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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.

## 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2021 - Year B

### Responsorial Psalm:

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father willed to give us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creatures. Alleluia!

### This Week's Readings

#### 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deut 4:1-2, 6-8 St James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27 Mark 7:1-18, 14-15 21-23

### Next Week's Readings

#### 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 35:4-7, 6-8 St James 2:1-5, 27 Mark 7:31-37

**Deaths:** Carmel Martin, Ursula Millar, Ray Dignan (Sydney), Ian Stoddart (Melb),

**Anniversaries:** Lois Ryan, John Pitcher, Ety McKinnon, Mr. Tim Fischer (MP), Tess McDougall, Sr Carmel Murphy, C.S.B., Myra Attwood, Diana Spencer, Vern Layton, Murray Burley, Marilyn Cass, Edna Margaret Scanlan.

### MASS TIMES

**Mass online: 'Bishop Paul Bird'**

**St Patricks Cathedral Ballarat  
Sunday 11 AM**

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<https://www.facebook.com/patricks.cathedral.9/>

**\*\*Mass for you at Home on Sundays  
6am of Channel 10 WIN TV**

### PLENARY COUNCIL PRAYER

\*We pray for all the Plenary Council Members who are preparing for the First Assembly in October: that they will be attentive to the heartfelt hopes voiced in the initial consultations. *(Pause for silent prayer)* Lord, hear us.

\*We pray for the Church of Australia as we continue the preparations for the Plenary Council: that we may 'Listen to what the Spirit is saying' and be open to being guided by God's Holy Spirit. *(Pause for silent prayer)* Lord, hear us.

\*For the Plenary Council: in these months leading up to the First Assembly: that we may have the courage to speak boldly and the ability to listen humbly with hearts open to where the Spirit is leading our Church in Australia. *(Pause for silent prayer)* Lord, hear us.

**Crawford Family Group:** Due to present COVID Lockdown we may not be able to have our lunch on 7<sup>th</sup> September. Dulcie will keep in touch if things change.

### Deacon George Piech Meat

Our Sth Sudanese Married Deacon Friend – Writes to ask our support to an Appeal by Bishop Stephen Ador (Malakal, Sth Sudan).

*“The diocese was devastated by war as many institutions were destroyed; many properties including cars, motorbikes, trucks were looted leaving the diocese vulnerable. The priests and catechists in the diocese have to walk long distances and sometimes few days to reach the people of God and to administer the sacraments and celebrate the Eucharist. Therefore, the diocese of Malakal and the parish community of Lul will be grateful and appreciate if they could be assisted in the project’.*

**Their aim** is to buy a second-hand Toyota Landcruiser to enable the Priest, Sister, Catechists to prepare for the celebrate the Sacraments.

**\*\*Copy of the full letter is in the Church Gathering Space.**

**: Any Gift can be placed in an envelope: Marked: 'Deacon George: Sth Sudan Appeal' – and return to the Parish or School Office.**

**\* For Direct Giving Details:**

**BSB: 083 585 Account: 81 1051426**

**Parish Account: REF: Sth Sudan Appeal**

**\*\*Thank you to those who have generously sent in a donation.**

*By listening with an open heart to those who are most affected, we can begin, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to discern the signs of the times.  
Social Justice Statement 2021-22.*

## Increase Afghan intake, Archbishop Coleridge urges PM



The Australian Government should provide at least 20,000 humanitarian places for Afghans in the wake of the Taliban takeover, Australian Catholic Bishop Conference president Archbishop Mark Coleridge has said. In a letter to Prime Minister Scott Morrison last night, Archbishop Coleridge noted there has been “an outpouring of concern for the people of Afghanistan” as that country’s government has collapsed and the Taliban seized control. “Australia has stepped up before in response to significant humanitarian crises, and I urge your government to be generous,” he wrote, adding that Catholic agencies “stand ready to assist your government with resettlement of refugees as an expression of our great concern for the people of Afghanistan”.

“It would seem our moral duty to stand with those who supported Australian military forces as interpreters or in other capacities, who it seems likely will suffer reprisals and even death for their work,” he wrote. “There is a particular risk to women, and Australia’s humanitarian response should recognise and support their dignity and human rights.” **This week we keep in our hearts our sister and brothers in Afghanistan.**

*“I join in the unanimous concern for the situation in Afghanistan. I ask all of you to pray with me to the God of peace, so that the clamor of Weapons might cease and solutions can be found at the table of dialogue,”*  
**Pope Francis. 15 August 2021.**

## BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND

### Collection for Sick and Retired Priests



Creating a secure retirement future for the priests of the diocese is a duty and care in which we can all participate. Seventeen retired priests are currently supported by this Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation. This annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy. *Envelopes Available in ‘Church Gathering Space’.* A credit card facility is available and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.

**CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US & OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY!!**



### SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY: AUGUST 29, 2021.

\*The Launch of the Social Justice Statement was held on August 5 and Bishop Paul features in this video: [Ctrl Click HERE](#)

\*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 statement, liturgy notes and other resources are available for the ACBC Office of Social Justice website: [Ctrl Click HERE](#)

### *God of all creation,*

*the heavens tell of your glory and  
the earth is full of wonders  
that sing of your goodness.*

*Sun, moon, stars and sky, rain, snow, wind and water,  
animals, birds, trees and flowers:*

*all are shaped by your loving hand.*

*Open in us an attentiveness that  
recognises and welcomes*

*the holy that enfolds us and calls our name.*

*Form us to be people who delight in life*

*as your gift to be revered, savoured, and nourished. AMEN.*

### **CENTACARE FAMILY RELATIONSHIP**

**COUNSELLOR FROM WARRNAMBOOL – WENDY GARNER**

*For an appointment ph: 5559 3000*



## POPE SENDS AID TO STRUGGLING HAITI

*Pope Francis will send \$324,000 to help people in Haiti, who are struggling in the aftermath of a deadly earthquake during a global pandemic.*

The Vatican’s Dicastery for Integral Human Development said in a communique released yesterday that the Pope had decided to send “an initial contribution” of 200,000 euros (\$324,000) to assist the earthquake victims during this “emergency phase,” following the magnitude 7.2 earthquake that struck Haiti on August 14. At least 2,200 people died, more than 12,000 others were injured and nearly 53,000 houses destroyed, according to local authorities. The donation is meant to be “an immediate expression” of Pope Francis’ “feeling of spiritual closeness and paternal encouragement” for the people there. The money will be distributed – in collaboration with the Vatican’s nunciature in Haiti – to those dioceses most affected by the disaster, the dicastery said. It will add to the aid being sent throughout the Church thanks to efforts led by bishops’ conferences and numerous charitable organisations.

The dicastery said the Pope had also decided to send an initial emergency contribution of about \$95,000 to the people of Bangladesh, who were hit by Cyclone Yaas in May. The Pope was also sending about \$165,000 to the people of Vietnam, who are facing serious difficulties because of the COVID-19 pandemic.