



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.

Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time – 19th February 2023 –Year A



Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Whoever keeps the word of Christ,
 grows perfect in the love of God.
 Alleluia!

This Week's Readings

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

Lev: 19:1-2. St Paul: 3:16-23. Matt: 5:38-48

Next Week's Readings

First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7. Romans 5:12-19. Matthew 4:1-11.

Deaths: Br Bernie Adams, Sr Janet Meade R.S.M. Fr Brian Russell C.S.S.R., Greg McKenzie, Peter Burdeu.
Anniversaries: Jim Rylance, Peter Carew, Amy Griful, Sr. M. Darerca Giles O.L.M., Brian Bluett, Joe Franzini, Ed Martin, Brian & Tony Martin, Ambrose McNamara, William George & Patricia Ellen (Morrissy), Heath, 40th Anniversary: Ash Wednesday Fires, Tom Shannon, Wallace King, Frank Murnane, Irene Harrington, Eileen Fry, Mary McLaughlin, Josephine Lam.

MASS TIMES - COLAC, CRESSY, BIRREGURRA.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

Tuesday	5.10pm	St Mary's- Colac
Wednesday	7.30am 10.00am	St Mary's- Colac St Mary's- Colac
Wednesday	12.10pm	St Brendan's - Coragulac
Thursday	11.00am	St Mary's- Colac Memorial Mass 'Peter Brennan'
Friday	10.00am	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.

St Mary's: Holy Hour- Every 1st Tuesday
 of Month: 4-5pm

Rosary - each Friday: 9.30am St Mary's Church

MASS TIMES OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA – APOLLO BAY

Tuesday -Ash Wednesday Mass	5.30pm
Thursday, Wednesday	10.00am
Sunday	11.00am

OUR LADY OF FATIMA - LORNE

Wednesday - Ash Wednesday Mass	5.30pm
Sunday	9.00am

**World Day of Prayer: Friday 3rd March 2023
 Star of the Sea, Apollo Bay At 2pm.**

**We welcome to our Parish through
 the Sacrament of Baptism:
 *Thomas Hall**

Memorial Mass: This Thursday, 23rd February: 11am: **Peter Brennan.** (Requiem Mass was celebrated at Macquarie Fields(Sydney) on Tuesday 14th February). After our Memorial Mass Peter will be buried with his parents: Colac Cemetery.

Congratulations: Helen Roache – celebrating her 90th Birthday this weekend.

SYMPATHY: * To Alex & the McEwan family on death of Dot this week.

* To Judy & Paul Durr on the death of Judy's brother Peter Durdeu.

ASH WEDESDAY

This week 21st/22nd February (See Mass times).

- **Project Compassion** – Envelopes & Boxes available today.

Scripture Reflection: Lenten Program Year A

"God Is on the Journey Too"- Booklets available today @ \$ 10.00 each (For personal use and /or Group Reflection).



TRINITY COLLEGE: OPEN DAY – For Parishioners Of Friends St Mary's Colac & St Brendans Cororooke: 3PM – 4.30pm Prayer of the Church": In College Chapel at 3.30pm (15mins). Tours of the College: Jubilee Centre (Arts). Library and other facilities.

Memorial Mass: Fr Brian Russell C.S.S.R. will be celebrated: St Brendans, Cororooke: Sunday Feb 26th 2023. At 5pm



*** Br Bernie Adams: c.f.s.**
 – will be celebrated: St Mary's Colac Tuesday 28th February at 5pm.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Bless the LORD, O my soul;
and all my being, bless his holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.

He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills.

He redeems your life from destruction,
crowns you with kindness and compassion.

Merciful and gracious is the LORD,
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.

Not according to our sins does he deal with us,
nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he put our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion on his children,
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

Catholics around Australia have met and listened to Sr Nathalie Becquart ZMCJ, the most senior woman I the Vatican who will become the first woman to vote in the upcoming Synod of Bishops.



Parramatta Bishop Vicent Long OFM Conv Invited Sr Nathalie to Australia to share her message to synodality with local Catholics.

We are living in a time that requires a radical shift from the 'business as usual' approach," he said. "It is time to embrace a new paradigm of equitable, sustainable, harmonious, shared life with and for all."

"We don't just need to do old things better," he said. "What we need is to be a truly humble, listening, inclusive and synodal church." Bishop Vincent explained what this looks like in his own diocese, where he has been working to transform the Diocese of Parramatta to practise synodality.

"We are structuring our diocese so there is active collaboration between clergy and laity, a diverse membership in governance structures, and we emphasise accountability. "This is a very special time for the Church, and, as you know, we are altogether, everywhere in the world, living this synod now," she said. She explained the synod is "at the service of an ongoing call to deepen the reception of the Second Vatican Council", that "we are called to live synodality dimensions. So, what lies ahead is that each of us must become a synod—we must become a synodal sister, a synodal teacher, a synodal priest, a synodal bishop." More Link: <https://catholicoutlook.org/sr-nathalie-becquart-xmcj-in->

Pope Francis

**February Intention
For Parishes**

*We pray that parishes,
placing communion at the
centre, may increasingly
become communities of
faith, compassion and
welcome towards those
most in need.*

APOLLO BAY & LORNE

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**Round Table Ecological
Theology Sessions**

The recent Plenary Council committed the Catholic Church in Australia to developing and committing to a culture of life-long faith formation. For some years now, Fr Barry Ryan and Sr Veronica Lawson rsm have been offering regular adult theology classes. A new series of six sessions begins on Wednesday, February 22 (1.00pm – 3.00pm or 7.00pm – 9.00pm) at the Mercy Centre, 16 Gent Street, Ballarat East. Then (March 22, April 26, May 24, June 28, July 26). For more information please send your mobile number and email to Sr Veronica at veronica.lawson@mercy.org.au



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