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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.

Feast of Christ the King – 21st November 2021–Year B

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty

Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!
 Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father;
 blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Alleluia!*

This Week's Readings
CHRIST THE KING
Daniel 7:13-14, Apocalypse 1:5-8, John 18:33-37

Next Week's Readings
1st Sunday of Advent—Year C
Jeremiah 33:14-16, Thes. 3:12-4:2, Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Deaths: Sir James Gobbo, Max Pickles (C'down), Kevin Hinkley (Cobden), Terrence Ryan, Colleen Stirling (Melb), Sr Stella Gleeson, S.G.S., Frank Crawford, Leelamma Mathew (India).

Anniversaries: Jack & Kevin Glenane, Richard Carew, Geoffrey Adams, Dan Dunford, Jack & Janet Dent, Anthony Couch, Fr Nick Serzants, Alex Genua, Bernie O'Shannassy, 200 Timor-Leste Victims,

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

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| 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 |
| Saturday | 6.00pm | St Mary's |
| Sunday | 9.00am | St Mary's |
| Sunday | 11.00am | St Mary's |

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

REMINDER:

SATURDAY 10AM MASS – a *Mass for 50 people: Vaccination Status not asked.
3 - Sunday Masses: Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 9am & 11am (unlimited numbers - proof of Vaccination will be asked for as a Covid requirement).
(*50 People -Vaccination Status not asked for 10am Saturday & weekdays).



TRINITY COLLEGE RAFFLE:

This Year NOT a Car; but a Christmas Raffle – Tickets \$10

1. 1-10 Prizes: 1st - \$10K Ball & Croft Betta Home Voucher.
 2. Other prizes: Mid-West Meats, Garden of Eden, Fusion, Timeless Interiors, Rhys Evans.

*** Board Enquiry:** Emircan (Our young Turkish Friend) who came into our Church Community at Easter – has need for accommodation: A back room/Granny Flat' etc. would be applicable: Response: To the Parish Office: 5231 2177 (Weekdays 8.30am to 12.30pm).

HOLY SOULS"

For all who have died, we pray:
Merciful Father, we have seen glimmers of your glory and know that you love us and desire for us to be united with you. We pray for the loved ones who have died. May they come into the fullness of your grace. Let your light shine upon them. May you grant them eternal rest. Amen

MONTH MIND: Welcome to Faye, Chessy, Danielle and Cirillo family who gather today for the Month Mind Mass for Charlie: R.I.P.

OPEN CHRISTMAS DINNER - Meeting for those interested in 'assisting' Tuesday 23rd Nov 10.30am (Gathering Space)..

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Gleeson Family Group Christmas Lunch
 December 5th 12.30 at Colac East Hotel. Proof of double vaccination required. For confirmation of numbers please phone Winsome 52353203

PARISH DINNER

This Tuesday: Mass 5pm followed by a Parish Dinner afterward in the 'Gathering Space.*An opportunity for Parishioners to pay tribute to:

@Betty Daly for her extraordinary contribution to our Parish Community as Organist, Organizer of Liturgies – Funerals, 1st Communions/Confirmation, Easter Ceremonies, Christmas Masses, Ordinations.

@Margaret Finlay who this week became a Resident of Mercy Place this week. Margaret has been Sacristan of St Mary's for over 50 years. She has been a member of the Tea Ladies (inaugural), C.W.L., Historian.

Contact Parish Office: Monday/Tuesday 8.30am-12.30pm to book into the Evening Meal: 52312177.

Advent Daily Prayer Reflections:

New Life in Christ' @ \$5 (in Gathering Space).

