

## The Parishes of Apollo Bay, Cororooke and Colac

Our communities are located on Gulidjan and Gadubanud land and waterways. We acknowledge the traditional owners and pay our respects to their ancestors, saints of God who were the first people in this place to wonder about their creator and their place in the great cosmos. We pay our respects to their elders today. We commit to partnering with our first nations people in a true spirit of reconciliation.

### Apollo Bay

Star of the Sea Apollo Bay  
Our Lady of Fatima Lorne



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Saints College  
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www.tcc.vic.edu.au  
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www.sbcoragulac.catholic.edu.au

## Easter Sunday Year A

### First reading

**Acts 10:34,37-43**

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 117(118):1-2,16-17,22-23**

**This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad.**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.  
Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.'

**This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad.**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds.

**This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad.**

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.

**This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad.**

### Second Reading

**Colossians 3:1-4**

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

### Gospel Acclamation

**1 Corinthians 5:7-8**

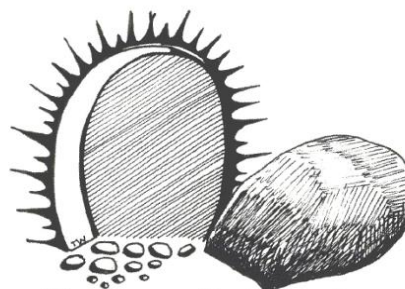
Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;  
let us feast with joy in the Lord.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

**John 20:1-9**

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.



**Mary saw that the stone  
had been removed.**

## Sunday Mass & Assembly Times

<b>Colac</b>	6pm Saturday Vigil Mass 11am Sunday Mass
<b>Birregurra</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday only 9am Mass
<b>Apollo Bay</b>	11am Sunday Mass
<b>Lorne</b>	9am Sunday Mass
<b>Pirron Yallock</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday only 9.00am Mass
<b>Coragulac</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday 10.30am – Lay-led Assembly 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 9.30am – Lay-led Assembly 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 9.00am – Mass

## Colac this Week

Tuesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	5pm
Wednesday	8 <sup>th</sup>	10am
Thursday	9 <sup>th</sup>	10am
Friday	10 <sup>th</sup>	10am

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**Recent Deaths:** Shirley Day, Beryl Lawrence.

**Anniversaries:** Francesco 'Frank' Demasi, Paul Wheadon, Bill Smith, Melissa Murray, Kevin James Scanlan, Tim Scanlan, Jack Scanlan, Daniel Roache, Frank Page, Pat Harney, Frank Demasi, Danny Moore, Mary Garner, Rodney Moore, Mons Lex Johnson, Trish Sproules, Mary McCrickard.

## Cororooke News

**Roster 12<sup>th</sup> April: St Brendan's: Lay Lead @ 9.30am**

**Communion Minister:** A Ruddell **Commentator:** P O'Shea **Reader:** M Finlay

**Leaders:** M Gorwell & M Finn **Church Cleaning:** St Brendan's M Allan & D Allan

**St Joseph's: Community clean**

**Counters for St Brendan's: 12th – 19th April: M Finn**

MAY BLESSINGS OF THIS EASTER TIME - PEACE, JOY, HEALTH AND HAPPINESS -  
BE SHOWERED UPON EACH OF US AND ALL FAMILIES IN OUR PARISH.  
MAY WE THEN SHARE GOD'S GIFTS AND BE GOOD NEWS TO THOSE WE MEET.

**COROROOKE BANKING 2ND COLL BSB: 013587 ACC: 28318436**

## Apollo Bay News



**Looking for a "Winter Warmer" in Apollo Bay?** Our special deal is from mid-May to late-Aug. Pay for 3 nights and receive the 4th night free: normally \$300pp - now only \$225pp. Enjoy our beautiful coastal town on the Great Ocean Road for a winter escape with fewer crowds, rolling seas and a cosy place to stay at Star of the Sea.

Come with your family, or a group of friends and receive a warm welcome and warm hospitality. For more info & contact details visit: <https://staroftheseaapollobay.org.au/>

### Prayer

Lord Jesus, on this Easter season, we lift our hearts to You, seeking the unwavering hope that Your resurrection provides. When we face trials and uncertainties, remind us of Your victory over death. Strengthen our faith so that we may always find peace in Your promises. Help us to live with a hope that is firmly rooted in Your love and sacrifice, a hope that sustains us through every season of life. Thank You for Your enduring presence. Amen

**APOLLO BAY & LORNE BANKING 1<sup>ST</sup> COLL BSB: 083585 ACC: 810967715 2<sup>ND</sup> COLL BSB: 033600 ACC: 230038**

## Colac News

**Croft Family Group** invites Parishioners to join them for Lunch on Saturday 11th April at 12.30 pm at Lake Edge Cafe on Lake Purrumbete. Please book with Paul on 0435 576 168 ASAP.

**Gleeson Family Group** next outing is to Lake Edge Café, Purrumbete for Lunch - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 12.30pm. Please book with Julie on 0437552350.

**The Knights of the Southern Cross Colac Branch** will be holding their monthly meeting at St Marys Church on Wednesday the 1st of April at 7.30pm.

### **Easter Examination of Conscience**

Next weekend, Divine Mercy Sunday, after Masses in Colac we will have our Lenten or Easter examination of conscience for those who wish to stay behind for a few minutes after Mass.

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## Parish Merger News

We've had a visit from diocesan staff. One agenda item was that we have only a few weeks until we will need to write to Bishop Mark stating our intentions. There will be lots of administrative paperwork to be done and we have until the end of April to settle on a name.

I have been very encouraged in recent months by the willingness of all six communities to consider the whole. We have Easter ceremonies in all six churches. People are considering the bigger picture in thinking about names. People seem to be reading one another's news on the bulletin, those sorts of things. We'll grow into it, but we already seem to be thinking and cooperating as a parish.

With regard to the naming, and having spent many months asking for suggestions and comments, I intend to ask a handful of people to come together to choose the name. I'll be asking that group to consider:



- What will be the big issues in the coming decades, issues about which we will want to be prophetic? eg. Environment, female equality, unpacking the colonial expansion of the 1700's, inclusion of marginalised people.
- What are the qualities we will want to emulate? eg. inclusion, equality, compassion, courage
- Who / what are the people or symbols to inspire us? Who will be our heroes in the Spirit?
- Will the name be notable, interesting, invitational and challenging?
- Will the name be easy to understand, or will we have to be explaining it forever?

Among the possibilities:

St Brendan the Navigator, Martha and Mary, The Visitation, Salt and Light, Isaiah, Isaiah's Tent, Joan of Arc.

The Geographic Area:

I have been very clear from the beginning that we won't be naming our parish in honour of a British naval officer, so we won't be Otway Parish. Apollo Bay have made it known that they are not excited about having Great Ocean Road in the name. What if the area of the parish was simply called Colac?

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