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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. **29th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 17th October 2021–Year B**

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all.

Alleluia!

This Week's Readings

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 53:10-11, Hebrews 4:14-16, Mark 10:35-45

Next Week's Readings

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 31:7-9, Hebrews 5:1-6, Mark 10:46-52

Deaths: Rosalie Lemke (West/Arundell: C'Down) Anne Commadeur (Melb), Tony (Anthony David) Roberts. Andy Craig, Helen Deppeler, Skye Luppino, Marie Hudson (Sunshine).

Anniversaries: Allan Matthews, Fr Pat Baker, Margaret Stainsby, Ross McCann, Alfred Brown, Madge Brown, Win Rosenstengel, Sr Gabriel Ryan, S.G.S.

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

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	10.00am	St Mary's

PLEASE BOOK IN: Contact 5231 2177
 Parish Office: 8.30am to 12.30pm - Please attend One Mass to allow others to attend.
 Can check on day of Mass if places are available.

RECONCILIATION: FRIDAY AFTER MASS 10AM
 - ANY TIME BY APPOINTMENT



October is Mission Month

As the Pope's international mission agency, we respond to the call to love God and to love our neighbour by forming individuals and communities as missionary disciples of Jesus who share their faith in action and through prayer. We share in God's mission to reach out, give life by sharing our personal and financial resources to: - proclaim the Gospel, - serve people in need, - act for peace, justice and creation; In partnership with local churches, so that all may have life in Christ. Support of Catholic Mission ensures the Church can grow in even the most remote areas. Your support of this Catholic Mission Church Appeal will help continue vital Church-run mission programs around the world. Thank you for partnering with us today.

"WITH APPRECIATION TO MANY PARISHIONERS FOR CONTINUED GENEROSITY (IN COVID TIMES) TO BOTH PARISH AND PRESBYTERY ACCOUNTS."

Mass online: 'Bishop Paul Bird'

St Patricks Cathedral Ballarat Sunday 10.30 AM Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/patricks.cathedral/9/>
 **Mass for you at Home on Sundays 6am of Channel 10 WIN TV

ENJOY CHRIST CHURCH BIRREGURRA - OPEN GARDENS

Four of Birregurra's Finest Gardens
 Saturday October 30th & Sunday October 31st
 10am - 4pm Ticket Sales and Covid QR Check-in at Christ Church Hall. *\$25 for all four gardens plus refreshments or *\$7 per garden +refreshments \$5
 Refreshments and Plant Stall in Christ Church Grounds

Catholic Women's League – CWL Meeting Tuesday 19th October 1.30pm Meeting Room.

Sympathy To Peter, Jodie & Family on the death of Rosalie (Peter's Mother) this week.

- Tenny Smith & Ron on death of Tenny's Sister -in-law (Anne Commadeur) this week.
- Joanne Robertson death of her sister Helen Deppeler.

Diocesan Levies Paid this Month: (Quarter: July Aug Sept).

- 1.Parish Account	Diocesan Administration: \$ 7,003.00
-	BCSF Appeal \$ 905.00
-	Total: \$ 7,908.00
- 2.Presbytery Account	Total \$ 4,601.00

DIOCESAN APPOINTMENTS: EFFECTIVE -JANUARY 10TH 2022

- @ Fr Justin Driscoll – Parish Priest of Creswick, Daylesford & Gordon Parishes.
- @ Fr Ed Moloney – Administrator of the Ballarat Cathedral Parish.

Mehrdad (Francis) our "Hairdresser" Iranian Friend will be available for Haircuts'. Women / Men & Children: TODAY 17th Oct. From 12 noon – Living in Geelong. No Work for 4 Months: (At the Presbytery). Please phone 0429 393 512

TWENTY-NINETH SUNDAY - YEAR B - 17TH OCTOBER 2021

In today's gospel, brothers James and John tell Jesus that they would like to be seated by his right and left side in heaven. Jesus tells the disciples that serving others' needs is more important

Lord God, sometimes we forget about the needs of others because we focus too much on ourselves.

Help us to remember that the best thing we can do is to serve others.

Let us put others' needs first and grow closer to your heart.

Click on this: [Link](#) to view this week's readings:

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus you came as a servant to offer love and forgiveness. **Lord, have mercy.**

You were without sin and yet you bore the sins of the world. **Christ, have mercy.**

You gave your life freely so that we could be saved and come to the fullness of life. **Lord, have mercy.**

GOSPEL: A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK - 10: 35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him, 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking', Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for the seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant: they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.' When the other 10 heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them, 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.' **The Gospel of the Lord. Pause All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

REFLECTION. *I wonder why James and John asked Jesus for a favour...*

I wonder what Jesus meant by becoming great means being a servant of others...

I wonder how James and John were feeling after they listened to Jesus' words...

I wonder what the other disciples were thinking after they listened to Jesus' words...

I wonder how I can put Jesus' words to action and put others first...

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

1. As the first session of the Plenary Council has come to a conclusion let us continue to pray for Pope Francis. **(Pause)** May his dream and vision of a truly synodal church come to maturity. **Lord, hear us.**

2. Let us pray for faith leaders and heads of state. **(Pause)** May they be freed of ambition and devote themselves in selfless service to the good of the community. **Lord, hear us.**

3. On this International Day for the Eradication of Poverty let us pray for the poor in our world. **(Pause)** May this day spark renewed efforts among us all to share the world's resources justly. **Lord, hear us.**

4. Let us pray for refugees and asylum seekers in Australia who see violence and injustice consuming their homelands. **(Pause)**. May their pain be eased by local networks of love and support. **Lord, hear us.**

5. Let us pray with and for each other as we continue our struggle in this time of pandemic. **(Pause)** May we hold in tension the diverse interpretations and expectations that exist among us and learn to respond effectively to the Covid 19 challenge. **Lord, hear us.**

Let us pray for those who have died and for those whose anniversary occurs at this time. **(Pause)**. We remember especially..... May they enjoy eternal rest and peace. **Lord, hear us.**

LORD'S PRAYER ... "Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come;"



The First General Assembly of the Plenary Council – “Summary.”