CONFIRMATION & 1ST COMMUNION

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS:

1. LIAM TESTA
2. SAMUEL ALEXANDER
3. ROSE ALEXANDER
4. GEORGE HANLON
5. INDIE SPENCE
6. NASH CHARLES
7. TED DARCY
8. JED MOORFOOT
9. HUDSON MOORFOOT
10. OSCAR ROBERTSON
11. LAYN TOULMIN
12. HARPER VAN DOORN
13. KADE GENUA
14. ALEXANDER BRAUER
15. FREYA BAUM
16. JACK SEUREN
17. LIVI HARRIS
18. MAX MEADE
19. ZARA MEADE
20. HARRY MARCHANT
21. NOAH STANNARD

EARLY NOTICE:

SATURDAY THE 27TH OF NOVEMBER

**A WALK WILL TAKE PLACE FROM
BEECH FOREST TO COLAC.**

This challenge is to raise funds to provide a meaningful Christmas for the Young People who attend St Joseph's Flexible Learning Centre "Youth Plus". We, at Youth Plus are privileged to work with the most vulnerable young people in our community. **Donations to LINK:**

<https://youthplusfoundation.org.au/support-us/donate>. Please Reference "Colac."

Many thanks Mick McCrickard Youth Plus.

VINNIES COLAC need volunteers on a Monday, No experience necessary contact Meg on 52312738 or pop in and say hello. " would much appreciate it.

Understanding Islam (and Muslims in Australia). Friday 3rd December 2021: To register Email: Carolyn.gatti@diversitat.org.au

A Prayer for World Day of the Poor

*God of the Poor,
you hear and stand with all who suffer.*

Be with us as we seek justice and mercy for the poor in our world today. **Move us** to see, hear, and respond to the suffering poor in our midst. **Mould us** to move closer and listen deeply to those who need our help and protection. **Empower us** to speak out with courage against harm and degradation. **Guide us** to build just communities of inclusion and acceptance.

*We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the Lord,
Amen*

'A GREAT AND GOOD MAN':VICTORIA

FAREWELLS SIR JAMES GOBBO

On the streets of Melbourne, the city's homeless knew him only as Jim. This is where the former governor of Victoria, eminent jurist and devotee to all things Italian would regularly spend winter nights, dispensing warm clothes and warmer conversation. There were other places you were likely to run into Sir James Gobbo.

He was also well known to the stall owners at Queen Victoria Market, where he would go in the pre-dawn hours for a heart-starting espresso and the pick of the day's vegetables. That is where a young James Gobbo first worked in his parents' cafe after his family migrated to Melbourne from a village near Venice. That the son of Italian immigrants would go on to become the Queen's representative in Victoria was "a watershed for our state," Ms Dessau said. He served between 1997 and 2000.

"Sir James was the first Catholic governor of Victoria and the first from a non-English speaking background," she said. "It was the first time that Victoria's dynamic, multicultural community had been able to see themselves reflected in Government House, the first time that children of migrants could have a sense of shared identity with their governor. On his 90th birthday, shortly before his death last week, Sir James said his proudest achievement was his family: They too, all knew him as Jim. His home away from home was the Italian Assistance Association, a charity dedicated to improving the welfare of Australian Italians. It was one of scores of community organisations and causes that Sir James supported, volunteered for or led. "He wasn't famous or an influencer in the modern social media way but he certainly had a massive influence on innumerable people," Jeremy Gobbo said. Allan Myers, QC, said Sir James was deeply committed to his Catholic faith, most notably through his active membership of the Order of Malta, a lay order of the church dedicated to humanitarian work. This is why you could still find Sir James distributing food and clothing to homeless people well into his 80s. Sir James's legal career saw him take silk at the age of 40 and become a Supreme Court judge at age 46. Six years later, he was knighted for his services.

Source Melbourne Age

Timor-Leste remembers heroes of Santa Cruz Massacre

Young people in Timor-Leste were urged to learn from the sacrifices of the freedom fighters on the 30th anniversary of the Santa Cruz massacre on November 12. *The tragedy, in which more than 200 people died after being shot by the Indonesian military during the country's struggle for independence in 1991, is remembered sombrely but also as National Youth Day. President Francisco Guterres called on young people to "continue to keep the spirit of the youth victims of the massacre" and not to forget the heroes who fought selflessly and shed blood for the country's independence. "We can do all things right now, but we must not forget them, those who gave their bodies and blood so that we who are alive today have life," he said. "Through their sacrifices, we can now be free, we can get democracy, we can achieve independence."* -----

****We today welcome our Timor-Leste friends now working at A.L.C. who join us at our Parish Masses: To remember the 30th Anniversary of the Santa Cruz massacre.**