



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.*

**Passion/Palm Sunday – 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023 –Year A**



**Responsorial Psalm**

My God may God, why have you abandoned me?

**Gospel Acclamation**

Glory and Praise Lord Jesus Christ; Glory and Praise to you. Christ became obedient for us even until death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Glory and Praise Lord Jesus Christ; Glory and Praise to you.

**This Week's Readings**

Passion / Palm Sunday

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

**Next Week's Readings**

Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34,37-43. Colossians 3:1-4. John 20:1-9.

**Deaths:** Fr Sam Dimatina, Margaret Mary Lyons, Terry Patterson, France Doak.

**Anniversaries:** Mike Connor, Paul Wheadon, Kenneth MacDonald, Mavis Avery, Margie Morgan, Jim Goodlett.



**HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES - COLAC, CRESSY, BIRREGURRA.**

Tuesday	5.00pm	Anointing Mass St Mary's- Colac
Tuesday	2.00pm	Margaret Lyons Requiem Mass - St Mary's
Wednesday	10.00am	Anointing Mass St Mary's- Colac

**EASTER TRIDUUM**

Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	6.00pm	Lord's Supper -St Mary's (With an hour of Adoration: to follow).
Good Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	11.00am	Stations of the Cross: Botanical Gardens (Trinity College To host).
Friday	3.00pm	Good Friday – St Mary's- Colac

**EASTER DAY OF RESURRECTION**

Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	6.00pm	Easter Vigil St Mary's- Colac
Easter Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	9.00am	Christ Church Hall – Birregurra
Easter Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	9.00am 11.00am	St Mary's- Colac St Mary's- Colac

St Mary's: **Holy Hour**- Every 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of Month: 4-5pm

**HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES - APOLLO BAY & LORNE**

Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	6.00pm	Lord's Supper Our Lady Star of the Sea Apollo Bay
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	6.00pm	Lord's Supper- Our Lady of Fatima Lorne
Good Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	3.00pm	Our Lady Star of the Sea Apollo Bay
Good Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	3.00pm	Our Lady of Fatima Lorne (Stations of the Cross 10am)
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	6.00pm	Easter Vigil Apollo Bay Easter Vigil Lorne
Easter Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	9.00am 9.00am	Our Lady Star of the Sea-Apollo Bay Our Lady of Fatima -Lorne

**VANUATU**

**'Congratulations! Thank You.'**

To those attending Mass last weekend!

What amazing "Compassionate Generosity": \$4,225.00

In the leaving Collection last weekend to support our Vanuatu Parishioners



**ROME:** At the end of Pope Francis's first full day in Rome's Gemelli Hospital where his is being treated for bronchitis, the Vatican said he is doing well and is responding to treatment and spent his afternoon resting and in prayer. He was diagnosed with an 'infectious bronchitis' and he is being treated with antibiotics through an IV.

**BAPTISMS:** We welcome into our Parish this weekend: Kyron Hay & Teyanalhamera Smiler.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**My God may God, why have you abandoned me?**

All who see me deride me.

They curl their lips, they toss their heads.

'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;  
let him release him if this is his friend'.

Many dogs have surrounded me,  
a band of the wicked beset me.

They tear holes in my hands and my feet.

I can count every one of my bones.

They divide my clothing among them.

They cast lots for my robe.

O Lord, do not leave me alone,

my strength, make haste to help me!

I will tell of your name to my brethren  
and praise you where they are assembled.

'You who fear the Lord give him praise;

all sons of Jacob, give him glory.

Revere him, Israel's sons'.

**My God may God, why have you abandoned me?**

## Diocesan Personnel Board on March 15:

we considered some possibilities for the appointment of priests in relation to several parishes. Over the past few weeks I have also consulted a number of priests and parishioners about the situation of parishes and possible appointments. I am grateful to the members of the Personnel

Board and others for their reflections. In the light of consultations, I am pleased to make the following announcements. **Fr Anthony Nagothu** has asked to spend twelve months with the Oratorian Community in New York as a time for reflection on his ministry. I thank Fr Anthony for his generous service to the parishioners of Robinvale and Ouyen for the past three years and I pray for blessings on his time with the Oratorian Community.

In view of Fr Anthony's move, I have appointed **Fr Shaiju Mathew MST** as Administrator of **Robinvale and Ouyen**. Fr Shaiju is currently Assistant Priest in the Parishes of Mildura, Merbein and Red Cliffs. His appointment to Robinvale and Ouyen will take effect on **April 20**.

In view of Fr Shaiju's move, I have appointed **Fr John Corrigan** as Assistant Priest in the Parishes of **Mildura, Merbein and Red Cliffs**. Fr Corrigan is currently serving in the South West Coast Parish. His appointment to Mildura, Merbein and Red Cliffs will take effect on April 20.

In the coming months, I will make further provision for the care of the South West Coast Parish. As an interim arrangement, while he awaits the approval of his visa for the United States, Fr Anthony Nagothu will serve in the South West Coast Parish, assisting Fr John Fitzgerald and Fr Bill Lowry from April 20.

**Bishop Paul Bird.**



## Pope Francis

### April Intention

*For a culture of peace  
and non-violence:*

*We pray for the spread  
of peace and non-  
violence, by decreasing  
the use of weapons by  
States and citizens*

## 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!

## CENTACARE -

**WENDY GARNER**  
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## PRAYER

*Loving God,*

*As we enter Holy Week, we pray  
that it will be a time for us to  
grow as disciples. May we know  
deep in our heart the immensity  
of your love for us. May our  
hope be rekindled in the midst of  
our own joys and sorrows,  
knowing that nothing can  
separate us from the love of  
Jesus the Crucified and Risen  
One. Amen.*

**SYMPATHY** - \* To Moria Ryan & Family, Josie Kelly on the death of Lance Ryan last week.

- To Doug Lyons on the death of his wife Margaret Lyons.

**CHOIR PRACTICE:** In preparation for Lent and Easter. Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April commencing at 5.30pm

**EASTER – Church Cleaning:** On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> April. If you could help us our with flowers just drop them off at the church at 10am on this day.