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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.

5th Sunday of Easter – 2nd May 2021 –Year B

Responsorial Psalm

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
 My branches bear much fruit.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

THIS WEEK

5th Sunday of Easter Year B

Acts 9:26-31. John 3:18-24. John 15:1-8.

6th Sunday of Easter Year B

Acts 10:25-26.34-35.44-48; John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17

Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion 2021.

So far this Year: \$2,948.00

Deaths: Des Mahoney, Muriel Harris, Nancy Woods, Margaret Gruar, Gary Fitzgerald, Sr. Noni Mitchell, I.B.V.M. Lorraine Hayward, Olive Hocking.

Anniversaries: Damian Black, Concetta LoRicco, Peter Foley, Frances Lenaghan, 35 Port Arthur victims (25yrs).

MASS TIMES

Tuesday	5.00pm	St Mary's
Wednesday	10.00am	Feast of Edmund Rice St Mary's
Thursday	10.00am	St Mary's
Friday	10.00am	St Mary's
Saturday	6.00pm	St Mary's
Sunday	9.00am	St Peter's Birregurra
Sunday	9.00am 11.00am	St Mary's St Mary's
SACRAMENTAL OF RECONCILIATION *Each Friday after 10am Mass **Anytime by appointment		

MASS COUNT: On the 4 Sundays of May throughout Australia (commencing this weekend) – the Australian Bishops Conference has asked that a Mass count be taken at all Weekend Masses and Communion Services. (Yes, it will confirm what we already know and no doubt assist with future planning in the Diocese).

BAPTISM: We welcome *Lloyd Alexander Campbell* into our parish through the sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

POPES INTENTION FOR MAY

The World of Finance

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

Wednesday: Ministers Association Meeting CRAWFORD FAMILY GROUP

"Lunch": At Union Hotel on Tuesday 4th May at 12noon. Ring 0427 313 546. **GLEESON FAMILY GROUP.** Our May activity is a visit to Creswick. We will leave from Gleeson's at 9.30am on Friday 14th May.

COLLECTIONS: Since Covid-19 We have been having 'Leaving Collections' We express our appreciation to the **Collectors** who have generously stayed behind for some time to assist people who are slower to leave the Church. (Yes! Prayer & Community!) I have asked the Collectors after 'sufficient' time to leave one Basket on the table to enable all the opportunity to contribute as they choose. (M'OT)



Frances Lenaghan

02.03.1967 ~ 29.04.2020

1st Anniversary Frances Lenaghan:

Welcome today to Jack Lenaghan, Ellen, Saraid, and also Frances, Parents Tom & Nola McNamara and the families; also Jacks father and members of the Lenaghan families. (Our thoughts are with Shaun in Canada).

CATHOLIC CARE Family Counselling: Wendy 0409192480.

CWL Raffle Results: 1st Prize Margaret Morrissy,
2nd Bella Billing **3rd** Hollie Theodore



Pope Francis: 'Sport should always be a team effort' Pope Francis receives an Italian water polo team in audience and recalls the importance of team spirit in any type of sport. Speaking off-the-cuff to the athletes, the Pope recalled that true sport always relies on teamwork. "The greatest defeat for any athlete," he said, "is to work and play alone." He recalled an Argentinian saying of "morfarse la pelota", which could be rendered as "hog the ball". The Pope pointed out that this attitude runs contrary to the virtues of sport. True competition, he said, should always be done as a team. Pope Francis then urged all professional athletes to "never lose the amateur dimension, which is part of the mystique of sport." The Pope ended his encounter with the Italian water polo club praying that God might "accompany you throughout your lives."

EASTER

We proclaim the Resurrection of Christ when his light illuminates the dark moments of our life and we can share that with others; when we know how to smile with those who smile and weep with those who weep; when we walk beside those who are sad and in danger of losing hope; when we recount our experience of faith with those who are searching for meaning and happiness. With our attitude, with our witness, with our life, we say: 'Jesus is risen! Let us say it with all our soul.'
Pope Francis

PALMS AUSTRALIA

Enquire now to properly prepare for a placement in 2022. Join our online [InfoZoom](https://www.palms.org.au) on 2 May, visit [palms.org.au](https://www.palms.org.au), or call Palms now on 02 9560 5333

St Vincent de Paul: Vinnies is in desperate need of woollen clothing: jumpers and coats for everyone. ALL DONATIONS WELCOMED!!

Catholic Social Services Victoria

Commissioning Mass for all Catholic social services in Victoria: *The Catholic Leader* recently [reported](#) on an address by Pope Francis: 'If there is no prayer, the Church becomes "like an empty shell" that has lost its bearings and "no longer possesses its source of warmth and love," he said, and it ends up being made up of groups of "entrepreneurs of faith" that are well organised and busy with charitable activities but lack faith.'

Catholic Education Week 2021 will be celebrated from 23-29 May.

In recognition of 200 years of Catholic education in Australia, Catholic Education



Week 2021 will align with school communities across Australia in celebrating this landmark event. The theme for the week is *Faith in the Future* which speaks of the essence of hope in faith, so needed against the backdrop of this year. A central focus of the week will be the celebration of the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians. Patron of Australia, on Monday 24 May. A national Mass will be celebrated on this day with the key intention being that students, staff, parents and the wider community join together on the one day across Australia to pray in thanksgiving for 200 years of Catholic education, and with great faith in the future of Catholic education.

EXTRA PRAYERS

At the request of the Bishops Conference~ Easter.

For the afflicted in time of pandemic

Let us pray also for all those who suffer the consequences of the current pandemic, that God the Father may grant health to the sick, strength to those who care for them, comfort to families and salvation to all the victims who have died.

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Almighty ever-living God, only support of our human weakness, look with compassion upon the sorrowful condition of your children who suffer because of this pandemic; relieve the pain of the sick, give strength to those who care for them, welcome into your peace those who have died and, throughout this time of tribulation, grant that we may all find comfort in your merciful love. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

An opportunity to spend a weekend improving your communication.

The next residential weekend is on **21 -23 May 2021 in Wantirna South**

(Book early to avoid disappointment)

Information/Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** OR Email: Vicbookings@wwme.org.au

6th Sunday of Easter - 9th May 2021 Year B (P=Pourer, S=Sick Minister)

		6.00pm		9.00am		11.00am
Ministers	T	H Paatsch	P/S	M Shelton	T	M Rogers
Of the Eucharist	P	A Harrington		N McGuane	P	L Simpson
Commentator		M McGuane		Jim Ryan		L Allan
Reader		J Healey		M Greene		M Arnott
Offertory		Catherine McNamara		L Morgan Davis		P & L Ryan
Projector		R Danaher		E Davis		P Gleeson