

# 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.

## St Mary of the Cross – 8th August 2021 –Year B

### Responsorial Psalm

My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Many women were there by the cross, watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus and looked after him.

Alleluia!

### THIS WEEK

#### St Mary of the Cross

Kings 17:8-16, Col 3:12-17; Matt. 6: 25-34

#### Next Week's Readings:

#### The Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary

Chron, 15:3-4,15-16;16:1-2, Cor 15:54-57, Luke 11:28.

**Deaths:** Bev Smith, Margaret Russell, Mardie McGuane, Tito Paderanga Snr.

**Anniversaries:** Josephine Carew (40years), Josephine Duynhoven, John I. A. Carew, Jim Cummins, Jim Britt, Jim Storan, Margaret Flynn, Mary Connor Sr Winfred Murray, O.L. M. Marie Spreckley, Margaret Britt, Frs William McGrath, Bernard Duffy, Brendan Davey.

**MASS TIMES - These Mass Times are subject to further Govt. COVID -19 Announcements.**

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

**Reconciliation: Each Friday after 10am Mass. Anytime by appointment.**

**Feast of St Mary MacKillop:**  
 (Available In Gathering Space @ \$35.  
 "Mary MacKillop Rosary Beads.")

***I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.***

*Maya Angelou*

**CATHOLICARE – FAMILY RELATIONSHIP COUNCELLOR WENDY GARNER**  
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**Colac: St. Vincent de Paul: Winter Appeal –**  
 Vinnies have placed Envelopes in the Church for donations. These may be taken home: returned next week or to Parish or School Offices. Thanks to School Committees and Parishioners who have already contributed.

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Students preparing for the Sacraments of Confirmation and 1<sup>st</sup> Communion.

– Program to be collected from the Parish Office:

**'Sacrament Program Dates:'**

\*Presentation Mass: 31 July /1 August.

\*Friday August 13th - Preparation Day.

\* Celebrations Masses: August 14/15; 21/22;

28th/29 (Mass times: Vigil 6pm & Sunday 11am).

**SYMPATHY TO** Deidre, Des & Kevin McGuane on the death of their mother, Mardie - last week..

### POPE FRANCIS AUGUST INTENTIONS:

**The Church:** Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

### THANK YOU, LORD...

...FOR YOUR GRACE

...FOR YOU MERCY

...FOR YOUR FORGIVENESS

...FOR YOUR PROTECTION

...FOR YOUR GUIDANCE

...FOR YOUR FRIENDSHIP

...FOR YOUR PEACE

...FOR YOUR UNFAILING LOVE

...FOR BEING MY SAVIOUR.

## At an extraordinary event, acts of kindness

**abound.** Mon., August 2, 2021. (Sally Ho – AGE newspaper).

TOKYO - A surfer jumping in to translate for the rival who'd just beaten him. High-jumping friends agreeing to share a gold medal rather than move to a tiebreaker. Two runners falling in a tangle of legs, then helping each other to the finish line. In an extraordinary Olympic Games where mental health has been front and center, acts of kindness are everywhere. The world's most competitive athletes have been captured showing gentleness and warmth to one another — celebrating, pep-talking, wiping away one another's tears of disappointment.



Kanoa Igarashi of Japan was disappointed when he lost to Brazilian Italo Ferreira in their sport's Olympic debut. Not only did he blow his shot at gold on the beach he grew up surfing, he was also being taunted online by racist Brazilian trolls. The Japanese-American surfer could have stewed in silence, but he instead deployed his knowledge of Portuguese, helping to translate a press conference question for Ferreira on the world stage.

The crowd giggled hearing the cross-rival translation and an official thanked the silver medalist for the assist.

"Yes, thank you, Kanoa," said a beaming Ferreira, who is learning English.

Days later, at the Olympic Stadium, Gianmarco Tamberi of Italy and Mutaz Barshim of Qatar found themselves in a situation they'd talked about but never experienced — they were tied.

Both high jumpers were perfect until the bar was set to the Olympic-record height of 2.39 meters (7 feet, 10 inches). Each missed three times. They could have gone to a jump-off, but instead decided to share the gold.

"I know for a fact that for the performance I did, I deserve that gold. He did the same thing, so I know he deserved that gold," Barshim said. "This is beyond sport. This is the message we deliver to the young generation."

After they decided, Tamberi slapped Barshim's hand and jumped into his arms.

"Sharing with a friend is even more beautiful," Tamberi said. "It was just magical."

Earlier, on the same track, runners Isaiah Jewett of the U.S. and Nijel Amos of Botswana got tangled and fell during the 800-meter semifinals. Rather than get angry, they helped each other to their feet, put their arms around each other and finished together. Many top athletes come to know each other personally from their time on the road, which can feel long, concentrated, and intense — marked by career moments that may be the best or worst of their lives. Those feelings have often been amplified at the pandemic-delayed Tokyo Games, where there is an unmistakable yearning for normalcy and, perhaps, a newfound appreciation for seeing familiar faces.

Restrictions designed to prevent the spread of COVID-19 have meant Olympians can't mingle the way they normally do. After a hard-fought, three-set victory in the beach volleyball round-robin final on Saturday at Shiokaze Park, Brazilian Rebecca Cavalcanti playfully poured a bottle of water on American Kelly Claes' back as she did postgame interviews.

The U.S. team had just defeated Brazil, but the winners laughed it off, explaining that they're friends.

### Pope Francis: May Olympic Games be sign of hope during pandemic

VATICAN CITY -- As thousands of athletes gathered for the Summer Olympic Games in Tokyo, Pope Francis gave them his blessing and extended it to those organizing and supporting the events.

*"In this time of pandemic, may these Games be a sign of hope, a sign of universal brotherhood marked by a healthy spirit of competition," he said July 25, after praying the Angelus at the Vatican. He also tweeted the same message that day with the hashtag "Tokyo2020." "God bless the organizers, the athletes and all those who collaborate for this great festival of sport," he said after the Angelus.*

### 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/>

### THE ASSUMPTION – 15<sup>th</sup> August 2021 Year B (P=Pourer, S=Sick Minister)

		6.00pm		9.00am		11.00am
<b>Eucharistic</b>	<b>T</b>	M Finn		J Foley	<b>T</b>	B Morrissy
<b>Ministers</b>		E Costigan		J Ryan		D Bosnjak
<b>Commentator</b>		S Simpson		M Parker		J Daffy
<b>Reader</b>		L Burke		Peter Morgan		L Garner
<b>Offertory</b>		L Black		Moir Ryan		Leahy Family
<b>Projector</b>		C O'Shannassy		Ann Nicoll		Y Orr