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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.

The Ascension of the Lord – 16th May 2021 –Year B

Responsorial Psalm

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Go and teach all people my gospel.
 I am with you always, until the end of the world.
 Alleluia! Alleluia

THIS WEEK

The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11. Ephesians 1:17-23. Mark 16:15-20.

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11. Galatians 5:16-25. John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

******In preparation for our next [Liturgy Roster](#) – please ensure you contact the Parish Office if your availability has changed. Ph: 5231 2177.

Deaths: Marie McKay (nee Kehoe), Michael McGannon (*Jnr nephew of Michael & Claire, son of Leo McGannon*), Raymond 'Pat' Johnson Ron Earl (W'bool), Patricia Stanhope (Terang).

Anniversaries: Margaret O'Sullivan, Gatkhor Yiel Kuon (Sth Sudan – brother of William Makuey), Margaret Tuck, Lucie Cummins.

MASS TIMES

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	6.00pm	St Mary's
Sunday	9.00am	St Mary's
	11.00am	St Mary's
SACRAMENTAL OF RECONCILIATION		
*Each Friday after 10am Mass		
**Anytime by appointment		

MASS COUNT: On the 4 Sundays of May throughout Australia (commencing this weekend) – the Australian Bishops Conference has asked that a Mass count be taken at all Weekend Masses and Communion Services. (Yes, it will confirm what we already know and no doubt assist with future planning in the Diocese).

St Vinnie's – Thank you: - We have been delighted with the response to our call for woollen jumpers and coats. We will be happy if people continue to send in their donations and also, please thank everyone for the response to our call for volunteers. We now have many people working at our shop.

“We are an Easter People and ‘Alleluia’(Praise God)is our Song”

WEEK OF PRAYER

Christian Unity: (Ascension – Pentecost)

Combined Prayer Gathering:

This Thursday 20th May – 5pm (St Mary's Church)

Please invite a friend to come with you!

Theme “Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit.”



MEMORIAL MASS

Today we welcome the family of the Late Tim & Margaret O'Sullivan to the I am Mass. This week is the first Anniversary of Margaret O'Sullivan, (wife of the late Tim). Margaret's love of family, community and her 'ministry' as a Nurse is not forgotten.

COLLECTIONS: Since Covid-19 We have been having '**Leaving Collections**' We express our appreciation to the **Collectors** who have generously stayed behind for some time to assist people who are slower to leave the Church.

(Yes! Prayer & Community!) I have asked the Collectors after 'sufficient' time to leave one Basket on the table to enable all the opportunity to contribute as they choose. **(M'OT)**

Future 1st Anniversary Masses: 23rd May Tony Dimasi.

POPES INTENTION FOR MAY Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

CATHOLIC CARE Family Counselling Wendy 0409192480.



200 years of Catholic Education in Australia - Week of celebration starting Monday 24 May. All schools are invited to send representatives to the Eucharist in Ballarat. Trinity is hosting an afternoon tea for the staff from all our Catholic schools on Tuesday 25 May at 3:45 pm. Also a Youth Ministry team from Melbourne will visit Trinity College for reflection days: Years 7-10. They will attend our Tuesday 5 pm Mass on May 25 and share with us after over a cuppa and light tea.

Sister Mary O'Shannassy S.G.S.: Sister Mary a local girl has brought great hour to herself, St Brendan's Community and to this Colac District as she has recently been awarded an Honorary Doctorate from Australian Catholic University in recognition of her service as director of Catholic Care Victoria's Prison Ministry and in prison ministry. Good Samaritan Sister Mary O'Shannassy OAM received an Honorary Doctorate from Australian Catholic University in recognition of her service as Director of CatholicCare Victoria's Prison Ministry and in prison chaplaincy. The ACU Honorary Doctorate degrees recognise individuals who have provided outstanding contributions to the community and to humanity. Mary's conferral was in recognition of her loving service to people imprisoned in Victoria, her contribution to the recognition in Australia of the dignity of each person, particularly those who are imprisoned, and for her leadership in chaplaincy for all prisoners in Victoria. Mary said it was an honour to be recognised. "Prison chaplaincy has been 27 years of my life and my whole time in prison has been one of learning and privilege. ACU Vice-Chancellor and President Professor Zlatko Skrbis said "Sr Mary's tenaciousness in providing spiritual, emotional and physical succour of prisoners and their families is legendary. Her work in prisons and in advocating for the wellbeing of the prison community is done with compassion, dignity and altruistically. She is one of the unsung heroes in working for a better society and providing support for a group of people often despised by others." For Mary, prison ministry is essentially a ministry of presence, hospitality and compassion. "It's a ministry of presence in the darkest of places, a companionship, of listening 'with the ear of the heart," she said. "I have experienced powerful healing come from attentive listening. "We are messengers of hope and of God's love, especially for those who might not really have encountered love before, those who are belittled, mentally ill and rejected. I meet them and assure them that I'm there for them. Really, I just embrace the humanity of these people, which is so often overlooked." Thanks to her work, a chapel for use by all faiths is now included in plans for any new or expanded prison in Victoria. How proud our district can be of this woman a product of Coragulac (and Colac District).



May 13, 2021



To all clergy and parishes:

Over the past week a number of media articles have mentioned one of our former clergy and his association with sexual abuse. Once again this brings sorrow to our diocesan community and awakens past hurts and violations for survivors and their families. On such occasions for many, a loss of confidence and trust in church leadership comes to the fore, as does a loss in their confidence in belonging to the church community. In this time of remorse, I wish to assure people that the diocese is making every effort to secure a safe passage for all in our future endeavours to live as the People of God.

Kevin Maloney
Vicar General ~ Diocese of Ballarat

Enquiry Day for prospective Seminarians at Corpus Christi College—22 May 2021. An Enquiry Day for any young man who is interested to know more about a Diocesan Priestly vocation will be held at Corpus Christi College Carlton. Email Fr Edward Moloney Edward.moloney@cam.org.au

PENTECOST SUNDAY – 23RD May 2021 Year B (P=Pourer, S=Sick Minister)

		6.00pm		9.00am		11.00am
Ministers	T	P Drew	T	A Abbott	T	L Simpson
Eucharist		D Riordan		T Greene		D Bosnjak
Commentator		T O'Farrell		K Maher		Shani Ryan
Reader		A Picard-Drew		A Ditty		Laurie Ryan
Offertory		Joan Hannah		Moira Ryan		K Robarts
Projector		Jan Healey		L Morgan- Davis		P Gleeson