



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 Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years.

The Ascension of the Lord – 21st May 2023 – Year A

Responsorial Psalm

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
 a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you
 always, until the end of the world.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

This Week's Readings

The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11. Ephesians 1:17-23. Matthew 28:16-20

Next Week's Readings

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11. Corinthians 12:3-7.12-13. John 20:19-23.



Deaths: Merle Greene (W'bool), Paul Jellie (W'bool), Jennifer Waddell (nee Russell), Margaret Saddler, Dr. Therese D'Orsa(Sale).

Anniversaries: Tel Hannah, Agnes Paatsch, Jack Paatsch, Anthony Virgona, Eileen Cherry, Joe Lavery, Veronica Mary Mathews, Jack Dooley, Edward Puidle, Gerry Oude-Mic Link, John Lim Heng, Patricia Torpy.

MASS TIMES - COLAC, CRESSY, BIRREGURRA.

Tuesday	5.00pm	St Mary's- Colac
Wednesday	*8.00am	St Mary's- Colac
Thursday	10.00am	St Mary's- Colac
Friday	*8.00am	St Mary's- Colac
Friday	10.00am	St Mary's- Colac Catholic Education Mass
Saturday	6.00pm	St Mary's- Colac
Sunday	9.00am 11.00am	St Mary's- Colac St Mary's- Colac

RECONCILIATION: Each Friday after 10am Mass.
 Anytime by Appointment.

St Mary's: Holy Hour- Every 1st Tues 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
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Diocesan Levies Paid this Month:

(Quarter: Jan Feb March.)

o Apollo Bay Parish Account \$2001.00

o St Mary's Parish Account

Diocesan Administration: \$ 7095.00

Caritas: \$ 822.60

Total: \$7,917.60

o St Mary's & Apollo Bay

Presbytery Account \$ 8089.00

"Thank You" for the generous contributions:

1. Planned Giving Envelopes & Direct Debts
2. Presbytery 1st Collection / Easter dues which enable us to meet our commitments.

THIS WEEK

Wednesday – 7.30pm Leadership Team Meeting.

(9.30am - Mercy College Camperdown: 50th Anniversary Mass).

Friday – 10am: Catholic Education Mass (Students from St Brendan's, Sacred Heart, St Mary's – also Leaders from Trinity College). Theme: 'Let the Words you speak Always be Full of Grace': Colossian:4:6.

FEAST DAY Wednesday 24th May: Our Lady help of Christians.

SYMPATHY: To Russell family on the death of their sister Jennifer.

GLEESON FAMILY GROUP: Lunch at the Beeac Hotel on 21st May at 12.30pm. Please meet in the car park after 11 am Mass for car pooling. Please RSVP by Wed 17th May to Mary 52316848

OUR PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISH COMMUNITIES

@TIMOR LESTE` (EAST TIMORESE): Their country is holding General Elections this weekend: May the Country experience Peace, Justice & Good Fortune.

@SUDAN WAR: Deacon George requested som support to assist his two brother – escap from Sudan into Soth Sudan. He is planing to visit & inform us Sunday, June 25th (9am &11am).

@VANUATU: Gilbert returns to a "Home" Visit this week! After 3 years. He will persanlly deliver St Mary's Parishioners Gift of \$42545.00 He goes also with a camera to 'update us' on his return of the Cyclone Damage & Repairs underway. (Thanks again to our Mass Sttendees for such an amazing donation to Vanuatu through Gilbert!)

CONGRATULATIONS

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism:

*** Jack Fionn Byrne.**

***Harrison Ian Cowlshaw & Oscar Ben Cowlshaw.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:

a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All you peoples, clap your hands,
shout to God with cries of gladness,
For the LORD, the Most High, the awesome,
is the great king over all the earth.

God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy;
the LORD, amid trumpet blasts.

Sing praise to God, sing praise;
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

For king of all the earth is God;
sing hymns of praise.

God reigns over the nations,

God sits upon his holy throne

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:

a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

APOLLO BAY & LORNE

FIRST COLLECTION:

BSB: 083585 ACCOUNT: 810967715

APOLLO BAY & LORNE

SECOND COLLECTION

BSB: 033600 ACCOUNT: 230038

PALLIATIVE CARE WEEK

GET TO KNOW OUR NEW
PRESIDENT

ANAM CARA – COLAC

AS PART OF PALLIATIVE CARE
WEEK CELEBRATIONS, WE
INVITE YOU TO MEET OUR NEW

PRESIDENT, MARYJANE

CRABTREE. GET TO KNOW

MARYJANE AT OUR Q & A

23RD MAY 2023

AT ANAM CARA COLAC.

50 FORANS RD

BARONGAROOK WEST.

**** TOURS AVAILABLE 1PM OR
AFTER THE SESSION.**

AFTERNOON TEA TO FOLLOW.

RSVP 20TH MAY

PH: 52338203

Family Week May 15 – 21 2023 is a perfect time to come together to celebrate the power of family relationships in all their diversities, and the importance they play in our lives and community. CatholicCare Victoria's theme for Family Week this year is "Circle of Inclusion."

A Blessing for Families.

Heavenly Father, please bless our families with Your everlasting love. Give our families strength to overcome hardship and difficulties. Give our families courage to admit our faults and forgive others. Give our families joy to live life to the full and spread our joy to others. May all families find comfort, support and guidance under Your loving care. **Amen.**

Pope Francis in Hungary continued from last week...

Pope Francis further remarked about silence. In a world "bombarded with the message that we have to be fast, efficient and practically perfect, like machines", said the Pope, "we have to learn how to stop and fill our tanks, to recharge our batteries", without however, indulging 'in moodiness or brood' over our troubles. Silence, he remarked, 'is no sitting glued to our cell phones, or on social media', but rather 'the soil on which we cultivate good relationships'. I 'allows us to entrust to Jesus whatever we are feeling, (...), to share our difficulties, to remember our friends and to say a prayer for them'.

Silence is therefore, 'the door to prayer', which is a 'dialogue with Jesus', with whom we freely share our vulnerability, 'without hiding or disguising anything'. Prayer is not boring, it is and encounter with Christ'.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

I offered the Christian
Ministers Association:

To host the Church Unity
Prayer again this year at
St Mary's. Theme This Year:
"Do Good, Seek Justice" Is. 1:17
This Thursday: 25th May at
4pm (Cuppa to follow).

C.W.L. @Raffle: 1st Jim Allan
2nd John Blane, 3rd Lucy Allan
@C.W.L. Afternoon Tea
Babil 23rd May 2pm.

Pope Francis - May Intention for Parishes

For church movements and groups – We pray that
Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of
evangelisation each day, placing their own charisms at the service
of needs in the world.

CATHOLIC CARE VICTORIA FAMILY & RELATIONSHIP COUNSELLING

Contact Wendy 55593006

Colac appointments



ARCHBISHOP ANTHONY'S NEWSLETTER



I am writing to ask for your assistance in petitioning the ACT Government to reverse a decision to take the ownership and management of Calvary Hospital away from Calvary Health Care – a Catholic operator and give the ownership to the government-run, non-faith-based Canberra Health Services instead. [Click Here](#)