



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.

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time - Sunday 19th January 2020 -Year A

Responsorial Psalm

Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.
He enabled those who accepted him
to become the children of God.
Alleluia!

This Week's Readings

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Isaiah 49:3.5-6. Corinthians 1:1-3. John 1:29-3

Next Week's Readings

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Isaiah 8:23-9:3. Corinthians 1:10-13.17. Matthew 4:12-23.

Deaths: Kevin Mullane (Ballan).

Anniversaries: Kathleen Mary Doyle, Gerard Aloysius McMahon, Anne Buckle, Jim & Monica Martin.

MASS TIMES:

Tuesday	5.00pm	St Mary's
Wednesday	10.30am	Mercy Place
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

Anytime by Appointment
*Each Friday after 10am Mass

CENTACARE (Family Counselling)

St Mary's Presbytery – Colac.
Appointments contact Wendy 5559 3006
Next Visit Monday 20 January.

**We welcome into our Parish through the
Sacrament of Baptism
'EVER GRACE SEAL.'**

CRAWFORD FAMILY GROUP: Lunch at
Colac Central Hotel on January 30th Thursday at
12 o'clock. Please ring 0427 313 546 if attending.

FEAST DAYS

22ND January St Vincent Pallotti
24th January St Frances de Sales
25th January Conversion of St Paul the Apostle
27th January St Timothy & Titus

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

MISSION CROSS: On this Tuesday, 21st January at
Mass 5pm, St Mary's: Bishop Paul Bird will bless a
Mission Cross, present it to Phillip Drew and
Commission him for a 2-year appointment in
Kirabati/Kirabus, with P.A.L.M.S. After Mass, Philip will
give a short presentation on his mission. We are then
invited to share in light dinner. Philip takes up this
appointment at the end of this month.

PLENARY COUNCIL: Preparation Meetings – The
proposed meeting for this Tuesday 21st January has
been rescheduled for 28th January (due to Bishop Paul's
visit). The remaining reflective meetings are planned for
4th Feb, 25th Feb, 10th March (all after 5pm Mass).

"THE TWO POPES:" Again, thanks to Tim Greene
for enabling the parish to host the current film. If
sufficient number indicate (to parish office) a second
'showing' could be arranged.

'Alanon' Meeting: – Every Monday I am in the small
Meeting Room at St Mary's Church.
All welcome contact Mary 5234 6339.

Pope Francis Intention for January 2020

Promotion of World Peace We pray that Christians, followers
of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote
peace and justice in the world.

R.C.I.A. – Yes, with a great blessing we do have a person in
the 'Enquiry Stage' of preparing for Baptism and reception into
the church. Our first formal meeting will be on Tuesday 28th
January at 3.30pm. We will welcome a 'support community'
and any other Enquirers: phone: 5231 2177.

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A). COLAC CHAMBER OF BUSINESS - BUSHFIRE SUPPORT It's been a horrendous time of late for many families and businesses as we all try to come to terms with the devastating bushfires affecting NSW, Queensland, Victoria & South Australia with so many people, homes, businesses and animals either lost or affected by these tragic events. However, Australians are known for their compassion and the Colac and District community is no different. **Red Door Theatre Company** and **NMP Productions** have worked tirelessly to bring together "*Band Together Colac*" a concert fundraiser happening this **Sunday 19th January** from 4.30 pm @ Lake Colac Foreshore. There'll be a fantastic array of local and Australia wide talent on show. It will be an amazing night of music and entertainment for the whole family. The event will be broadcast live-to-air on **Mixx FM | 1134 3CS**. (P.S. we have made an offer to make St Mary's available in the possibility of adverse weather!!)

B). AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS: *Have asked that a "Special Collection" be taken up at every mass celebrated on the Australia Day Weekend: 25th/26th Jan. They have asked "Vinnies Australia" to distribute the monies collected.*

Statement from Conference President Archbishop Mark Coleridge - January 7, 2020

While the bishops typically respond to challenges at a parish or diocesan level, the scale of this crisis requires a national response from the whole Church to complement and coordinate what is happening locally. From the Bishops Conference, that national response includes:

**Parishes across the country taking up a special collection at Masses on the Australia Day weekend, with all funds to be donated to Vinnies' bushfire appeal.*

Vinnies is responding in all affected states and territories. Its network of local conferences and support services has seen them rapidly respond throughout the nation as the fire crisis has spread.

As well as donations at Masses on Australia Day weekend, people are encouraged to support the immediate response and the ongoing work of Vinnies in your state or throughout bushfire-affected communities.

Our experts on the ground – from agencies like Vinnies, CatholicCare and CentaCare, in parishes and other Catholic communities, including Catholic hospitals and aged care providers – know this will be a long-term process to help people and whole towns rebuild. With broad and deep roots across the nation, the Church stands ready to walk alongside people throughout their journey of recovery. A genuinely Catholic response to a crisis of this magnitude must draw strength from prayer which inspires concrete and compassionate action.

Colac and District Bereavement ~ Support Group Meetings

A small group of dedicated volunteers run a regular Bereavement Support Group. It is supported by Anam Cara House Colac in partnership with Colac Area Health Community Palliative Care

The group convenes twice a month. One meeting will be an information and discussion session on an aspect of grief, and the other meeting will be a social catch-up.

The next session is coming up at 2pm Monday the 3rd of February at the Neighbourhood House in Colac. We will host Russell Armstrong a Spiritual Support Worker for Barwon Health. He will present some information to the group followed by a confidential group discussion and a cuppa.

Then on the 18th of February we will have a social get together at Cafe Nu Deli (Corangamite St, Colac).
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ASPECTS OF THE MEETING: QUEEN ELIZABETH & HER FAMILY (CHARLES, WILLIAM & HARRY).

The Meeting: Was at the Queens Private Home and not an Office.

It began and ended with Meals: (both evening and morning).

Whether "Republic" or "Monarchy" is our preference – I thought the process of "family negotiations" over very difficult and challenging issues was outstanding and an inspiration to us all in dialogue, conversation and debate about personal, family or community issues:

as we settle down in 2020. I sensed many have been 'shocked' that the initial rounds of this Royal 'Challenge' were handled so personally, positively and constructively!

One Account: "The heart-broken Queen will graciously let Prince Harry and Meghan Markle go their own way, throwing aside protocol to save her family. The Queen, 93, has given her grandson and his wife her blessing to start a new life in Canada with their baby Archie. "Today my family had very constructive discussions on the future of my grandson and his family." My family and I are entirely supportive of Harry and Meghan's desire to create a new life as a young family. "Although we would have preferred them to remain fulltime working members of the royal family, we respect and understand their wish to live more independent life as a family while remaining a valued part of my family." Harry and Meghan have made clear that they do not want to be reliant on public funds in their new lives." The Queen said. "it has therefore been agreed that there will be a period of transition in which the Sussex's will spend time in Canada and the UK. "These are complex matters for my family to resolve..."