

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.

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 11th July 2021 –Year B

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
 May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten
 the eyes of our heart that we might see how
 great is the hope to which we are called.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

THIS WEEK

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time
 Amos 7:12-15. Ephesians 1:3-14. Mark 6:7-13
Next Week's Readings:

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time
 Jeremiah 23:1-6. Ephesians 2:13-18. Mark 6:30-34

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**Planned Giving Appeal Envelopes No. 800-852.
 NOW AVAILABLE ON TABLE IN GATHERING SPACE**

Deaths: John McGrath, A.M.

Anniversaries: Gerard O'Shea, Johana Commadeur, Lena Cass, Mathew Green, Joan Parker, Mary-Anne Carew, Tom Dunne, Bill Carew, Michael Jordan, Valerie Keating, Frs. Patrick Bohan, William McMahon, John McKenzie.

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

**CATHOLICARE – FAMILY RELATIONSHIP
 COUNCELLOR WENDY GARNER
 - Mobile: 0409192480**

Congratulations to this weeks

Baptisms We welcome into our Parish this
 week: **Sean Aucamp, Hayley Aucamp,
 Parker Thomas & Sebastian Thomas.**
'St Peter's Birregurra at 11am'.

Welcome: Rev Peter Carter to be
 inducted as Pastor of the Colac Baptist
 Church. *Congratulations and prayerful good
 wishes.* (Sunday – 2pm).

THIS WEEKS MEETINGS

**Tuesday: Catholic Women's League Meeting on
 13th July at 1.30pm – Church Gathering Space.**
**Wednesday: Leadership Meeting 14th July
 Gathering Space – at 7.30pm.**

**Best Wishes to Students, Teachers and Staff, for a
 happy and fruitful return to school. We hope for
 no interruptions due to COVID-19 etc...**

Parish Sacramental Program
**Students preparing for the Sacraments of
 Confirmation and 1st Communion.**

**– Program to be collected from the Parish Office:
 'Sacrament Program Dates:'**

- *Presentation Mass: 17/18 July
- *Dismissal Masses: 24/25 July & 31 July /1 August.
- *Friday August 13th - Preparation Day.
- * Celebrations Masses: August 14/15 21/22, &
 28th/29 (Mass times: Vigil 6pm & Sunday 11am).

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) –**

In the new financial year 2021-2022: I would like to contribute by: Envelopes/ Direct Debit (Please circle one)
**To finance St Mary's Church Colac, St Peter's Church Birregurra, St Joseph's Church Cressy
 and our wider Diocesan Church**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Please place on Collection Plate or post to St Mary's Parish PO BOX 310, COLAC 3250.



Heal Country

By Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta, July 2021

Heal Country! is the moving theme of this year's NAIDOC Week to be held from 4 to 11 July. The annual event is an opportunity for all Australians to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. 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.



Pope Francis to spend week recovering in hospital after intestinal surgery

The pope underwent a surgery at Rome's Gemelli Hospital on July 4 to relieve stricture of the colon caused by diverticulitis.

The surgery lasted for about three hours and included a hemicolectomy, which is the removal of the left part of the colon. Recovery from diverticulitis surgery typically includes a hospital stay of up to a week and at least another two weeks of limited activity.

REACH OUT IN FRIENDSHIP – Fr Andrew Hamilton S.J.

All people are precious in God's eyes and deserve respect, even those with whom we disagree strongly. Pope Francis often sails into headwinds in the causes he supports and in his reading of the Gospel.

Nations and people with much more power than he has often act in ways quite contrary to his advice. He is a man often in tension with his age.

This conflict between Pope Francis' teaching and the way in which the world works is also evident in his intention for July. He calls for social friendship in all situations of conflict, whether it be within the Catholic Church, between nations, between different groups in society, and between corporations and their employees. Social friendship urges us not to see people who oppose our ideas and have interests conflicting with ours as enemies to be overcome. We should see them rather as our potential partners in building a better and more respectful society. In such a world, as Pope Francis hints in his intention, it can take considerable courage to reach out to people with whom we disagree strongly. Social friendship begins from a quite different place. In all our relationships it urges us not to look first at their ideas or the badges other people wear. It looks first into the eyes of the persons whom we meet, seeing them as persons like ourselves. They are precious in God's eyes and deserve respect. In Pope Francis' words we seek dialogue, trying to understand where the people with whom we differ are coming from. Pope Francis speaks also of becoming architects of dialogue and friendship.

In social friendship the plan is to reach out to people with whom we differ so that we can together find a better way through our differences. *(Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ is an editorial consultant at Jesuit Communications).*



Plenary Council Prayer Campaign

A national campaign has been launched to support a prayerful build-up to the first assembly of the Plenary Council. The "Fan the Flame" campaign is offered as resources for individuals and groups of various sizes and contexts who are providing essential support by praying for the Council journey and specifically for the Council assemblies, including the members who will participate. Resources available from

<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthefflame/>

Wimmera-Mallee Parish

Bishop Paul has decreed the establishment of the new Saint Paul VI Parish, Wimmera-Mallee. The new parish includes the area of the former parishes of Hopetoun, Horsham, Nhill and Warracknabeal. Monsignor Glynn Murphy and Fr Jim McKay currently serve in these parishes and will continue their service in the new parish.