

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 Guldjan, people, the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years.

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 18th July 2021 – Year B

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

THIS WEEK

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 23:1-6. Ephesians 2:13-18. Mark 6:30-34

Next Week's Readings:

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Kings 3:5.7-12. Romans 8:28-30. Matthew 13:44-52.

Deaths: Lex Garner, Brian Fallon, Betty McNamara, Roslyn Hallyburton,

Anniversaries: Gerald Timmermans, Patricia Coates, Christopher Murray, Frs. Bill O'Connell Peter Elder & Don Hurley.

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 COUNSELLOR WENDY GARNER
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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. <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheblade/>

A PRAYER FOR WINTER Let us huddle together, our community a place of warmth in our lives as we share the flame of hope and connection. Let us allow the frost of isolation and bitterness to melt away as we open ourselves to a sense of peace and spirit. We extend our thoughts to all those who are cold this morning, lacking shelter or love to keep them warm, like bulbs, may we continue to grow and open inside, ready for the spring, to stretch and grow. Amen.

SVDP Winter Appeal.

The Colac Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society will hold its Winter Appeal at all Masses next weekend.

Diocesan Levies Paid this Month: (Quarter: April May, June.)

I. Parish Account Diocesan Administration: \$ 6,476.00

Priest Fund \$ 603.00

Total: \$ 7,079.00

2. Presbytery Account

Total \$ 4,930.00

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

We delight in hosting the Sacramental Students and their families at our parish Masses, in preparation for their Confirmation and 1st Communion. Yes, they can learn from us with our attention prayerfulness at Mass; warm greetings to each other; our listening and attending to the Word of God; our awareness of the gift of Eucharist. Yes, our example of Blessing ourselves with Holy Water, with our answering and singing, our genuine reflection, our warmth at the sign of peace, our respect to each other in the car park!

*The Red Stole they receive today and wear over the next 3 Sundays is a reminder to all the Parish Community that there young Candidates are to be blessed with God's Spirit, Our friendship, support and interest confirms God's Spirit in them and for them.

– 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).

===== POPE FRANCIS LEADS SUNDAY PRAYER AFTER SURGERY =====



Pope Francis on Sunday made his first public appearance since undergoing colon surgery last week, greeting the faithful from a balcony at Gemelli hospital in Rome.

"Dear brothers and sisters: Buongiorno," the pope said, smiling and waving to the well-wishers who had gathered in the vast courtyard in front of the hospital's main entrance. The crowd — a mix of Romans, tourists, nuns, priests, medical students and hospital staff — applauded and waved back. They also cheered loudly and called out, "Viva il Papa," or, "Long live the pope." After thanking the faithful for their prayers during his recovery, Francis, 84, praised Italy's national health service.

"In these days of being hospitalized, I have experienced once again how important good health care is — accessible to all, as it is in Italy and in other countries," he said. "This precious benefit must not be lost. It needs to be kept." Francis appeared to be in good spirits, though his voice seemed weak at times.

On Sunday, Francis also expressed his appreciation for and encouragement to the staff of Gemelli and other hospitals. "They work so hard," he said.

He called on the faithful to pray for all of those who are sick.

Introducing "some friends" standing next to him on the balcony — several children who are patients of the hospital's oncology department — the pope said, "Why children suffer is a question that touches the heart."

"Accompany them with prayer and pray for all those who are sick," he added, "especially for those in the most difficult conditions. May no one be left alone." And he wished everyone a happy Sunday and asked those present to pray for him. "Enjoy your lunch," he said, smiling and waving. "Arrivederci." "Viva il Papa!" the crowd cheered.



HONOURING THE YOUNG

World Youth Skills Day (15 July) recognises a great need throughout the world, which is echoed in Australia. Almost everywhere unemployment has increased in recent years, and youth unemployment is up to six times greater than adult unemployment. Before young people can grow in the self-confidence necessary to gain the skills and the qualities that will help them to find

employment, we need to focus on building relationships based in respect. In accompaniment of young people, we need to focus on building relationships based in respect. From this can grow self-respect and the self-confidence necessary to gain the skills and the qualities that will help them to find employment. Like all of us, they have to be seen as a gift in order to make their gifts available to society.

World Skills Day is an aspiration. It will become a reality when a narrow focus on economic growth produced by competition between individuals is replaced by concern for the good of all people in society. Where the good of the community is put first, the priority will be given to educating young people to be good and resourceful persons, who will acquire the skills needed in their society.

Parish Finance Team would like to thank Parishioners contributing to our Planned Giving Program 2020 to 2021.

If you would like to join our Planned Giving Program, please complete the following notice – Thank you.

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.

Parish Account Details: BSB: 083 585 Account: 811051426

Planned Giving: REF: Envelope number/surname: Or phone Mandy in the Parish Office 5231 2177

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) –**