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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.

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 14th November 2021–Year B

Responsorial Psalm:

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!
 Be watchful, pray constantly,
 that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.
 Alleluia!*

This Week's Readings

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Daniel 12:1-13, Hebrews 10:11-14. 18 Mark 13:24-32

Next Week's Readings

CHRIST THE KING

Daniel 7:13-14, Apocalypse 1:5-8, John 18:33-37

Deaths: Greg Walsh (formerly Sth Purrumbete), Desmond Garner, Maria Nguyen Snr (Andy's Mother in Sydney; Maria Nguyen (Shepperton: Kim's Grandmother), Edna Hebbard (Bendigo), Remembrance Day (11/11); All Men & Women who died in War.

Anniversaries: Jenny Paatsch, Jim & Mena Rolfe, Tom Kearns, William Fraser, Sean Doran, Fr Kehoe, Sr Bernadette Kehoe, S.G.S., Bishop O'Collins, Basil & Jim Britt, Winifred Franzini, Fr Tom Creede, Brian Shanahan, Ellen Darmody.

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

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
Saturday	6.00pm	St Mary's
Sunday	9.00am	St Mary's
Sunday	11.00am	St Mary's

Reconciliation: Each Friday after 10am Mass. Anytime by appointment.

REMINDER:

SATURDAY 10AM MASS – a Sunday Mass for 30 people: Vaccination Status not asked. 3 - Sunday Masses: Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 9am & 11am(for 150 people - proof of Vaccination will be asked for as a Covid requirement). (*both for 30 People -Vaccination Status not asked for).



TRINITY COLLEGE RAFFLE:

This Year NOT a Car; but a Christmas Raffle – Tickets \$10

1. 1-10 Prizes: 1st - \$10K Ball & Croft Betta Home Voucher.

2. Other prizes: Mid-West Meats, Garden of Eden, Fusion, Timeless Interiors, Rhys Evans.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Mary Testa on 30 Year Badge as Catholic Women's League Member.

HOLY SOULS"

For all who have died, we pray:

Merciful Father, we have seen glimmers of your glory and know that you love us and desire for us to be united with you. We pray for the loved ones who have died. May they come into the fullness of your grace. Let your light shine upon them. May you grant them eternal rest. Amen

We welcome to St Mary's Parish this weekend through the Sacrament of Baptism

Valentina Ortega Moncayo

Baptism and you have the task to make it grow..."
 - Pope Francis.

Sympathy To:* Adrian Garner on the death of his brother Des.

*To Nguyen family (Brandon Bakery) on the death of family member in Sydney & Shepparton.

Gleeson Family Group Christmas Lunch
 December 5th 12.30 at Colac East Hotel. Proof of double vaccination required. For confirmation of numbers please phone Winsome 52353203

Understanding Islam (and Muslims in Australia).

Friday 3rd December 2021: Colac Neighbourhood House (23 Miller St) 2 Sessions (repeating)

A) 10.30am – 12.30pm B) 1.00pm – 3.00pm

To register Email: Carolyn.gatti@diversitat.org.au

(Insights into the Islamic world view; Religious Practices & Customs; Families, Community & Culture).

Vinnies Colac need volunteers on a Monday,

No experience necessary contact Meg on 52312738 or pop in and say hello. " would much appreciate it.

CONFIRMATION & 1ST COMMUNION

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS:

1. **STATHI PAPAFOITIS**
2. **PATRICK WALSH**
3. **HUDSON OBORNE**
4. **BRADY HICKEY**
5. **LOUIS HICKEY**
6. **JOSHUA CRABBE**
7. **EVIE McDONALD**
8. **ZOE BARTLETT**
9. **OLIVIA HORNER**
10. **TALON BORCH**
11. **EMMANUEL ROBB**
12. **BRAYDEN ANSON**
13. **RIVER ROTHERY**
14. **ASTIN MCCRIMMON**

Prayer for the Synod



We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way
we must go
and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance
lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You
our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life and not
stray from the way of truth
and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at
work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever
and ever. Amen.

EARLY NOTICE:

Open Christmas Dinner - Meeting of those interested in 'assisting' Tuesday 23rd November 10.30am (Gathering Space).

Parish Dinner – Tuesday 23rd Nov after 5pm Mass: For Organists, Liturgy Committee, Flower Roster & Sacristy Roster People. Also our Parish Thank-You to Betty Daly -who decided to take a 'Lower Profile': in preparing our liturgies and as the Main Organist. (All Invited) To book in contact Parish Office Weekday 8.30am-12.30pm.

Advent Daily Prayer Reflections: New Life in Christ' @ \$5 (available in Gathering Space).

THE STRESS AND GIFT OF LOCKDOWN – BISHOP PAUL BIRD

As far as I could see, teachers and students adapted remarkably well to the demands of remote learning and parents and other family members played an outstanding role in helping the students make the switch to learning from home, but the exercise was stressful. It was challenging for teachers to rearrange their programs so as to keep students engaged without the personal contact of face-to-face classes. It was challenging for students to adapt to learning from home, without the in-person support of teachers and classmates. It was challenging for parents and other family members to supervise children's learning without themselves having teacher training and sometimes while they were trying to do their own work from home. It was no wonder many people felt under considerable stress.

Another group of people who have felt a lot of pressure are owners and staff of various businesses hit hard by the pandemic.

The pandemic has affected many people at key moments of their lives. Some have not been able to gather with family for special birthdays. Some have had to postpone weddings. Some have not been able to visit elderly family members in nursing homes. Some have not been able to visit family and friends in hospital. Numbers of visitors have been limited for patients who have been dying. Sometimes only a few family members and friends have been able to gather for funerals, compounding the sadness of those occasions.

For those of us used to gathering with our parish communities, there has been a sense of loss when we have not been able to come together as we usually would for prayer and mutual support. Some have had to postpone Baptisms and Confirmations and First Communions. When we have not been able to gather for Sunday Mass, people have felt this deeply.

One of the gifts of this stressful time may be that we recognise more clearly how we depend on one another and how we can enrich our life as a community by the care we show. Pope Francis has expressed his hope that we might learn such lessons and take them to heart to build a better future.