The Journey so Far

As we conclude the First General Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia, the process of discernment continues. From the opening Mass to the closing of the Assembly, our prayer has been ‘Come, Holy Spirit.’ The call to hear afresh the Good News of Jesus Christ through a spiritual posture of ‘deep listening’ has been a central element of the preparation of the Plenary process and a distinctive feature of this week. We adopted a regular pattern of prayer and spiritual conversation throughout each day. This slow process of deep listening allowed space for still nascent dreams and visions to come to greater maturity .

Over three hundred participants gathered for six days, meeting virtually across five different time zones, with many more people following the opening session of each day online. The gift of listening to one another has planted promising seeds and raised important questions for us. Many described the small group conversations and reports as the heartbeat of this First Assembly. Our process of discernment requires time and space for mature reflections to emerge, and further spiritual conversations will be necessary in our considerations of what God is asking of us in Australia at this time.

As the many personal interventions demonstrated, there is no shortage of passion and charisms among the community of believers. These interventions covered a wide range of the complex realities of the Church and Australian society in this particular moment of our history. They expressed personal wisdom and aspirations that have been a gift to this Assembly’s deliberations. Many elements of the Council’s Agenda were carefully considered. Discussion of other issues, including some not formally on the Agenda, was initiated, and will require more time.

As participants in this Assembly, we have experienced and expressed the range of emotions that come with facing profound issues together, holding in tension diverse interpretations and expectations. Through prayer and reflection, we have been called to be patient with the process, with each other, with the Church and, most importantly, with the Holy Spirit.

We listened to the confronting and important voices of victims and survivors of abuse in the Church. They reminded us of the great wounds and failures of the Church and the continuing need to discern pathways of true healing and renewal.

With the closing of this First Assembly, the Plenary Council process now enters a time of prayer, reflection, maturation and development. This will involve continuing reflection by the Members of the Council, and consultation with the wider Church community, as we develop propositions for presentation to the Second Assembly of the Council next July. This will be coordinated with Australian preparations for the 2023 Synod, *For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission*.

In faith, hope and charity, we entrust all these tasks to the guidance and wisdom of the Holy Spirit. Our prayer remains, as always: ‘Come, Holy Spirit. Come Holy Spirit of the great South Land.’ **9 October 2021**

[Full Story Link](#)

Cry of the Earth Cry of the Poor Listening, learning... change

The Bishops Social Justice Statement 2021-22:

Cry of the Earth Cry of the Poor affirms that “we human beings need a change of heart, mind, and behaviour.” It draws from Scripture, from the theological tradition, from Catholic Social Teaching, and from the wisdom of the world, including the insights of the First Nations. The Bishops invite us to take up Pope Francis’ invitation to a seven-year journey towards total ecological sustainability, guided by seven Laudato Si’ Goals. These Goals are:

◆ Response to the cry of the earth; ◆ Response to the cry of the poor; ◆ Ecological economics; ◆ Sustainable lifestyles; ◆ Ecological spirituality; ◆ Ecological education; and ◆ Community engagement and participatory action. [Website Flyer Link Here:](#)

COLAC PARISH – is one of “5 HUBS” in the Diocese asked by the

Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission:

To host a HUB on **Sunday 6th November 10am – 3pm.**

For Hospitality purposes Contact: **Colac Parish Office** – Weekday 8.30am -12.30pm: Mandy 5231 2177

Time to celebrate our dedicated carers

This week is National Carers Week, a time to recognise and celebrate the 2.65 million Australians who provide care and support to a family member or friend.

Christina Johns, who has been a carer for over 30 years. As a mum and carer to her son Ashley, 42, “We all have different sorts of challenges, but what unites us is that we care for someone and we know how taxing it is on our lives,” Ms Johns said.

“We can just be who we are, there’s no pretence, and pretending that everything is fine, when everything is actually falling apart. Sometimes we just cry with each other because it’s hard. It is that camaraderie outside of that organised setting, where like-minded people can get together and have fun, it is just precious.”

Australian dioceses prepare for synod launch



Last Sunday, Pope Francis celebrated a Mass to launch the global process for the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, which has the theme “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission”.

“Celebrating a Synod means walking on the same road, together,” the Pope said in his homily.

That path of walking together will see dioceses conduct local consultations that inform national reports that will help shape preparations for the Synod of Bishops, including the drafting of its instrumentum laboris or working document.

There will also be regional consultations for episcopal conferences, with Australian bishops to meet with members of the New Zealand, Pacific Island and Papua New Guinea/Solomon Islands bishops conferences to prepare for the 2023 gathering in Rome.

Dioceses across the country have been invited to celebrate Masses this weekend using special prayers and readings to mark the Synod’s launch.

Bishops Commission for Liturgy chair Archbishop Patrick O’Regan, in a letter to dioceses, said liturgical unity across the country would “[highlight] to all the faithful the importance of the Synod for the Catholic Church around the world and their communion in prayer with all participants”



Australia has helped shape Synod of Bishops

Susan Pascoe has held a number of senior roles in the Church and in government in Australia, including as head of the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission.

Earlier this year she was appointed to one of four commissions supporting the work of the Synod, and she has travelled to Rome for the global launch this weekend. Ms Pascoe said with the Synod’s theme as “For a Synodal Church:

Communion, Participation and Mission”, Australia’s Fifth Plenary Council of Australia is seen as something of a model. *Find out more about the Synod of Bishops and the Australian consultations at: www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch*