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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.

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021 –Year B**



## Responsorial Psalm

*The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone.*

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
 I know my sheep, and mine know me,  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

## THIS WEEK

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Year B**

Acts 4:8-12 St John 3:1-2 John 10:1-18

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Year B**

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

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

*So far this Year: \$2,948.00*

**Deaths:** Chris Sheedy, Robert Castles, Starre Foord-Colliver, Jean Towers.

**Anniversaries:** Shirley McGrath, John Sargeant, Anthea Kervin, Fr Thomas Hurley & John O'Brien, Monsignor O'Keeffe, Deceased Service Personnel, Joan Rylance, Mick McMeel, Peter Schultz, Carmen Hammett, Gerard Versaevel,

## 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	St Mary's
	11.00am	St Mary's

### SACRAMENTAL OF RECONCILIATION

\*Each Friday after 10am Mass  
 \*\*Anytime by appointment

BAPTISM: We welcome *Bill Arthur Hickey* into our parish through the sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

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

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**MASS COUNT:** On the 4 Sunday of May throughout Australia (commencing next 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).

## PALMS AUSTRALIA

Enquire now to properly prepare for a placement in 2022.

Join our online [InfoZoom](https://www.zoom.us/j/9171111111) on 2 May, visit [palms.org.au](http://palms.org.au),

or call Palms now on 02 9560 5333

## THIS WEEK NOTICES

**Tuesday: CWL – Afternoon Tea: At Nu Deli on 27<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm.**

### CRAWFORD FAMILY GROUP

“Lunch”: At Union Hotel on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 12noon. Ring 0427 313 546

**Catholic Care Family Counselling:** Wendy 0409192480.

**Media Release: 13.04.2021 Public Consultation opens on Catholic Church's New Model for Complaints and Redress in Victoria.**  
[www.pathwaysvictoria.com](http://www.pathwaysvictoria.com)



## Shirley McGrath

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 27<sup>th</sup> January 1941 ~  
 21<sup>st</sup> of April 2020

*Today we remember Shirley McGrath on the First anniversary of her death. At the 9am Mass her husband Lindsay and family will gather to celebrate her life and memory. Shirley & Lindsay were regular members of the 9am Mass Community. Yes, her smile, her faith, courage in sickness, her gentle strength and love of family are qualities we recall and celebrate.*

## Reflection – Signs of Easter (Trinity College Newsletter)

These holidays I was fortunate enough to be visiting the south coast area of New South Wales.

It was extremely sobering to view the damage the bushfires have wrought - to bushland, waterways, communities and homes. The enormity of the scale is hard to take in. If ever there was a “Good Friday” landscape, this was it. Around the border area, the intensity of the fires was so great there is no natural recovery. Giant, black charred pillars – once mighty gum trees and sheltering habitats for animals and birds – stand as ghostly monuments of destruction, bordered by enormous piles of burnt tree trunks.

The remains of the burnt-out tram, once a thriving café in Cobargo, where my children and I loved to have a coffee while holidaying in the area, stands alone, abandoned, in a paddock by the roadside.

A block of land for sale had all a family’s burnt possessions graded into a pile. All that remained as a relic of their former life there was a half-melted swing set.

It was so sad to see what has been lost. Yet, further along the highway there were genuine “Easter” moments.

Some forests were not as badly damaged; regrowth was bursting from every available space along the tree trunks. Wattle seeds germinated and carpeted the ground, softening the ash grey colours staining the earth.

An ancient gum tree, severely burnt showed a long sliver of new, creamy white trunk as it was shedding its burnt black shroud of bark. New homes, sheds, fences were springing up all over the place. How so many other homes were saved is a living miracle as well.

If Easter is about new life, new faith, renewal and most of all, hope, then it was everywhere for those with eyes to see. Most of all, the notices, many hand-written, pasted on doors, shopfronts, posts and trees were letting people know that they are not alone. There is support, there is help, there is a listening ear for those in need.

There can be no Easter moments without suffering. When they come, they are unexpected, joyous, hope-filled.

Let us look for the Easter moments in our lives as we begin this new school term – and give thanks for the renewal and hope they bring!

**Anne Hughes - Director of Faith and Mission**

God of Truth,  
We thank you today  
For the Justice of this moment and a  
Judgment according to  
Your will.  
You have again  
Inspired action that  
Brought down the arrogant and  
Called the powerful to account.

May this give all people hope for our  
healing—together!  
May you free us from our  
Need for vengeance  
And clear the field to be ready for new seed.

—Richard Rohr 4/20/21

*Father Richard wrote this prayer yesterday after Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin was found guilty of the murder of George Floyd. Richard and the Daily Meditations editorial team invite you to pray these words, along with your own, as your contemplative practice today.*

### **Conversational English Classes At Colac Neighbourhood House**

Commencing every Monday first session at 9.30am to 11am, second session at 3.30pm to 5pm - both at Neighbourhood House, 23 Miller Street, Colac.

These sessions are free and conversation in English is a particular focus for these sessions.

Please pass on to anyone you know who may benefit from this program.

**Homework Club: Tuesday**

**Juniors: 4pm to 5pm & Seniors 5pm to 6pm**

\*Caz (Diversitat) 52325320 / \*Julie (NH) 32532368.

*This is a joint project with Diversitat and Colac  
Neighbourhood House*

### **Diocesan Levies: (Quarter: Jan, Feb, Mar - 2021.)**

- **Parish Account**  
Diocesan Administration: \$ 6,476.  
(Clergy Fund) 534.  
Caritas 2948.  
Good Friday: \$ 670.  
Total: \$10,628.
- **Presbytery Account** -\$ 4,631.00

### **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter - 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021 Year B**

		6.00pm			9.00am			11.00am
Ministers	T	<b>T Wilkinson</b>	T		<b>J Foley</b>	T		<b>M Rogers</b>
Of the		<b>J Scott</b>			<b>M Shelton</b>			<b>L Allan</b>
Commentator		<b>J Healey</b>			<b>A Ditty</b>			<b>M Sutherland</b>
Reader		<b>H Paatsch</b>			<b>M Parker</b>			<b>K Robarts</b>
Offertory		<b>H &amp; M Lenehan</b>			<b>P &amp; L Pekin</b>			<b>L &amp; M Leahy</b>
Projector		<b>Colleen O'Shannassy</b>			<b>Lani Black</b>			<b>L Simpson</b>

- [Sacristy & Flower Roster Available in the 'Church Gathering Space'.](#)