



St Peter's Birregurra  
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# St Mary's Noticesheet

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.

## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Times – 13<sup>th</sup> February 2022– Year C

### Responsorial Psalm

Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Rejoice and be glad;  
Your reward is great in heaven.  
Alleluia!

### This Week's Readings

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 17:5-8. Corinthians 15:12.16-20. Luke 6:17.20-26

### Next Week's Readings

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Samuel 26:2.7-9. 12-13. 22-23. Corinthians 15:45-49. Luke 6:27-38.

**Deaths:** Jean Birtle, Mark Edge, Marlene Searle.

**Anniversaries:** Ed Martin, Brian Martin, Les Barry, James Carew (Berwick), Ettie Lanphier, Sr. M. Darerca Giles O.L.M., Amy Griful snr, Patricia Underhill.

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### 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 11.00am	St Mary's St Mary's

### SACRAMENTAL OF RECONCILIATION

\*Each Friday after 10am Mass \*\*Anytime by appointment

### Synod of Bishops on Sydonality – submissions due soon!

Have you taken up Pope Francis' invitation to participate in a global conversation about the Catholic Church? You still have three weeks to make a submission to your local consultation for the international Synod on Sydonality, calling the People of God to walk together in our mission as Christians. Submissions close on February 27. Find out more at <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>. Parishes are welcome and encouraged to form small groups to submit their thoughts and ideas from a local perspective. For any further assistance contact the Pastoral Ministry Office

[pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

Vinnies' Colac are seeking new volunteers (must be fully vaccinated) pop in and talk to Meg or give her a call on 5231 2738.

### MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

**\*St Peter's Birregurra:** Short Meeting after Mass today to arrange an important meeting with the wider St Peter Community – to be informed of the results of the structured Engineering Report of St Peters Building: Then to decide on priorities. This includes updates on repairs to the Stain Glass Windows.

**ASH Wednesday:** March 2<sup>nd</sup> (Mass to be advised next Week).

### LENTEN SCRIPTURE STUDY REFLECTION:

@Personal Daily Prayer Books \$5.00 each

@'Remember' Group Lenten Reflection \$10 each

### CONGRATULATIONS – BAPTISMS

This weekend, we welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Lewis Choi-Mahoney, Leah Choi-Mahoney  
& Charlie Edmond.

*"The Church gives the faith to your children through Baptism and you have the task to make it grow...."*

- Pope Francis.

### Pope's Prayer Intentions for February 2022

*'Let us pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded by all. Amen.'*

### Project Compassion 2022

February 26-27, 2022 is Project Compassion Sunday - the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. Get your Project Compassion 2022 activities off to a good start, ensuring our whole parish is engaged with this year's theme, "For All Future Generations."

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## Pope says Olympics an opportunity to build bridges.

The “true gold medal” at the Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games goes to everything that helps the global the end of his general audience yesterday, the Pope focused on the bonds that unite all people in one human family as he prayed for the people of Myanmar, spoke about the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics and Paralympics and anticipated the International Day of Human Fraternity.

With the Winter Olympics in Beijing, followed on March 4 by the Paralympics, Pope Francis also focused on the power of sport to draw people together.

“Sport, with its universal language, can build bridges of friendship and solidarity between people of all cultures and religions,” he said, which is why he said he appreciated the International Olympic Committee’s decision in July to add another word to the Olympic motto.

“To the historic Olympic motto Citius, Altius, Fortius – Faster, Higher, Stronger – the International Olympic Committee has added the word ‘Communiter’ – Together – because the Olympic Games can make a more fraternal world grow,” the Pope said.

## RELIGIOUS LEADERS CALL FOR RELEASE OF ASYLUM-SEEKERS

*A group of Australian religious leaders has launched a campaign urging Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Opposition Leader Anthony Albanese to work together to release asylum-seekers in detention.*

The #SetThemFree campaign picks up on the international attention drawn to the plight of Australia’s detained asylum-seekers by the saga of Serbian tennis star Novak Djokovic, who was detained in Melbourne’s Park Hotel after his visa to enter Australia was cancelled. Mehdi Ali, an Iranian immigrant who came to Australia at age 16, used the media interest in the tennis star’s experience to highlight his own plight of being locked up for nine years with no prospect of release. Baptist minister Tim Costello spoke at Melbourne’s St Paul’s Anglican Cathedral on behalf of more than 30 faith leaders. “Compassion is the core of every faith,” Mr Costello said. “It is significant that religious leaders are urging the Prime Minister, a man of faith, to meet with the Opposition Leader and together do something that is ultimately good for all Australians – agree on releasing refugees and asylum-seekers held in indefinite detention,” he said. Sister Brigid Arthur, coordinator of the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project, said: “The Prime Minister and Opposition Leader have the power to set them free. It is a question of whether they will open their hearts and act, not a question of what to do.”

**Afghanistan commitment needs to be more generous:** Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, chair of the Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service, says at least 20,000 more humanitarian places are needed for people fleeing Afghanistan. The Federal Government this week announced at least 15,000 places over four years for people fleeing the crisis in Afghanistan. Bishop Long conceded such a commitment “sounds good, but the problem is that these are places within the existing humanitarian and family visa programs”. “The scale of the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan requires the urgent creation of additional places in Australia’s humanitarian intake,” he said. “We need to scale up our practical compassion, not simply adjust priorities within existing plans.

**“Listen to silence.  
It has so much to say.”** Rumi

**To Plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow. --**  
- Audrey Hepburn



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