sat) after Mass.*

THIS BRAVE SISTER IN MYANMAR WHO OFFERED HER LIFE IN PLACE OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE PROTESTING FOR DEMOCRACY! FOR FREEDOM! FOR RESPECT! FOR JUSTICE! May the response of the soldiers in this instance be our response when we experience in people around us bravery, goodness, generosity.



Emircan: Reciting 'The Creed' which he received formally recent weeks. This weekend he will receive the 'The Our Father' This indicates to him (and to us) that 'Belief/Faith' leads to a closer relationship/friendship with God, through Jesus.



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15 March 2021

Hello Everyone,

As we look ahead to the ceremonies of Holy Week, some have asked what adjustments would be appropriate in view of the continuing need to keep our communities COVIDsafe.

Since we have resumed the regular celebration of Mass and other ceremonies for some time now, you would have developed practices suited to your local community for these gatherings. For example, you would have your system for people to register when they attend Mass. These practices will continue to be appropriate for the gatherings in Holy Week. However, there are some elements that are distinctive about the rites of Holy Week and I offer a few points of guidance in this regard.

As a general point, I note that when we are not able to keep 1.5 metres distant from others, the government recommends that we wear a mask.

For **Palm Sunday**, the Missal provides **three forms of the opening rite**. The first form involves an outdoor gathering with a blessing of palms, a reading of the gospel of Christ's entrance into Jerusalem and a procession into the church. The second form involves a blessing of palms and a reading of the gospel, but all within the church. In the third form, the Mass simply begins in the usual way, with the priest proceeding to the altar while an opening hymn is sung. You could choose whichever of these three forms seems best suited to your local circumstances. Palms could be handed to people as they register for the Mass.

The Mass of **Holy Thursday** usually includes the **Washing of Feet** after the homily and a **Procession with the Blessed Sacrament** to "a place of repose". In line with directions given by the Congregation for Divine Worship during this time of pandemic, the Washing of Feet and the Procession with the Blessed Sacrament **may be omitted**. The Congregation indicates that the Blessed Sacrament would simply be taken to the tabernacle after communion as usual. This would not rule out providing some time for people to stay for **quiet prayer after the Mass**, as is the custom particularly on Holy Thursday.

For **Good Friday**, the Congregation for Divine Worship has provided a **prayer related to the time of pandemic**, to be added to the Solemn Intercessions (see below).

The Good Friday ceremony includes **Veneration of the Cross**. For this year, I propose that people be invited to come forward to venerate the cross by **bowing before the cross** rather than by touching or kissing the cross.

I wish you well as you make the arrangements for the Holy Week ceremonies that are appropriate for your community.

May the peace of Christ be with us all as we continue our journey through Lent and come to celebrate Holy Week and Easter.

God bless you all.

Bishop Paul Bird

Daily Prayer of St Joseph

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

Liturgy Committee Meeting held on 17th March, 2021.

Fr Michael distributed a guiding letter from Bishop Paul Bird regarding being Covid safe

during Holy Week Ceremonies. This was read and discussed and found to be clear with it's directions.

: congregational singing. we will still have the Soloist/Cantor mask not required. Choir will wear mask when singing only.

The Easter vigil to be outside under cover of the St Mary's School Tennis courts.

:Fr Michael expressed much appreciation to the Leadership Team for their constant vigilance in carrying out all of the Covid-19 procedures enabling us to worship each week.

:Easter choir practice both Wednesday 24th and 31st March at 5:30 pm

:Tenebrae will be celebrated at St John's Anglican Church 31st March at 7pm

:this coming Sunday(5th Sunday of Lent)the Penitential Rite at all Masses will incorporate - The Sacrament of Reconciliation.

:Each weekday Mass of this coming week 23rd- 26th will be an Anointing Mass.

Next Sunday Palm Sunday 28th March:

:We begin from outside under the veranda and proceed into the church.

:We will have the Seminarian Matt - assisting during Holy Week.

Holy Thursday: Screen to display the Washing of the Feet with accompanying music to enhance it's significance.

There will be no Altar of Repose in the format of other years, however, quiet time will be within the Church to sit and pray. Next week Readers and Ministers (see below).

EASTER MASS TIMES		
Palm Sunday 28th March	6.00pm	St Marys' Colac - Vigil
Palm Sunday 28th March	9.00am 11.00am	St Marys' Colac
EASTER TRIDUUM		
Thursday 1st April	6.00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper St Mary's (With an hour of Adoration: 'Can you watch with me?' to follow).
Friday 2nd April	10.00am	Stations of the Cross Birregurra
Friday 2nd April	11.00am	Stations of the Cross: Botanical Gardens Trinity College
Friday 2nd April	3.00pm	Celebration of the Passion St Marys' Colac
EASTER DAY OF RESURRECTION		
Saturday 3rd April	10.00am	Morning Prayer of Church St Marys' Colac
Saturday 3rd April	6.00pm	Vigil Mass St Mary's Colac
Sunday 4th April	9.00am 11.00am	St Marys' Colac
Sunday 4th April	9.00am	St Peter's Birregurra

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PALM SUNDAY – 28TH March 2021 Year B (P=Pourer, S=Sick Minister)						
		6.00pm		9.00am		11.00am
Ministers	T	J Scott	T	J Foley	T	S O'Brien
Of the		M Finn	S	P Drew		B Morrissy
Eucharist		Leoncio Item		G Prime		D Bosnjak
Commentator		M McGuane		Jim Ryan		Wayne O'Brien
Reader		D Scott		Maree Ryan		Lucy Allan
Offertory		Lorraine Black		Moira Ryan		L & M Leahy
Projector		J Healey		A Nicoll		Pat Gleeson