



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 Transfiguration of the Lord – 6th August 2023 – Year A**

**Responsorial Psalm**

The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

This is my son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**This Week's Readings**

**The Transfiguration of the Lord**

Dan 7:9-10, 13-14, Pet 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

**Next Week's Readings**

**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Kings 19:9.11-13. Romans 9:1-5. Matthew 14:22-33.

**Deaths:** Ron Smith, Carmel Kearney, Michael Carroll, Patrick Finley, Fatima Da Conceicao (Timor Leste), Brian McKenzie (C'down), Sr Eleanor Collis, Margaret Leddin, Fr Frank Smith, C.S.S. R.,

**Anniversaries:** Sean McKay, Violet & Tom Kearns, Marinus Engels (15years), Josephine Duynhoven, Fr Peter Creede, C.M., Josephine Carew, Jim Cummins, Sr Winfred Murray O.L.M., Mary O'Connor, Jim Storan, Marie Speckly, Arthur Hammett, Margaret Russell, Marie Gritt, Denis Adams, Alice Kane, Grace Roache, Don Walters, Philippa Grutzner, Tasma Wilson.

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

Tuesday	5.00pm	St Mary's- Colac
Wednesday	9.15am	St Mary's- Colac
Thursday	10.00am	St Mary's- Colac
Friday	10.00am	St Mary's- Colac
Friday	6.30pm	St Joseph's Cressy
Saturday	6.00pm	St Mary's- Colac
Sunday	9.00am	St Peter's Birregurra
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 1<sup>st</sup> Tues of Month: 4-5pm**

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

**MASS TIMES -OUR LADY /SEA – APOLLO BAY**

**No weekday Masses in Apollo Bay  
 While Fr John is in India.**

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA - LORNE**

Sunday 9.00am

**Apollo Bay Meeting: Wed 11am (Building Plans)**

**\*Assunta Borgia:** Welcome to the family I I am Mass: "Month Mind" of Assunta's' death.

**Sympathy:** \*To Teeny and the Smith family on the death of Ron Smith.

\*To Simón whose Mum Fatima died last Sunday in East Timor.

\* To the (Maris) Paatsch Family on the death of their Cousin Fr Frank Smith C.S.S.R.

**IN 1907 MARY WROTE:**

**"WE ARE BUT TRAVELLERS HERE."**

**FEAST DAYS:** August 8<sup>th</sup>: *St Mary of the Cross*

August 10<sup>th</sup>: *St Lawrence:* August 11<sup>th</sup>: *St Clare*

**CWL Meeting** on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August at 1.30pm in the Meeting Room St. Mary's

**GLEESON FAMILY GROUP:** Afternoon tea 2 pm Sunday, August 13th at Winsome and Jos's home 21 Wyuna Drive, Elliminyt. Please bring a plate -RSVP Winsome 0427353203.

**CROFT FAMILY GROUP:** Lunch Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August. 12noon at City Bowls Club. Gravesend St. all welcome Ph: Liz 0428348358

**Congratulations this week's Baptism**

**St Mary's Church Colac – Theodore Rodway.**

**Our Lady of Fatima – Lorne**

**Archie, Jacob & Benjamim Cullen.**

**Confirmation & 1st Communion:** Best Wishes for the final week of preparations to the children and their families:  
**Ceremonies:** Next Weekend at the **Vigil 6pm Saturday Mass & Sunday 11AM Mass**

Preparation today and during School this week.

**\*\*This weekend Lotus Rothery and family are celebrating her Confirmation & 1st Communion – Vigil Mass.**



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### *The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.*

The LORD is king; let the earth rejoice;  
let the many islands be glad.  
Clouds and darkness are round about him,  
justice and judgment are the foundation of his throne.  
The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,  
before the LORD of all the earth.  
The heavens proclaim his justice,  
and all peoples see his glory.  
Because you, O LORD, are the Most High over all the earth,  
exalted far above all gods.

### *The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.*

### Pope Francis ~ World Youth Day.

More than 1 million young people from over 200 countries were expected to show up to the global Catholic gathering. The five-day-long event was launched by Pope Francis' predecessor to bring together young Catholics — teenagers and those in their early 20s — every two to three years. Francis landed at the Figo Madura military air base on Wednesday morning, before heading to a welcoming ceremony hosted by Portuguese President Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa. "I will come back rejuvenated" to Rome, Francis told reporters on the plane. He is planning to fly back on Sunday. Francis was also expected to meet with victims of clergy sexual abuse. Speaking to clergy at Lisbon's vast Jeronimos Monastery on Wednesday, Francis said that the sex abuse scandals had "marred" the Church and sparked "disappointment and anger" among believers. These scandals "call us to a humble and ongoing purification, starting with the anguished cry of the victims, who must always be accepted and listened to," he said. More than 2500 World Youth Day pilgrims from Australia and Oceania have been told they will "do great things" as the global Catholic celebration commenced in Lisbon. Continuing a tradition from previous World Youth Days, an Australian gathering was held on Tuesday to celebrate the pilgrims' faith and their homeland. In welcoming the pilgrims, Australian ambassador to Portugal Indra McCormick said: "You are, I'm sure, the largest single group of Australians ever to come to Portugal." Ms McCormick said that demonstrates that "the connection between faith communities in Australia and Portugal is an important part of the strong connection between our two countries". The Australian gathering featured prayer, reflections from Australian pilgrims on their experience so far visiting sacred sites in the Holy Land, Rome, France and Spain, and musical performances by Gen Bryant, Simon Hyland and Fr Rob Galea and their bands. Sydney Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP said it was an "awesome sight" to see such a large gathering of young people "ready for the grace-filled week of World Youth Day". Before the final blessing and commissioning of the young people, Archbishop Fisher offered the encouragement that "the Church has great confidence in you".

**Pope's prayer intention for August: Church on the way** ~ In his message for his prayer intention for August, Pope Francis reminds the faithful that "the vocation of the Church is evangelization," and even more, "the Church's identity is evangelization." In this month, the Holy Father reflects on the situation of the Church, its vocation and its identity, and calls us to renew it "by discerning God's will in our daily life," and "embarking on a transformation guided by the Holy Spirit." "Our own reform as persons is that transformation," the Pope said. This allows the "Holy Spirit, the gift of God in our hearts, to remind us what Jesus taught and helps us to put into practice."

### APOLLO BAY & LORNE

#### FIRST COLLECTION:

BSB: 083585 Acc: 810967715

### APOLLO BAY & LORNE

#### SECOND COLLECTION

BSB: 033600 ACCOUNT: 230038

### Parish Account Colac

\* For Direct Giving Details:  
**BSB: 083 585 Account:**  
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**Parish Office 5231 2177.**

### Ballarat Diocesan Levies Paid this Month:

(Quarter: April May, June)

#### St Mary's Parish Account

Diocesan Administration: \$  
7292.00

Popes Collection: \$ 745.00 &

Holy lands: \$537.00 Total:

\$8,574

#### St Mary's & Apollo Bay

Presbytery Account \$

**8,943.00**

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our Parish, Diocese and  
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