

St Mary's Noticesheet



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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.

14th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 4th July 2021 –Year B

Responsorial Psalm

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me:
 he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

THIS WEEK

14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 2:2-5. Corinthians 12:7-10. Mark 6:1-6

Next Week's Readings:

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Amos 7:12-15. Ephesians 1:3-14. Mark 6:7-13

Planned Giving Envelopes - Available in Gathering Space.

Deaths: Barbara Sharp, Nola Kavenagh, Karen Coram(Till), Ian Seeley, Michael Vavasour,
Anniversaries: Edna Cassin (50years), Margaret McMahon, Jim Harrington, Frank Paatsch, Con McMaster, Tom Fleming, Doris & Norman Burley, Pat Finn(senior).

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
	6.30pm	St Joseph's Cressy
Saturday	6.00pm	St Mary's
Sunday	9.00am	St Mary's
	11.00am	St Mary's
	9.00am	St Peter's Birregurra

SACRAMENTAL OF RECONCILIATION

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

Sympathy To: @ Lawrie Sharp and family on the recent death of Barbara (Wife, Mother & Grand-Mother).

@Kavenagh and/ Finn Families on death of Nola (Mother, Grand-Mother and sister).

@Till family on death of their Sister – Karen Coram.

CATHOLICARE – FAMILY RELATIONSHIP COUNCELLOR WENDY GARNER - 0409192480 This Monday in Colac 5th July.

CROFT FAMILY GROUP: Sunday 4th July. Farmers Arms Beac – we can meeting after 11am in St Mary's Car Park. RSVP Tony & Helen 0417578365.

CRAWFORD FAMILY GROUP: COLAC BOTANIC LAKE CAFÉ – 6TH. JULY: 12 NOON – Contact: RSVP Mary: 52312107

Congratulations to this weeks

Baptisms We welcome into our Parish this week: **Alisha, Lilly & Ivana Hodgson.**
Tuesday 6th July at 5pm.

A Plenary Council update including news on the agenda which calls those attending the Council assemblies to “develop concrete proposals to create a more missionary, Christ-centred Church in Australia” and a **Q&A with diocesan delegates**. In latest ODC or view updates click link below:
https://mcusercontent.com/904e76c839232ddc552d4311d/files/d5cf0134-05cb-721a-f027-581554cd4cb4/Plenary_Council_with_agenda.pdf



CONGRATULATIONS

@ John & Margaret Finn - Celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

@COLAC RSL – Celebrating its 100th Anniversary this weekend.

PS: Re Presbytery Account: The Finance Committee recommends that ‘Direct Debit possibility be also made available to Parishioners. The Committee made mention of “Cash” not always carried in today’s modern life – plus the mobility of today’s society: **Presbytery Account Details:**
BSB:083585 ACC: 810967715 (ref name) – Thank you.



Heal Country

2021 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

4 July 2021

Every year, Catholics come together across Australia to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's First Peoples in the Catholic Church. This year is particularly important following the COVID 19 Pandemic and its impact on the ways in which we interacted and made contact with one another.

For these resources NATSICC has decided to adopt the NAIDOC theme for 2021 – Heal Country. Today our world is in need of healing – environmentally, spiritually and socially. We must all come together as a global community to fight the injustices of inequality, racism and environmental damage.

This year the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council have adopted the NAIDOC theme for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday – Heal Country. In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis has called us to continue to seek greater protections for our lands, our waters, our sacred sites and our cultural heritage from exploitation, desecration, and destruction.

Today's Gospel is very fitting because Mark tells us of Jesus returning to his 'native place' – Nazareth – to a non-accepting, hostile reaction. Jesus had been welcomed and revered in other places, why is it that he is mocked and disregarded in his own home? "Is he not the carpenter?" The crowd called because they saw him as "without honour" and were unable to believe in him. He did not fit into their ideological view and thus did not deserve respect in their eyes. In Australia, our own First Nations people have suffered a similar reception to Jesus in Nazareth. Their knowledge and complex cultural systems, created and honed over millennia, are often dismissed as primitive and irrelevant to our fast-paced world of today. This could not be further from the truth, particularly as we become more aware of their continued care, love, and respect for 'country', grounded in a relationship with the creator that formed independently of Western influence. 2021 marks the 250th Anniversary of the arrival of Christianity in Australia. Yet the Spirit of God was poured out onto the original inhabitants of this great Southern Land many, many thousands of years prior. God's Spirit could be heard through the singing of the birds, the cascade of the waterfall, the rustle of the wind and, most importantly, in silence and 2021 Senior Australian of the year explains the importance of listening and understanding the silence:

Pope thanks Benedict for his continuing service

Francis, speaking following the midday Angelus prayer, led the crowd in a round of applause on Benedict's anniversary, which coincides with Feast of St Peter and Paul. "He lives in the monastery, a place intended to house the contemplative communities here in the Vatican so that they could pray for the Church," the Pope said. "He is now the contemplative of the Vatican, who spends his life praying for the Church and for the diocese of Rome, of which he is bishop emeritus."

Describing him as "a dear father and brother" Francis told the pope emeritus:

"Thank you for your credible witness." Pope Benedict, 94, resigned from the office of the papacy in 2013 after eight years in the post and now lives in a converted monastery in the Vatican gardens. To mark the anniversary of his ordination an exhibition of items from his life and pontificate is on display in Rome. Although he is physically frail and has difficulty speaking, Benedict's mind remains sharp, according to his closest aide, Archbishop Georg Ganswein. Last June, Benedict travelled to Germany to see his brother, Georg, who died days later at the age of 96. Georg was ordained alongside the future Pope in Freising Cathedral in 1951.



PLENARY COUNCIL AGENDA CALLS FOR MISSIONARY, CHRIST-CENTRED CHURCH

The agenda of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia calls those attending the Council assemblies to "develop concrete proposals to create a more missionary, Christ-centred Church in Australia". The Council agenda, which has emerged from three years and several layers of prayer, listening, dialogue and discernment, will shape the program of the Council's assemblies- the first of which opens on October 3.

The agenda's preamble draws from Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, which explores the Pope's "dream of a 'missionary option'". "That is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channelled for the evangelisation of today's world rather than for her self-preservation," the Pope wrote.

Plenary Council president Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB said that invitation and exhortation to be a missionary people runs through the agenda. "Through the Plenary Council, we are being called to consider how we can be a Church that goes out to the peripheries, that welcomes all into our communities and shows the face of Christ to the world," Archbishop Costelloe said.