

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



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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 First nations Peoples of these lands, seas and waterway on which we gather. The First Nations peoples of these places were the first to dance stories and remember times of healing and hurt. We acknowledge the elders past and present, and future.

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time - 22nd January 2023 - Year A

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

This Week's Readings

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Isaiah 8:23-9:3. Corinthians 1:10-13.17. Matthew 4:12-23

Next Week's Readings

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A
Zep 2:3; 3:12-13, Corinthians 1:26-31 Matthew 5:1-12

Deaths: Wilma White, Jeff Watts, Leo Michael O'Keeffe, Fr Tao Pham (Melb/Vietnam). **Anniversaries:** Frank Shalley, Mary & Anne Moloney, Elizabeth Arackal, Pauline Margaret Emry, Josephine Calder.

MASS TIMES - COLAC, CRESSY, BIRREGURRA.			
Tuesday	5.00pm	St Mary's- Colac	
Wednesday	10.00am	St Mary's- Colac	
Thursday	10.00am	St Mary's- Colac	
Friday	9.00am	St Mary's- Colac	
Saturday	6.00pm	St Mary' Church	
Sunday	9am & 11am	St Mary' Church	
Reconciliation: Each Friday after 10am Mass.			
Anytime by Appointment.			
MASS TIMES OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA – APOLLO BAY			
Tuesday			5.30pm
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday			10.00am
Sunday			11.00am
OUR LADY OF FATIMA - LORNE			
Sunday			9.00am

FEAST DAYS - IN JANUARY 2023

22ND St Vincent Pallotti, 24^{th-} St Frances de Sales, 25th Conversion of St Paul the Apostle, 27th St Timothy & Titus, 28th St Thomas Aguinas.

Diocesan Levies Paid this Month:

(Quarter: Oct/Nov/Dec.)

o Apollo Bay Parish Account \$1571.00

o St Mary's Parish Account

Diocesan Administration: \$ 6666.00 Christmas Appeal: \$ 1753.50 BCSF \$ 90.00 Total: \$ 8,509.50

St Mary's & Apollo Bay
 Presbytery Account \$ 7,083.00

Thanks to our regular generous Contributors our commitments can be met.

Memorial Mass: Fr John (Romuald) Green O.F.M. brother of (Mr) Matt Green & brother-in-law of Denise: died December 2022: Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land Washington D.C.: The Australian Family will attend: A Memorial Mass: St Mary's Church Colac. Tuesday, 24th January, 5pm. (All Welcome).

@James Carew donation website; click here https://www.gofundme.com/f/hes-always-hadyour-back-now-he-needs-your-help

@ Fr Tao Pham (provided by Fr Ed Moloney (Admin. Catholic B'rat). Video link to his story: click on link: Priesthood triumphs over coma | Fr Tao Pham | Triumph | Shalom World

On behalf of the Anglican Parish of Colac

Please accept our heartfelt condolences for the recent passing of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI on 31st December 2022 and George Cardinal Pell on 10th January 2023.

Pope Benedict was one of the greatest theologians of the 20th Century, and I personally give thanks for his writing and preaching, particular his book 'The Spirit of the Liturgy', which has helped to form me in my approach to liturgy, and the three encyclicals he wrote during his pontificate.

Both Pope Benedict and Cardinal Pell were steadfastly committed to the Church and the defence of the Christian faith, and we give thanks to God for their ministry and leadership the Catholic Church and for all Christians.

May the rest in God's perpetual light and peace with all the saints.

Be assured of our gonging prayers and good wishes.

Rev'd Jeremy Morgan - Parish Priest

Anglican Parish of Colac

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The LORD is my light and my salvation;

whom should I fear?

The LORD is my life's refuge;

of whom should I be afraid?

One thing I ask of the LORD; this I seek:

To dwell in the house of the LORD

all the days of my life,

That I may gaze on the loveliness of the LORD and contemplate his temple.

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD with courage;

be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Pope Francis January Intention For Educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching Sisterhood /Brotherhood rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.



Passionist Family Newsletter - St Mary's Parish Colac

Alison and Tony Woolie representing the PFGM leadership team and current and former FG members including Fr Kevin Arundell as Celebrant. Fr Kevin initiated the PFGM in Colac in March 1992 and it was important to us that he could be part of our celebration so that we could acknowledge his vision 30 years ago. Family Group members took part in all aspects of the liturgy including a welcome by Linda Morgan Davis and our candle was lit by Les Croft (who travelled from Torquay) acknowledging his role as a former leader. In true Family Group style and hospitality, we rounded the morning off with an impressive morning tea enjoyed by a large crowd who gathered and took the opportunity to catch up. Linda acknowledges the role of Pat and Brian Gleeson who for a fair portion of that 30 years were co-ordinators and kept everyone on track. In her welcome address, Linda stated, "with loneliness and isolation so prevalent in our society, there is a genuine need for people to know and support each other. Family Groups create an extended family atmosphere with the community and are open to everyone its never too late to join; and I invite you to join us for a cuppa after Mass today."

Opening of School Years: The Staff & Teachers of our 4 Schools return to *Work' this Friday January 27th. The 4 Principals: Leanne (St Brendan's, Paul (Trinity College), Michael (St Mary's, Jack (Sacred Heart), have planned for each Staff Member come to Mass next Friday at 9am to seek God's Blessing on the School Year. The school staff will join with Parishioners at this Mass. (*May Teachers & Staff who have carried a heavy burden through the years of the pandemic and who feel the burden of administration and often unreasonable expectation of the community, be refreshed by the recent holiday break). May World Teachers Day with its theme, the transformation of education begins with teachers, honour their noble vocation to cultivate in others a love for learning, a search for truth, a respect for their peers and all people. Lord hear us.*

IN MEMORIAM POPE BENEDICT XVI - 'And only where God is seen does life truly begin. Only when we meet the living God in Christ do we know what life is. We are not some casual and meaningless product of evolution. Each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary. There is nothing more beautiful than to be surprised by the Gospel, by the encounter with Christ. There is nothing more beautiful than to know Him and to speak to others of our friendship with Him'.

APOLLO BAY & LORNE BANKING DETAILS

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