



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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent – 26th March 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.
 I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
 whoever believes in me will not die for ever
 Glory and Praise Lord Jesus Christ; Glory and Praise to you.

This Week's Readings

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37:12-14. Romans 8:8-11. John 11:1-45.

Next Week's Readings

Passion Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-7. Philippians 2:6-11. Matthew 26:14-27:66

Deaths: Sr Sheila Bellville R.S.M.(Gregory), Brendan O'Brien (B'rat), Nell O'Sullivan (Fahey/Terang), Lance Ryan, Liam Harrington
Anniversaries: Elsie Russell, Patrick O'Toole, Doris Farrell, Arthur Jenkins, Chris Burrow, John Damian Paatsch, Marita Barrow, Janine Duffy, Frederick Wilmink, Kathleen Dooley, Imelda Ravour, Kerrie Reed, William Mulcahy Joseph Butler.

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 st 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, Thursday, Friday.	10.00am
Sunday	11.00am
OUR LADY OF FATIMA - LORNE	
Sunday	9.00am

BLESSING OF PLAQUE – MEMORIAL DYSON & DARRYL SCOTT
 Parishioners are invited to attend the Blessing Ceremony of "Memorial Plaque" for Dyson & Darryl Scott as a tribute to our *New Pathway at St Mary's Church on Sunday 26th March at 11am Mass* - followed by Light Luncheon. All welcome.

BAPTISMS: We welcome into our Parish this weekend: Flora McCann, Lennon Rose Pickle & Elka Mae Pickles.

CENTACARE - WENDY GARNER
 COUNSELLOR FROM WARRNAMBOOL VISITS COLAC
 Enquiries phone Wendy 0409 192 480

5th Sunday of Lent St Mary's Colac

@Penitential Rite at each of our Masses:
 (Including St Brendan's 5pm).



Gilbert with his Family.



Destruction from Cyclone

@ Vanuatu - Today Leaving Collection: To support our newest Parishioners from Vanuatu whose homes and crops destroyed: by Cyclones "Judy & Kevin". We Welcome Trinity College Leadership Students. Who will assist with the Leaving Collection at all Masses (Parishioners at Other Mass Centres – invited to contribute - Donations in an Envelope marked: 'Vanuata').

SYMPATHY – * To Moria Ryan & Fmaily, Josie Kwelly on the death of Lance ryan this week.
 Sisters of Mercy (B'rat East)- Sr Shelia Belville, R.S.M. (Formerly Sr Gregory) was especially respected and appreciated by the Birregurra parishioners during her appointment in Birregurra sharing the convent with Sr Sheila Fiscalini.

CWL - Tuesday 28th March at 2pm for afternoon tea at On the Lane Café

CHOIR PRACTICE: In preparation for Lent and Easter. Tuesday 28th March commencing at 5.30pm.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

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

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice! O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading. If you,
O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?

But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.
My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.

My soul; is longing for the Lord more than watchman for
daybreak. Let the watchman count on daybreak
Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness
of redemption, Israel indeed he will
redeem from all its iniquity.

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

Pope Francis

March Intention

For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

APOLLO BAY & LORNE

FIRST COLLECTION:

BSB: 083585

ACCOUNT: 810967715

SECOND COLLECTION

BSB: 033600 ACCOUNT: 230038

Croft Family Group Lunch at the Gellibrand River Hotel on Sunday, April 2. We will meet in the carpark after 11.00 Mass and carpool to travel there. Could you please RSVP by Thursday (if possible) to Tony and Helen 0417578365 so we can forward numbers to the hotel. All welcome!



Family Groups. Over the thirty years of family groups in St Mary's parish, Pat and Brian Gleeson have been a guiding presence as leaders of Gleeson Family Group. We thank Pat and Brian for all their support over the years and welcome Jos and Winsome de Jong as new coordinators of Gleeson Family group as they continue the legacy and allow Pat and Brian to retire.

Today: Feast of the Annunciation: 25th March 2023

– Depicted in Art form by Dr Tim O'Brien (resident: Lorne & parishioner: Our Lady of Fatima Community Lorne) presented his personal work of art: Painting: The "Annunciation" to the Community & the Church. It was blessed and dedicated recently 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.



Annunciation – The principle biblical source is: Luke 1:26-38: Prayer "Hail Mary, full of Grace. The Lord is with You." 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.

**As we celebrate the mystery that the Eternal Word took flesh of the Virgin Mary, we pray that all Christians will take the same Word into their hearts.*

EASTER – Church Cleaning: On Thursday 6th April at 10am, helpers (men & woman), required to clean the church in preparation for Easter - Cuppa Afterwards – All welcome.

Flowers Wanted: Cut flowers for Easter. We are preparing the floral displays Thursday 6th April. If you could help us our with flowers just drop them off at the church at 10am on this day.

REMEMBRANCE WALL APPLICATIONS St. Mary's Parish Colac has a Remembrance Wall near the entrance to the church. Application Forms are available in the Foyer or at Parish Office. Please return by Monday 27th March.