



Our Lady Star of the Sea Apollo Bay
Our Lady of Fatima Lorne
St Mary's Colac
St Peter's Birregurra



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Colac and Apollo Bay Parishes are a community of believers, who strive to bring Christ's good news to all people in the district. Through service, caring and love we aim to create an environment of respect and understanding in which everyone can grow. We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 12th October 2025 – Year C

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
For all things give thanks to God,
because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.
Alleluia!

THIS WEEK

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Kings 5:14-17. Timothy 2:8-13. Luke 17:11-19.

NEXT WEEK

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Exodus 17:8-13. Timothy 3:14-4:2. Luke 18:1-8.



Deaths: Lisbeth 'Betty' Daly, Sr Ellison Taffe IBVM, Stephen Shannon, Br. O' Hehir, cfs,
Anniversaries: Margaret Stainsby, Ross McCann, Patricia Thomson, Glenys Balchin, Win Rosenstengel, Yvonne Richardson, Margaret O'Donnell, Tom Johnson, Francis Whelan, Bill Roache.

MASS TIMES - COLAC, CORAGULAC, BIRREGURRA.

| Tuesday | NO MASS | |
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| Wednesday | 10.00am | St Mary's- Colac |
| Thursday | 10.00am | St Mary's- Colac |
| Thursday | 1.30pm | Corangamarah |
| Thursday | 5.00pm | Thomas Carr |
| Friday | 10.00am | St Mary's- Colac |
| Saturday | 6.00pm | St Mary's- Colac |
| <i>*Please see 9am Mass Times on next page</i> | | |
| Sunday | 11.00am | St Mary's- Colac |
| **Rosary - each Thursday: 9.30am St Mary's Church | | |
| St Mary's: Holy Hour- 1st Tues of the month: 4-5pm | | |

MASS TIMES OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA – APOLLO BAY

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| Tuesday | 5.30pm |
| Wednesday | 10.00am |
| Thursday | 10.00am |
| Friday | 10.00am |
| Sunday | 11.00am |
| OUR LADY OF FATIMA – LORNE- Due to Bike Race | |
| Sunday 18th October | 6pm |

CWL AGM Meeting Tuesday 14th October at 1.30 in St Mary's Church Meeting room

Croft Family Group Lunch at Shannon's Cafe, Sunday 12th October, 12:30pm. RSVP please by text message, 0444 549 149.

Gleeson Family Group Our next outing will be at the Birre Grocer on Sunday 19th October at 12.30pm. We will meet in the church carpark at 12 noon. Danni 0144 044327.

Crawford Family Group lunch at the Devil's Brew Cafe next to Coles supermarket on the 16th October at 12oclock RSVP Catherine

POPE'S LEO'S INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

For collaboration between different religious traditions
Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity. *Lord, hear us.*

FEAST DAY

- Tuesday 15th October -St Teresa of Avila.
- Friday 18th October - St Luke.



October is Catholic Mission Month For women like Sharon, who must choose between feeding their children or selling their crops to survive, and Grace, who risked her life traveling 160km for safe childbirth, hope comes through Sr Jane and Kayula. Through sustainable farming, Sr Jane helps women provide for their families. At the Chilonga Mission Hospital, Kayula ensures mothers and babies receive the dignity and care they deserve. This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance the vital work of the Church. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope to the people of Zambia. Envelopes available in Church 'Gathering Space' – Foyer Area.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

*Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done wondrous deeds;
his right hand has won victory for him,
his holy arm.*

*The LORD has made his salvation known:
in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.
He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness
toward the house of Israel.*

*All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation by our God.*

*Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands:
break into song; sing praise.*

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

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PARISH LOCATIONS FOR 9AM MASSES 2025

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| 1st Sunday | St Joseph's Pirron Yallock |
| 2nd Sunday | St Peter's Birregurra |
| 3rd Sunday | Our Lady of Fatima Lorne |
| 4th Sunday | St Brendan's - Coragulac |
| 5th Sunday | St Brendan's - Coragulac |

International Eucharistic Congress 2028 theme announced

Pope Leo XIV has chosen "This is My Body, Given for You" as the theme for the International Eucharistic Congress to be held in Sydney in 2028. Read more at the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

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ONE CAN'T SERVE GOD AND MONEY, POPE SAYS ON DAY HE SIGNS TEXT ON POVERTY

The Jubilee Year requires making a choice: serving God and justice or money and inequity, Pope Leo XIV said, marking the Jubilee of Migrants and the Jubilee of the Missions. "We pray to be a church that does not serve money or itself, but the kingdom of God and his justice," he said during a special audience in St. Peter's Square Oct. 4, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. It was the same day that the pope also signed his first apostolic exhortation, *Dilexi Te* ("I Have Loved You"), which will be released Oct. 9. The document is expected to focus on poverty and the poor. Vatican Media footage of the pope signing the text in the library of the Apostolic Palace showed the first page of the Table of Contents in Italian with chapters dedicated to St. Francis of Assisi, "The cry of the poor," "Ideological prejudices," "God chooses the poor," "Jesus, the poor Messiah," "A church for the poor," "The true riches of the church" and more. St. Francis was known for his life of radical simplicity and poverty, seeking to imitate Christ and be detached from material possessions and earthly glory to better love and serve God. Leo continued the theme of poverty in his catechesis during the Oct. 4 Jubilee audience, reflecting on St. Luke's account (16:13-14) of a group of Pharisees who loved money and sneered at Jesus' counsel to be completely dependent on God. The Gospel passage speaks about making the choice to serve God or to serve money, Leo said in English. "When we allow material possessions to rule over us, we can fall into spiritual sadness," he said. "When we choose God, however, we choose hope and a life of forgiveness and mercy." While the Holy Year dedicated to hope is a time for seeking forgiveness and mercy "so that everything can begin anew," he said in his main address in Italian, "the Jubilee also opens up the hope of a different distribution of wealth, the possibility that the earth belongs to everyone, because this is not the case right now." "During this year, we must choose whom to serve, justice or injustice, God or money," he said. "To hope is to choose, because those who do not choose are driven to despair," he said, and "the world changes if we change." "One of the most common consequences of spiritual sadness, or sloth, is not choosing anything," Leo said. "Those who experience this are overcome by an inner laziness that is worse than death." Among those who made a courageous choice in life were St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi, he said. Even though Oct. 4 is the feast day of St. Francis, it was also important to speak about St. Clare because they both are "models of those who understood the Gospel and chose a life of poverty as Jesus did," he said in English. "Their choice continues to inspire many to remember that the earth belongs to everyone," he said, inviting people to pray "to be a church that serves God and the poor and opens the door of hope to the world." what the Gospel asks of us," the pope said in Italian. "But even in a city that considers itself Christian, taking the Gospel seriously can seem revolutionary." "Then, as now, a choice must be made!" he said. "Jesus says: you cannot serve two masters," Leo said, and the church remains "young and attracts young people" when it follows the right master. "Clare made her choice, and this gives us great hope," he said, because she has inspired vocational choices throughout the world for centuries. She also "reminds us that young people like the Gospel," he said. "Young people like people who have made a choice and bear the consequences of their choices." "This makes others want to choose" in a kind of "holy imitation" where "one does not become a 'photocopy,'" he said, referring to a maxim by St. Carlo Acutis, who also found inspiration in Assisi's saints, "but each person — when choosing the Gospel — chooses himself. He loses himself and finds himself." "Let us pray, then, for young people; and let us pray that we may be a church that does not serve money or itself, but the kingdom of God and his justice," he said. "A church that, like St. Clare, has the courage to live differently in the city. This gives hope!"

- source Vatican News