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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.

ALL SAINTS – 1st November 2020 – Year A

Deaths: Mary McMahon (Michael), Br. Eamon O'Brien c.f.c.

Anniversaries: Mary O'Brien, Nell Finn, Peter Daffy, Betty Nolan, Ellen Fraunfelder, Max McKay, Jacob Ryan, Chris & Michelle Garner.

MASS TIMES

All Saints		
Monday	7.30am	St Mary's- seats still available
Monday	9.30am	St Mary's – This Mass is Full
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

RECONCILIATION: Anytime by Appointment.

NO - SUNDAY 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.

October 2020 ~ Catholic Mission Month.

Thanks to those who have already contributed.

This Year: "For the Joy of the Lord is your Strength". (Neh.8:10);

Focus – "Empower people with disability in Cambodia".



WEEKDAY MASSES: Need to be booked in by phoning the Parish Office (9am to 12pm Ph. 5231 2177)

Ceremonies and Religious Gatherings

Provisions for Regional Victoria

Wednesday October 28

- Indoor religious gatherings: Allowed for up to 20 people, plus one faith leader. Strict requirements to be contained in a COVID Safe Plan Can only have one gathering at a time whether indoor or outdoor
(please note this is slightly different from the last round of restrictions we operated under)
 - Outdoor religious gatherings and ceremonies: up to 50 people, plus 1 faith leader, proximate to a place of worship. Can only have one gathering at a time whether indoor or outdoor.
 - Private worship: allowed for up to two adults and their dependents, plus a faith leader
 - Weddings: up to 10 people outdoors, including couple and two witnesses, celebrant and one photographer excluded from cap
 - Funerals: Indoors – 20 indoors
Outdoors – 50 outdoors
- *Infants under 12 months and people to conduct funeral not included in cap.
- At all gatherings contact details are to be collected, contact surfaces sanitised, social distancing observed, hand sanitiser provided and face masks to be worn.
- Please remember that breaking the law is associated with substantial fines for the institutions and the people involved.

Kind Regards,

Kevin Maloney Vicar General

CONGRATULATIONS TO: James Gatwech Tut (Uncle James):

Our Senior South Sudanese friend who after many years of Study was awarded: Bachelor of Arts (majoring in Sociology) by Deakin University on 8th Oct 2020. (A High Distinction!).

***Br Bernie Adams** (Mercy Place) who celebrates his 90th Birthday this week.

* Friday Oct, 30th: **World Day of Appreciation for Teachers** (Our appreciation to our Teachers during a most challenging year).

Australian Catholic Magazine

available at both Presbytery & Church Doors.

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MEET AUSTRALIAN'S NEW AMBASSADOR TO THE HOLY SEE (VATICAN):

Australia's new Ambassador to the Holy See presented her letters of credential to Pope Francis on 27 August 2020. She speaks to Vatican Radio about her hopes and vision for the role.

Ambassador Porro, who is trained as a career diplomat and already has a good number of postings under her belt, is the only resident ambassador to the Holy See from the whole Pacific region. She is convinced that Australia has much to contribute to the global coronavirus response, and that, she said, is one of her top priorities as she begins to “think and work with the Holy See.” She mentioned how early in the crisis, Australia very quickly pivoted its development assistance to the most urgent needs of the weakest, immediately setting up humanitarian corridors throughout the region with which to provide support.

“As you can imagine the small Pacific island countries are very dependent on supplies coming in from outside, and with travel shutdown, there was a real need for food, medicines,” she said, explaining that the Australian government also put a lot of resources into providing PPE and training for health workers, as well as working with all the countries of the region affected by travel restrictions.

Another area in which the ambassador is convinced her country has much experience to share concerns specific mobility programmes for people on the move, a humanitarian sector Pope Francis has close to his heart.

“They call it the Seasonal Work Programme and this has been going on for years, but it was particularly relevant during the pandemic because we were able to pivot and have some of these workers work in aged care and other health care sectors,” making it, she said, “a real mechanism to enable opportunities.”

Thanks to this system, she said workers can get visas to work with various sectors while directing those resources to where they are most needed thus allowing everyone to benefit. It also shows local populations that there is a need for migrants to come in and support the economy, she added. Above all, the ambassador said, she is excited to be able to have the opportunity to work with the Holy See and its global diplomatic network that provides so much scope in working to promote values like the common good and human fraternity.

Another perspective that is of interest, in particular to the Pope, she said, is the fact that the Pacific is a “frontier” region and its populations are directly and powerfully affected by environmental issues. “I think there's a real space for a Pacific voice here, and that also links-in with the fifth anniversary of *Laudato si'*”, she said.

Particularly with Pope Francis, she said, there are lots of opportunities to do things together on the global stage, and while there may be sensitive issues and areas where the Australian government and the Holy See don't agree, there are is much work to be done.

ANAM CARA HOUSE ~ 2020 COMMUNITY APPEAL

Anam Cara Colac is committed to providing specialised “home-like” care and outstanding service within our regional community. We also believe that the road to this service must be travelled with compassion and understanding: “Others don't care how much we know, until they know how much we care.” You can donate online at

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