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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.

21ST Sunday of Ordinary Time – 22nd August 2021 –Year B

Responsorial Psalm

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
 you have the words of everlasting life.
 Alleluia!

THIS WEEK

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

Isaiah 66:18-21. Hebrews 12:5-7.11-13. Luke 13:22-30

Next Week's Readings:

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Deut 4:1-2. 6-8 St James 1:17-18. 21-22. 27 Mark 7:1-18. 14-15 21-23

Deaths: Emerita Mangawang, Hipolito Manreal, Margaret McKay, Maria Caterina Miraglia, Ed Millar.

Anniversaries: Luigi Miraglia, Sean Mackay, Robby Patterson(40yrs), Peter Riordan.

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 11.00am	St Mary's St Mary's

RECONCILIATION: FRIDAY AFTER MASS 10AM
 - ANY TIME BY APPOINTMENT

COVID-19: Government Regulations:

We don't take the privilege we have to gather for Mass for granted. Our gatherings require that we do what **Bishop Paul requests of us:**

***COVID Check-in Marshals** must ensure attendees check-in.

***Masks must be worn indoors** and outdoors except if at home or if an exception applies.

***In general, a density quotient** of 1 person per 4 square metres applies.

**CATHOLICARE –COUNCELLOR
 WENDY GARNER - Mobile: 0409192480**

National Day of Prayer for the Pandemic - Sunday 22 August, Australia's Churches are invited to pray for our local, national, and global communities experiencing great need and distress caused by COVID-19. There is great power in unified prayer and during this time we are invited to pray together 'JESUS HAVE MERCY,' a prayer of compassion, the prayer of the heart.
 Click link to Visit: [National Day Of Prayer website](#)

BAPTISM: WE WELCOME INTO OUR PARISH THIS WEEK: Margot Valentine.

This Week – Meeting & Events

***CWL Afternoon Tea Tuesday 24th at On The Lane Cafe at 2pm.**

***Leadership Meeting:** Wed 25th Aug 7.30pm. Church Gathering Space.

This Week Sympathy To:

- * McKay Family on death of Margaret (Max Widow).
- * To Miraglia Family on death of Maria Caterina.
- *To Almira, Ramil, Stefan, Francis on the death of Almira's Mother (Emerita Mangawang).
- *To Ronnie, Heidi, Raff & Isabella on the death of Ronnie's Uncle -Both in the Philippines.

Deacon George Piech Meats:

Our Sth Sudanese Married Deacon Friend – Writes to ask our support to an Appeal by Bishop Stephen Ador (Malakal, Sth Sudan).
"The diocese was devastated by war as many institutions were destroyed; many properties including cars, motorbikes, trucks were looted leaving the diocese vulnerable. The priests and catechists in the diocese have to walk long distances and sometimes few days to reach the people of God and to administer the sacraments and celebrate the Eucharist. Therefore, the diocese of Malakal and the parish community of Lul will be grateful and appreciate if they could be assisted in the noble project."

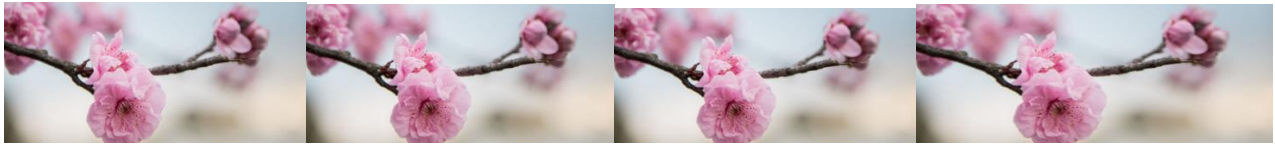
Their aim is to by a second-hand Toyota Landcruiser to enable the Priest, Sister, Catechists to prepare for the celebrate the Sacraments. **Copy of the full letter in in the Church Gathering Space.**

: Any Gift can be place in an envelope: Marked: 'Deacon George: Sth Sudan Appeal' – and return to the parish or School office.

*** For Direct Giving Details:**

BSB: 083 585 Account: 811051426

Parish Account: REF: Sth Sudan Appeal



Our Children being initiated this weekend are...



Samuel Alexander
Rose Alexander
Brayden Anson
Freya Baum
Talon Borch
Alexander Brauer
Nash Charles
Joshua Crabbe
Ted Darcy
Maddison Desmond
Olivia Featherston
Zoe Featherston
Paddy Geue
George Hanlon
Livi Harris
Louis Hickey
Brady Hickey
Emma Laurie
Harry Marchant
Max Meade
Zahra Meade
Jed Moorfoot

Hudson Moorfoot
Lila Morris
Saxon Nelson
Hudson Osborne
Stathi Papafotis
Jagger Ritchie
Oscar Robertson
Jack Seuren
Claudia Simmonds
Indie Spence
Noah Stannard
Liam Testa
Layn Toulmin
Harper van Doorn



What a Joy What Gift!! What a Blessing! This Weekend and over the next 2 weekends – 107 Young people will celebrate their **'Initiation Sacraments'**. Our trust is in God's Spirit to walk with them in life. May like "Moses of Old" they too: See God Face to Face.
 We again express our appreciation to the Teachers for support of the Sunday Mass and their encouragement to Students and Families.

Humility, kindness lead to strength In his 83 years, social psychologist, researcher and author Hugh Mackay has seen the sun rise and set on regimes, ideologies, cults, fads, movements and manias. He has also seen language used to clarify and build common ground, or to confuse and demoralise. One constant throughout these years has been his fascination with how human beings treat each other and their planet, and why. Mackay believes Australians are seeing a re-birth of community, something that 'usually happens in crises, such as wars, natural disasters and economic depressions. 'In our streets, in our communities, we know we need to exercise compassion and to care for each other. No-one is going to get out of this by themselves. Mackay's stressing of the importance of humility; an old-fashioned and rarely sighted virtue. He sees it as the key to greatness, and a force that can drive out the arrogance that can lead to poor policy and the perpetuating of bigotry and harm; 'Humility is the handmaiden to kindness. We practise both humility and kindness by responding to the needs we see around us and valuing the dignity of those around us — especially of those who are in pain.' 'Kindness is, the key,' Mackay says. 'To be brave enough, selfless enough, to connect and engage and respond with other people, we need to be prepared to see the world as they see it; to entertain their ideas. 'That's why it takes courage to listen: attentive and empathic listening means we are running the risk of being changed by what we hear. Most of us don't want to go through the pain of having to change our mind. 'Kindness is the purest form of love because it has nothing to do with our emotions or affections. When people reach out to care for those at risk of loneliness and social isolation, that is an act of kindness that has nothing whatever to do with self-interest, and it also has nothing to do with whether we like, or approve of, or agree with the political, religious or other beliefs of the person in need. 'Since the pandemic arrived here in 2020, there have been thousands of stories of neighbours connecting and supporting each other; of people being ready with offers of assistance for friends and strangers alike; of people being prepared to make sacrifices for the common good. As a crisis usually does, the pandemic has brought out the best in most of us. if we're prepared to learn the lessons it has taught us, that would be a cause for great optimism. As to whether the crisis can be transformed into a kindness revolution, Mackay puts that back in our court. 'It's up to us as individuals — household by household, street by street, community by community.