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## St Mary's Noticesheet

### 'Discover A Better Christmas'

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.

## Third Sunday of Advent - 13<sup>th</sup> December 2020 - Year B

**Deaths:** Frank Nagle, Sr Gertrude Kelly, S.G.S. Raymond Gallagher (Ireland),

**Anniversaries:** Elizabeth & Col McKay, Leonard & Catherine Murnane, Mary Elizabeth Robarts, Daniel Gerard Robarts, Brian Galligan, Wendy Darcy,

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### MASS TIMES - THIS WEEK

Tuesday	5.00pm	St Mary's
Wednesday	10.00am	St Mary's
Thursday	8.00am	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

**RECONCILIATION:** Anytime by Appointment.

*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

**CHRISTMAS DINNER:** This year effected by Covid-19.

Dinner this year: We do hope to provide Dinners for all who would appreciate a 'specially & lovingly' prepared Dinner. These can be either "delivered or picked up". The meals will need to be "ordered" by contacting the Parish Office. 5231 2177.

### OUR PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM: HOSTS

**VIGIL:** HELEN JONES & JAN HEALEY

**9AM:** MARK MCLENNAN & SEAN JAMES

**11AM:** ANNE PICARD -DREW & BRENDAN SCANLAN

### 1<sup>ST</sup> COMMUNION /CONFIRMATION

Celebrating this weekend

**Cara Fulford, Freya Uytdehaay,  
Kitty Laurie, & Ted Hay.**

**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.

### CENTACARE (Family Counselling)

St Mary's Presbytery Colac.  
Wendy 5559 3006

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT:** New Church  
Season: Sunday Year B Readings. Weekday Year 2.

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 \* **With Sunday Mass Times** recommencing the larger Bulletin with extra prayers & readings has concluded. Those desiring to have the weekly bulletin continuing to be emailed direct each weekend can indicate this intention to Mandy (Weekdays: 9am-12Noon).

\* With the Church capacity now capped at 144 people no need for any phone bookings weekday or Sunday Masses.

\*Music at our Liturgies to be either D.V.D or Organ Music. Singing is provided by a Cantor ONLY

\*Lists of Mass/Church Attendees kept in Parish Office for 30 days.

**Pious Goods Store:** Teresa Fleming (Co-Ordinator) has had a 'spring clean' at the Store. Some items for SALE. New Items Available including: Columban Calendars @ \$9.

**Family Group: 'Crawford':** Christmas Dinner – Colac East Hotel, Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> Dec., 12 noon. Shirley 0427 313546.

### SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

#### Colac Conference Christmas Appeal

We are most grateful for the donated food given to us by parishioners, Trinity, St. Marys and Sacred Heart schools, and Service Clubs of Colac. It has enabled us to continue assisting the needy during the coronavirus pandemic. Again this year we will be giving out Christmas hampers to the poor. If you wish to make a donation of food such as Christmas hams, puddings, tin desserts, short breads etc. please leave under the Christmas tree in Gathering Space.

*Thank you, Paul Kennedy. President.*

"Which is more important," asked Big Panda, "the journey or the destination?"  
 "The company." said Tiny Dragon

Contemplative Monk

**Columban Calendars: 2021 available in Pious Goods Store @ \$9**

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Vigil ~ St Peter's Birregurra Christmas Mass	6pm
24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Vigil ~ St Joseph's Cressy Christmas Mass	8pm
24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Vigil St Mary's Colac Christmas Mass	6pm/8pm Under Cover Tennis Courts St Mary's School
24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	St Mary's Colac Christmas Mass	11pm St Mary's Church
25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	St Mary's Colac Christmas Mass	9am - Only St Mary's Church

- **St Mary's Church Capacity reduced to 144 due to COVID-19.**
- **ANOINTING MASSES: Each Week day Mass 15<sup>th</sup> Dec to 18<sup>th</sup> Dec.**
- **RECONCILIATION: Each Mass: Vigil Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Dec.**  
~ Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 9am & 11am.  
~ Anytime by Appointment

The third week of Advent is a celebration of joy and peace and especially of womanhood.



Our candle for the third week is always pink. Rose or pink also symbolizes joy, the joy that Jesus is almost here. When parents get ready to bring a new baby home, they typically paint the baby's room lovely colours. They do this out of joy for the baby's arrival.

The young woman, Mary, in agreeing to have this baby, changed the course of human history. In her hidden life, she nurtured a son who was to become the long-promised Saviour of God's Chosen People.

Let us pray for women and girls everywhere, that their contribution to the advancement of humanity is appreciated and recognised. Of the 1 billion young people – including 600 million adolescent girls – that will enter the workforce in the next decade, more than 90% of those living in developing countries will work where it is common for low or no pay, abuse and exploitation. We pray for an inclusive world. Lord, we pray that young girls have the opportunity of a liberating education, remembering especially the girls in poor and war-torn countries where their lives are not valued.

Lord, help us to really appreciate the sacrifices mothers make for each of us. We sometimes do not realize the care and unselfishness that they have for us. We give thanks for their unconditional love.

Lord, in this season of peace and joy, we remember those wives, partners and mothers who are not considered as persons in their own right. They are not treated with dignity and respect. May those who assist victims of domestic violence be strengthened in their work to put an end to such needless tragedy as death at the hands of a partner.

Lord, we give thanks for women in positions of power and influence who can bring about changes so that girls have the opportunity to follow their dreams.

ST MARY'S PARISH COLAC  
Invitation to the wider Community

WELCOME!!

**CHRISTMAS DINNER**

To Be Prepared  
Names / Addresses / Phone Numbers Required.  
Meals to be either picked up or delivered (please indicate).  
Place Orders: [St Mary's Parish Office - 5231 2177](mailto:colac@ballarat.catholic.org.au).

Email – [colac@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:colac@ballarat.catholic.org.au)  
Monday to Friday: 9am to 12 noon  
Preferably: By Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 12noon.  
(Latest: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December – 12noon).

\*Share this invitation with neighbors / Friends/Family.  
(Apology – That Due to COVID-19, we are unable to host the Dinner in the Hall on Christmas Day).

Happy Christmas to All!!