



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.*

**First Sunday of Lent – 26<sup>th</sup> February 2023 –Year A**



**Responsorial Psalm**

Lord Let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in you.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Glory and Praise Lord Jesus Christ; Glory and Praise to you.  
 No one lives on bread alone,  
 but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
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**This Week's Readings**

**First Sunday of Lent**

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

**Next Week's Readings**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

Genesis 12:1-4. Timothy 1:8-10. Matthew 17:1-9

**Deaths:** Elsa Candusso, Sr Irene Monigatti R.S.M., Brian Driscoll (Boorcan), Greg McKenzie, Frances Lubcke.  
**Anniversaries:** Jim DeLorenzo, Maria Bonfante, Russell Turner, Ned Nolan.

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	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 1 <sup>st</sup> 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	5.30pm
Wednesday, Friday	10.00am
Sunday	11.00am
OUR LADY OF FATIMA - LORNE	
Wednesday -	5.30pm
Sunday	9.00am

**World Day of Prayer: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023**  
**Star of the Sea, Apollo Bay At 2pm.**  
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**Next Apollo Bay & Lorne Leadership Meeting**  
**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March – 5.30pm**

**CWL Afternoon Tea Tuesday 28th February**  
**On the Lane Café at 2 PM.**  
**World Day of Prayer, Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, St John's**  
**Anglican Church at 1.30 pm,**

**Scots Presbyterian Church P.W.M.U.**  
 Invite you to play 'HOY' **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March** at  
 1.30pm. In Everett Hall Armstrong St Colac.  
 Admission \$5. Afternoon Tea.

**RETIREMENT** Michael McGannon after recent bouts of illness, with some sadness has asked that the parish accept his resignation from the Parish Finance Committee as well as from other parish commitments. "Michael (and Claire!) thank you on behalf of St Mary's Parish Community for your dedication, commitment and generosity of time over many years. All these hours of service have expressed your deep faith in God and love of your parish community.

**WELCOME TODAY:** \*To Paul Mahoney and family who come to Mass remembering Lorraine (R.I.P.) on her Birthday.

\*Marie Marie McGuane who today after serious illness is joined by her large family to celebrate her 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

**Scripture Reflections: Lenten Program - Year A**

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

\* **Project Compassion** – Envelopes & Boxes available

**TRINITY COLLEGE: TODAY - OPEN DAY– 26<sup>th</sup> February .**

**For Parishioners & Friends St Mary's Colac & St Brendans Cororooke: 3PM – 4.30pm**

**Prayer of the Church":** In College Chapel at 3.30pm (15mins). Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup>. February.

**Tours of the College: Jubilee Centre (Arts). Library and other facilities.**

**Memorial Masses:**

: **Fr Brian Russell C.S.S.R.** Memorial Mass will be celebrated: **St Brendan's, Cororooke: Today Sunday Feb 26<sup>th</sup> 2023. At 5pm**

: **Br Bernie Adams: c.f.s.** Memorial Mass will be celebrated: **St Mary's Colac Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Feb at 5pm.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**Lord Let your mercy be on us as we place out trust in you.**

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness;  
in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense.  
Thoroughly wash me from my guilt  
and of my sin cleanse me. For I acknowledge my offense, and  
my sin is before me always:

"Against you only have I sinned,  
and done what is evil in your sight."

A clean heart create for me, O God,  
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.

Cast me not out from your presence,  
and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

Give me back the joy of your salvation,  
and a willing spirit sustain in me.

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise

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## 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

### FIRST COLLECTION:

BSB: 083585

ACCOUNT: 810967715

### SECOND COLLECTION

BSB: 033600 ACCOUNT: 230038

*Recently retired Dermatologist: Dr Tim O'Brien (resident: Lorne & parishioner: Our Lady of Fatima Community Lorne). Last Sunday presented his personal work of art: Painting: "The Annunciation" to the Community & the Church. It was blessed and dedicated during the Mass last Sunday:*

*Dr Tim received warm appreciation of his "work of Faith" and for the*

*Reflection he shared. We share here some of Dr Tim's Reflection from last Sunday. **Annunciation** – The principle biblical source is: Luke 1:26-38: Prayer "Hail Mary, full of Grace. The Lord is with You."*

**Annunciation** – one of the most commonly depicted scenes in the history of art. From paintings, to music, to poetry and narrative, the story of Gabriel's message to Mary – infused with doubt and belief, joy and sorrow, fear and comfort – has proved to be remarkably generative for both the life of faith and creative impulse. It is a story of hope and this means that it is a story for all of us, whoever and wherever we are in life.

**Symbols:**\* book of Isaiah held by Mary; \*Dove – Holy Spirit; \*Lillies – purity; \*God the Father; Other Angels.



**The message for Lent - Pope Francis:** In it, he focusses on the role of personal and ecclesial 'transfiguration', both during Lent and on the Church's synodal journey.

Dear brothers and sisters!

The Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke all recount the episode of the Transfiguration of Jesus.

There we see the Lord's response to the failure of his disciples to understand him.

The Gospel of the Transfiguration is proclaimed every year on the Second Sunday of Lent. During this liturgical season, the Lord takes us with him to a place apart. While our ordinary commitments compel us to remain in our usual places and our often repetitive and sometimes boring routines, during Lent we are invited to ascend 'a high mountain' in the company of Jesus and to live a particular experience of spiritual discipline—asceticism—as God's holy people. Lenten penance is a commitment, sustained by grace, to overcoming our lack of faith and our resistance to following Jesus on the way of the cross. This is precisely what Peter and the other disciples needed to do. To deepen our knowledge of the Master, to fully understand and embrace the mystery of his salvation, accomplished in total self-giving inspired by love, we must allow ourselves to be taken aside by him and to detach ourselves from mediocrity and vanity. We need to set out on the journey, an uphill path that, like a mountain trek, requires effort, sacrifice and concentration. The Lenten journey of penance and the journey of the Synod alike have as their goal a transfiguration, both personal and ecclesial. A transformation that, in both cases, has its model in the Transfiguration of Jesus and is achieved by the grace of his paschal mystery. So that this transfiguration may become a reality in us this year, I would like to propose two 'paths' to follow in order to ascend the mountain together with Jesus and, with him, to attain the goal. The first path the voice from the cloud says: 'Listen to him' (Matthew 17.5). the first proposal, then, is very clear: we need to listen to Jesus. The second proposal for this Lent: do not take refuge in a religiosity made up of extraordinary events and dramatic experiences, out of fear of facing reality and its daily struggles, its hardships and contradictions. The light that Jesus shows the disciples is an anticipation of Easter glory, and that must be the goal of our own journey.

**The Lord repeats to us: 'Rise, and do not be afraid.'**