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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.

Passion Sunday – 28th March 2021 –Year B



Responsorial Psalm

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory. Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory.

THIS WEEK

Passion Sunday Year B

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

Easter Sunday Year B

Acts 10:34-37-43. Colossians 3:1-4. John 20:1-9



***Baptism this weekend we welcome:**

* Hamish Jack Nelson.

Deaths: Shelia Power (Cobden), Dorothy Doak.

Anniversaries: John Paatsch, Elsie Russell,

MASS TIMES ~ HOLY WEEK

Tuesday	5.00pm	St Mary's
Wednesday	10.00am	St Mary's
EASTER TRIDUUM		
Thursday 1 st 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 2 nd April	10.00am	Stations of the Cross Birregurra
Friday 2 nd April	11.00am	Stations of the Cross: Botanical Gardens (Trinity College hosting)
Friday 2 nd April	3.00pm	Celebration of the Passion St Marys' Colac
EASTER DAY OF RESURRECTION		
Saturday 3 rd April	10.00am	Morning Prayer of Church St Marys' Colac (To assist our Catechumen Emircan).
Saturday 3 rd April	6.00pm	Easter Vigil & Mass St Mary's Colac
Sunday 4 th April	9.00am 11.00am	St Marys' Colac
Sunday 4 th April	9.00am	St Peter's Birregurra

THIS WEEK NOTICES - MEETINGS

TUESDAY: CWL Afternoon Tea 30th Mar at Nu Deli at 2 pm.

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.

Holy Thursday: Reception of the newly blessed Oils: Baptism; Chrism; Anointing of the Sick.

: **Only 'Washing of Feet'** will be Emircan Akarsu our Catechumen in preparation for his Initiation on Saturday Vigil Mass.

: **No Altar of Repose** – Simple Procession to the Tabernacle after Communion. Tabernacle Door will remain Open for one hour of Quiet Prayer (Tabernacle)(Side of the Church)..

Good Friday: Adoration of the Cross: each Parishioner invited to process to the Cross and BOW to the Cross (no touching of the Cross).

Easter Vigil: Motion for Liturgy Committee to the Leadership Team – that the Easter Vigil be held 'Under Cover at St Mary's School – (as were our Christmas Masses). **This will depend on Weather Forecasts and Weather conditions on the day. (need for warm clothing if held outdoors).**

RE: Music/Singing Congregational Singing now permitted if we wear Masks! **Choir** are to wear masks but the Lead Cantor at the time of singing, need not.

Seminarian: Matt Restall (6th Year) has been asked by Bishop Paul Bird to share in the Holy Week Ceremonies & in our community life. He arrives for this weeks Vigil Mass (Palm Sunday) and returns to College after the Easter Sunday Masses. I trust parishioners will make Matt welcome and offer him hospitality.

Catholic Care Family counselling St Mary's Presbytery Colac
 Contact Wendy 0409 192 480.

PALM SUNDAY: Palm Branches to be collected when we sign in at each Mass.

BLESSING OF THE PALMS: At the back of the Church – Simple Procession to Front of Church.

Tenebrae: St John's Anglican Church Community invite us to share in this Holy Week Liturgy: Wednesday 31st March at 7pm. This Liturgy consists of Scripture Readings – with lighted Candles to be gradually extinguished.

St Mary's Choir Practice: Wed 31st March at 5.30pm. For Easter and Easter Ceremonies. New members welcome!!

Holy Saturday: Morning Prayer of the Church 10am in St Mary's Church.

Many of these 'notes' come from Bishop Paul Bird's letter re: adjustments that would be appropriate in view of the continuing need to keep our communities COVID safe.

EARLY NOTICES: Family Group: 'Kelly Group' advise they will 'crease to operate'. Their last function: Mass 10am Thursday 15th April offered for deceased members; recent and past. ('Cuppa' in Colac Lake Café).

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Memorial Mass – Next Sunday: April 4th is the 1st Anniversary of Dr Mike Connors' death.

Dr Connor practiced in Beeac & Colac for over 50 years. In January 2020 he was a recipient of the Australia Day Award for his services to the Colac & District Community. Denise and Family have arranged for Mass.

April 4th at 11am to be a Memorial Mass for Mike and his family (Including Paul now back for U.S.A.). Friends and Community are invited also to 'hospitality' afterwards at the Colac Lake Café.

Message from the Custos of the Holy Land

Regarding the Good Friday Collection 2021 (Good Friday Special Collection).

Throughout 2020, in the Holy Land as in the rest of the world, we have been severely tested by the pandemic which has paralyzed a large part of economic activities, blocked the movement of people and therefore also of pilgrims. It has brought suffering to many and to most families a state of poverty which has plunged many people into loneliness and isolation. We have not stopped taking care of our parishes, with their faithful, whether they be Arabic, Hebrew or Greek speaking locals, be they migrant workers, foreign workers or refugees. The celebrations – albeit with many restrictions – have continued. The Sacraments continued to nourish the lives of our faithful. The commitment to catechesis has continued. The care of the sick has also continued, including those with Covid-19, and the accompaniment of the dying has continued too, so as not to abandon them to a death without human and Christian dignity. This year, therefore, even more than in previous years, we friars of the Custody of the Holy Land make ourselves beggars and appeal to the generosity of your hearts. Please help us according to your means and possibilities, help us according to the generosity of your heart, help us to help others.

Fr. Francesco Patton OFM
Custos of the Holy Land



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PROJECT COMPASSION: AN AUSTRALIAN ICON

For over half a century, generations of Australians have participated in Project Compassion. The initiative has raised more than \$500 million since it began in 1965 – making it one of the nation's longest running charity campaigns.

For many, Project Compassion's iconic collection boxes have become a nostalgic part of their lives – a reminder around home, school, church and the community that it's time to support Caritas Australia's annual appeal.

Margaret Moriarty can't remember a time without a Project Compassion box in her house during Lent.

"Donating to poorer counties was very important to my mother and father. My children have grown up with the same iconic boxes in our home and my grandchildren are continuing the tradition," Margaret says.

Throughout five decades of natural disasters, conflicts and crises, Caritas Australia has worked alongside vulnerable communities with the generous support of Australians. Project Compassion has also helped with access to education, health services, agricultural training and through programs that reduce maternal and infant mortality. During the COVID-19 pandemic, local partnerships have helped Caritas Australia to respond quickly to minimise the spread of the coronavirus.

This year, Caritas Australia has presented five stories from people striving to 'Be More' – just a few stories amongst the millions of people who have been helped through Project Compassion.

We would like to thank generations of our supporters nationwide for their ongoing generosity, which allows us to move forward with lifesaving strategies to tackle new challenges.

Project Compassion: Our Boxes/Envelopes can now be returned.
Holy Thursday is a most appropriate time.