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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 everyone can grow. **21st Sunday in Ordinary Time – 23rd August 2020 – Year A**

Deaths: Peter Shanahan (Birregurra), Susan Sherman (Michael's wife), Fr Michael Wheeler (Melb),
Anniversaries: Florence & Bill Pollard, Joseph Bernard Robarts, Mary Flynn, Bernie & Cath Crawley, Monsignor O'Connell, Our Deceased Vietnam Veterans,

NO PUBLIC MASSES - SUNDAY & WEEKDAY MASSES

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Continued Appreciation to Parishioners for Generosity in ongoing support of the Parish. Parish Bank Details for those wanting to assist with Parish Expenses:

* For Direct Giving Details:

BSB: 083 585 Account: 811051426

**Planned Giving: REF: Envelope number/surname:
 Or phone Mandy in the Parish Office 5231 2177**

STRONG RECOMMENDATION: If Parishioners (Individual /Families) have members planning hospitalizations and seek any other sacramental ministry contact Parish Office prior to admission to the facilities. Ph: 5231 2177.

WINTER APPEAL 2020 SVDP

Donations can be given by way of cash or cheque to Colac SVDP Society and left at the parish office on Friday morning from 9-12 pm or given to Parish Office.

Your generosity is very much appreciated

Popes Intention for August The Maritime World

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY We celebrate Social Justice

Next Sunday 30th August. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: To Live Life to the Full: Mental Health in Australia Today. The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools and communities.

Understanding mental health will help us to be aware of those who need our support. The Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation, to work for the transformation of social determinants of mental ill-health, and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community. (Download the Statement at <http://bit.ly/SocialJustice2020> . And/or we will print some copies and make them available at the Church Door).

WEEKLY NOTICES

***National Emergency Appeal for Lebanon**

In response to the horrific explosion in Beirut on the 4th of August, the Australian office of the international Catholic Charity, Aid to the Church in Need, has launched a national emergency appeal to raise funds to support the people of Lebanon. For more information about the appeal, and to make a donation go to: www.aidtochurch.org/lebanon or ph. 1800 101 201.

Trinity College, Colac: Letter from School Principal & Board to Trinity College Community: Referring to the 1970's & 80's: Copies available at the Church door along with the Bulletin. (Stewart Wing).

19th August 2020

Hello Everyone.

Greetings to you all. I hope you are going along okay in the midst of the coronavirus restrictions.

In March this year, in the early days of the restrictions, I announced that we would be postponing the Chrism Mass (Mass of the Oils) for six months (till September 21). I was hoping that, by then, restrictions would be lifted enough to celebrate the Chrism Mass in our customary way, with a large gathering of people from all around the diocese. I have been looking forward to this annual celebration, which includes a renewal of commitment to all the varied ministries that serve our diocesan community. Unfortunately, it seems likely that there will be significant restrictions for some time yet.

So, after consulting our Diocesan Liturgical Commission, I have decided that we will not celebrate the Chrism Mass this year.

It is sad that we will not be able to gather for the Chrism Mass as we usually do. However, medical advice indicates that the restrictions on gatherings are necessary for the health of the community. I pray that all the steps we are taking in response to the pandemic will be effective in reducing the impact of the virus and that we will be able to come together again soon to give thanks to God. I look forward to celebrating the Chrism Mass again on the Monday of Holy Week next year.

*Christ, the Anointed One, promised to be with us always. May we know his presence day by day.
 God bless you all.*

Bishop Paul Bird
Bishop of the Diocese of Ballarat

