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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. **30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 24th October 2021–Year B**

Responsorial Psalm:

*The Lord has done great things for us;
 we are filled with joy.*

Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!
 Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death,
 and brought us life through his gospel.
 Alleluia!*

This Week's Readings

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Next Week's Readings

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 6:2-6. Hebrews 7:23-28. Mark 12:28-34.

Deaths: Fr Denis Dennehy (Ireland), Dyson Scott, John Walsh, Gene Armstrong, Charlie Cirillo,
Anniversaries: Gavan Kavenagh, Nancy McMaster, Max McKay, Marie Glenane, John F Lourey, Tom Burke, Doreen Dunford, Allen Darmody, Richard Carew snr, Anne Lourey, Jeremy Fleming, William Gleeson, Margaret Gleeson,

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Tuesday	5.00pm	St Mary's
Wednesday	10.00am	St Mary's
Thursday	10.00am	St Mary's
Friday	8.00am	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. 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.

Invitation to all Catholic Youth Organisation Leaders

– A free online conference organized by Singles for Christ Community to help to have that posture to share, promote and defend the Church by appreciating the Catholic faith **Event Date: 23 October 2021** More detail and register your interest go website: <https://tinyurl.com/cfcsfcaulcc>

"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

Crawford Family Group – La Porchetta Wednesday 10th November at 12 noon. RSVP Mary 5231 2107

Sympathy To the Scott & Armstrong families.
 : Cirillo family & Walsh family.

"Thank you" From Francis (Mehdad) For support from parishioners last Sunday.

Congratulations To: Claudia Simmonds on celebrating her Confirmation & 1st Communion this week.

KNOX PUBLIC LECTURE

The annual Knox Public Lecture is an important date in the calendar of Catholic Theological College. It commemorates the life and ministry of the founder of The College, the late James Robert Cardinal Knox, fifth Archbishop of Melbourne. This vision is embodied today in Catholic Theological College and it is through the Knox Lecture that the College acknowledges its great debt to James Knox.

The Knox Lecture has been offered annually from 1978 and has been presented by eminent speakers. For a full list of Knox Public Lecture Speakers please click on link below.

2021 Lecture Date and Time: Thursday 4 November at 7pm

Topic: Truth Telling & the Yoo-rook Justice Commission

Click here to book online

THIRTIETH SUNDAY - YEAR B - 24TH OCTOBER 2021

Even when things seem lost, there is great joy to be found through faith in God.
This sort of faith we witness in this week's scripture readings Bartimaeus in his terse and honest call out to Jesus 'I want to see!'

*Lord God, you desire for us to come to you, and you welcome us with open arms.
Let us remember that you are always there for us in our times of need. Amen.*

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

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you healed Bartimaeus that we might believe. **Lord, have mercy.**

You heal the wounds of sin and division. **Christ, have mercy.**

You are our High Priest, leading us to the Father. **Lord, have mercy.**

GOSPEL: A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK - 10:46-52

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road. **The Gospel of the Lord. Pause All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

REFLECTION

I wonder why Jesus went to Jericho...

I wonder why there was a crowd following Jesus...

I wonder how Bartimaeus knew about who Jesus was...

I wonder why Bartimaeus threw off his coat...

I wonder how Jesus was able to heal Bartimaeus...

I wonder what ways Jesus has touched my life...

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

1. On this Mission Sunday let us pray for Pope Francis, Bishop Paul and all our priests. **(Pause)** May we all heed the call to take the Gospel to the margins of society. **Lord, hear us.**

2. Let us pray for world leaders and those taking part in the climate summit in Glasgow next week. **(Pause)** May they have the courage to take the actions needed to protect the earth, our common home. **Lord, hear us.**

3. Let us pray for all medical and emergency staff as they continue to offer the best of care in these challenging times of pandemic. **(Pause)** May they be given all the resources – mental, physical and spiritual – to continue in their generous service to the community. **Lord, hear us.**

4. Let us pray for each other as we emerge from this time of lockdown. **(Pause)**. May we show consideration to our wider community by doing all we can personally to stay safe and well. **Lord, hear us.**

5. Let us pray about the deliberations of the Plenary Council. **(Pause)** May we all as members of the Australian church, allow ourselves to be challenged by the story of Bartimaeus, "what do you want me to do for you"? and ask "Lord that we may see again and anew". **Lord, hear us.**

6. Let us pray for those who have died and for those whose anniversary occurs at this time. **(Pause)**. We remember especially..... May they see God face to face and live with joy forever. **Lord, hear us.**

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

Paolo gives Pope a hand in teaching Christian freedom

Pope Francis had a special guest help him illustrate the meaning of Christian freedom when a young boy wandered onto the stage during his general audience yesterday and made himself at home.

The Pope was continuing his series of talks on St Paul's Letter to the Galatians and planned to reflect on the freedom that comes from serving and loving others.

As the Bible passage was being read, 10-year-old Paolo walked onto the stage and right up to Pope Francis, who shook his hand.

A papal aide offered Paolo a seat next to the Pope, which elicited applause from the crowd, and from the little boy. But he did not stay seated long; after clasping the Pope's hands again, Paolo pointed with amazement at the pope's zucchetto. Moments later, the young boy could be seen happily bounding down the steps, returning to his mother wearing a brand new zucchetto on his head.

Departing from his prepared remarks, Pope Francis said the boy's courage reminded him of "what Christ says about the spontaneity and the freedom of children."

"Jesus tells us, 'If you do not become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of God.' It is the courage to be close to the Lord, to be open to the Lord, to not be afraid of the Lord. I thank this child for giving this lesson to all of us," the Pope said.

"There is no freedom without love," Pope Francis said. "The selfish freedom of doing what I want is not freedom because it comes back to yourself, it isn't fruitful." Source: *CNS*.



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

To register visit: [Click LINK](#)

Prayer for the Synod

As we embrace this Synodal Process, this prayer invites the Holy Spirit to be at work in us so that we may be a community and a people of grace.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go

and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful;

do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity

so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. **Amen.**



LOCAL CONSULTATION OPENS FOR GLOBAL SYNOD OF BISHOPS

Catholics are invited to join local consultations about their experience of synodality within the Church as part of a two-year journey towards the next international Synod of Bishops, set for October 2023. Dioceses across the world hosted local Synod celebrations on Sunday, a week after Pope Francis officially opened the global process for the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops. The Synod theme is “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission”. The local launches also marked the commencement of a period of diocesan consultations to help the Synod’s preparation. Ten areas of synodality are being explored with questions in each area across those themes of communion, participation and mission. Catholics are invited to pray with, reflect upon and respond and to help develop a process of communal spiritual discernment.

Trudy Dantis, the director of the National Centre for Pastoral Research and national coordinator for the Synod of Bishops process, said the Synod is seeking to understand how people see the Church as a place where they can “journey together” as fellow pilgrims.

“As the key documents for the Synod outline, the Church’s mission requires all the People of God to walk together, with each member playing their particular role in communion with their sisters and brothers,” she said.

“This Synod is trying to move beyond intermittent moments of synodality towards ‘walking together’ as a norm within the Church.”

Dr Dantis said the Church in Australia has, in many ways, been living that out in recent years.

“One thing we learned during the dialogue and discernment phases of the Plenary Council was the power of a guided process of prayer, reflection, listening and speaking that invites God into the conversation,” she said.

“We will draw upon those lessons and encourage people to approach this Synod of Bishops journey with a spirit of openness to the Holy Spirit and the power of prayer.”

Find out more and access the resources at: www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch