



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.*

**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Times – 20th August 2023 – Year A**

**Responsorial Psalm**

O God, let all nations praise you!

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom  
 and healed all who were sick.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

**This Week's Readings**

**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 56:1,6-7 Romans 11:13-15, 29-32 Matt 15:21-28

**Next Week's Readings**

**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 66:18-21. Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13. Luke 13:22-30

**Deaths:** Nyaruot Fiek, Fr Peter Dunn (Adelaide), Br John Coswello, cfc. (B'rat), Brian McNaughton, 106 Hawaii Fire Victims, Dr Mary-Louise McClaws (Epidemiologist), Sir Michael Parkinson (U.K.),

**Anniversaries:** Lois Ryan, Ed & Ursula Millar, Bernadette Lenehan, Cath Crawley, Bernie Crawley, Margaret McKay, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Vietnam War Victims, Henry Buenen, Peter Riordan, Dorothy Wood, Romano Valkovic.,

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	*8.00am	St Mary's- Colac
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 1 <sup>st</sup> Tues of Month: 4-5pm		
Rosary - each Friday: 9.30am St Mary's Church		
Weekly Masses - Apollo Bay		
Tuesday	5.30pm	
Wednesday Thursday Friday	10.00am	
Sunday	11.00am	
OUR LADY OF FATIMA - LORNE		
Sunday	9.00am	

**FEAST DAY:**

- \*21<sup>ST</sup> Aug St Pius X
- \*22<sup>ND</sup> Aug St Queenship of Mary
- \*23<sup>RD</sup> Aug St Rose of Lima.
- \*24<sup>TH</sup> Aug St Batholomew (Apostle).



**Good Samaritan Sisters: General Chapter (Sydney).**

Thank you for your prayerful remembrance as we elected our leadership team for the next 6 years. Sr Catherine McCahill has been elected the Superior of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan and the Members of her Council are: • Meg Kahler • Michelle Reid • Ann-Maree Nicholls • Kathleen Spokes.  
 Blessings, Srs Margaret, Gerri & Margaret - S.G.S.

**CWL AFTERNOON TEA ON TUESDAY**

22ND AUGUST AT ON THE LANE AT 2PM

**COLAC CITY BAND: WINTER CONCERT ST MARY'S**

CHURCH SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2P.M. (ALL WELCOME)

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL INVOLVED IN SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS LAST SUNDAY**

*"To Confirmation Candidates & their Families to Our School Communities (Principals, R.E. Co-Ordination, Staff) for support and encouragement to the Parish Community who reached out in friendship & encouragement to students & parents. (On behalf of all – our appreciation to Mandy in the Parish Office in her 'other role' as Sacramental Co-ordinator). Yes, I continue to name our 'Sacramental Celebrations' are the highlight of our year as I experience 'life' & 'Culture' in 2023: Every Baptism, Confirmation & First Communion is a "Miracle of Grace".*

~ Fr. Michael O'Toole.



**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

***O God, let all nations praise you!***

O God, be gracious and bless us  
and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth  
and all nations learn your saving help.  
Let the nations be glad and exult  
for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples,  
you guide the nations on earth.  
Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing  
till the ends of the earth revere him.

***O God, let all nations praise you!***

**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:

811051426 Planned Giving:

REF: Envelope no. / surname:

Or phone the Parish Office

5231 2177.

**Please join us for a Kitchen Table Conversation!** A Kitchen Table Conversation is a wonderful opportunity to join with others and listen, learn and reflect on the Indigenous Voice to Parliament referendum that will be held in the coming months. Sessions will be held on 17 August, 29 August, 11 September and September 28 from 3.30-4.45pm online via zoom. More information and registration details are available from the diocesan website [CLICK HERE](#)

**At the 10 Am Mass last Tuesday:**

**Feast of the Assumption** - A family of 5 Lebanese (Mario rite Catholics) from Bankstown Western Sydney- joined our Sacramental Children for a photo after Mass on their way to the Otway's & 12 Apostles etc



*"See the same beauty on the faces of the people who walk beside us every day, such as family, friends, and colleagues. How many luminous faces, how many smiles, how many wrinkles, how many tears and scars reveal love around us. The contemplation of God's wonders, the contemplation of God's face, of the Lord's face, must move us to the service of others." (Pope Francis, Sunday Angelus address, March 5, 2023)*  
*Today let us contemplate the beautiful face of Christ in others*

**The Australian bishops' have launched the 2023-2024**

Social Justice Statement, "Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples". Copies of the statement and resources are available from the diocesan website [CLICK HERE](#) Social Justice Sunday will be celebrated on August 27.

**To end World Youth Day 2023, Pope Francis told 1.5 million weary-eyed and sleep-deprived young people in Lisbon not to let their "great dreams" of changing the world be "stopped by fear".**

*In his homily for the closing Mass of World Youth Day, the Pope asked for "a bit of silence" from the pilgrims who, after staying overnight in Lisbon's Tejo Park following the previous night's vigil, at 6am were already dancing to techno music mixed by a DJ priest before the Pope's arrival.*

*"Let's all repeat this phrase in our hearts: 'Don't be afraid,'" he told the hushed crowd. "Jesus knows the hearts of each one of you, the successes and the failures, he knows your hearts," Pope Francis said. "And today he tells you, here in Lisbon for this World Youth Day: 'Don't be afraid'." "The church is mother," he said. "Each of us finds God on his or her own path in the church. And the Church is mother and guides each one on his or her path."*

