



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.*

**27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Times – 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Year A**



**Responsorial Psalm**

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**This Week's Readings**

**27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 5:1-7 Philippians 4:6-9 Matthew 21:33-43

**Next Week's Readings**

**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 25:6-10 Philippians 4:12-14.19-20 Matt 22:1-14

**Deaths:** Jack McCarthy, Janice Fay, Les Lenehan, Lynne Marie Gow, Mary Bagg, Pam Stacey (W'bool).

**Anniversaries:** Joe Pekin, Bill Maslen, Francis Hanlon, Laura & Pedro Rante, Arie & Bernadette Roukema, Imelda Lantajo, Restituga & Nicholas Cupin, Afra Eufonio Rante, Alan Murnane, Yvonne Richardson, Fr. Julian Tenison Woods (co-founder with Mary MacKillop of Sisters of St. Joseph).

**PARISH MEETINGS**

Tuesday 10th October: Catholic Women's League Annual General Meeting in Church Meeting Room at 1.30pm

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Oct: Parish Leadership Team Meeting in Gathering Space at 5.30pm.

**FEAST DAY:** \*OCT 11<sup>TH</sup>: ST (POPE) JOHN XXIII

**BAPTISM:** WELCOME TO OUR FAITH FAMILY THIS WEEKEND

THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:  
 LACHLAN ALI BRITNELL; ZAVIER JUDE BARRY;  
 GEORGIA KEMP, PETER BLOOD & PIPPA BLOOD.

**Croft and Gleeson Family Group have a weekend booked at Star of the Sea Apollo Bay 13-15 October.**

Please contact Linda if you are interested or would like further information. 0448314774

**Crawford Family Group:** Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October Lunch at the Austral Hotel at 12 noon RSVP Marie 0477252912.

**Prayer for the Synod on Synodality**

*We stand before You, Holy Spirit,  
 as we gather together in Your name.  
 With You alone to guide us,  
 make Yourself at home in our hearts;  
 Teach us the way we must go  
 and how we are to pursue it.  
 We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.  
 Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path  
 nor partiality influence our actions.  
 Let us find in You our unity  
 so that we may journey together to eternal life  
 and not stray from the way of truth  
 and what is right.  
 All this we ask of You,  
 who are at work in every place and time,  
 in the communion of the Father and the Son,  
 forever and ever. Amen.*



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
Friday	6.30pm	St Joseph's - Cressy
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- 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday October: 4-5pm		
Rosary - each Friday: 9.30am St Mary's Church		
Masses - Apollo Bay		
Tuesday	5.30pm	
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	10.00am	
Sunday	11.00am	
OUR LADY OF FATIMA - LORNE		
Sunday	9.00am	

**Sympathy:** ~ To the McCarthy family on the death of John 'Jack' McCarthy.

~To the Fay family on the death of Janice 'Jan' Fay.

**ST BRENDAN CORAGULAC: CELEBRATING CENTENARY:**

Arrival and Pastoral Ministry of the **Good Samaritan Sisters** October 8<sup>th</sup> ~ Mass 11am, Light Lunch to follow; also Tours of Buildings.

**CENTACARE** COUNSELLOR  
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## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### *The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.*

You brought a vine out of Egypt;  
to plant it you drove out the nations.  
It stretched out its branches to the sea,  
to the Great River is stretched out its shoots.  
Then why have you broken down its walls?  
It is plucked by all who pass by.  
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,  
devoured by the beasts of the field.  
God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted. And we shall never forsake you  
again: give us life that we may call upon your name.  
God of hosts, bring us back;  
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

### *The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.*

\*Columbian  
Calendar 2024  
Available at  
St Mary's  
Piety Store  
\$10 each.  
\*Christmas Cards  
are also available!!

## APOLLO BAY & LORNE

### FIRST COLLECTION:

BSB: 083585 Acc: 810967715

### SECOND COLLECTION

BSB: 033600 ACCOUNT: 230038

### Parish Account Colac

\* For Direct Giving Details:

BSB: 083 585

Account: 811051426

Planned Giving: REF:



VATICAN CITY (CNS) — **Pope Francis** opened the work of the **Assembly of the Synod of Bishops** asking members to meditate on ancient theological texts about the Holy Spirit, have the courage to be honest about their disagreements and focus much more on listening than on sharing their opinions. The synodal process “is not easy, but it’s beautiful, very beautiful,” Pope Francis told some 364 other synod members and 85 non-voting experts, ecumenical delegates and facilitators the afternoon of Oct. 4 as the synod work began in the Vatican audience hall. “A certain asceticism” is needed for the synod, the pope said. He asked forgiveness from journalists trying to cover the monthlong meeting but insisted “a certain fasting from public words” would be needed to ensure the proper spiritual atmosphere for the synod members. And, in fact, the synod rules distributed that evening said, “In order to guarantee the freedom of expression of each and all regarding their thoughts and to ensure the serenity of the discernment in common, which is the main task entrusted to the assembly, each of the participants is bound to confidentiality and discretion regarding both their own interventions and the interventions of other participants.” “The synod is not a parliament, it’s a journey that the Holy Spirit makes” Pope Francis also repeated what he has said many times: “the synod is not a parliament” where the ideas of opposing parties will be debated and voted up or down along party lines. Neither, he said, is it “a meeting of friends” getting together to exchange opinions and try to solve problems they see around them. “The synod is a journey that the Holy Spirit makes,” he said, so constant prayer and listening are necessary to follow the path the Spirit indicates. “The Holy Spirit triggers a deep and varied dynamism in the Christian community, the confusion of Pentecost,” when people from every nation heard the disciples speaking in their own languages, the pope said. From the experience, the Spirit creates not uniformity, but harmony. Differences of opinion will surface, he said. “If you don’t agree with what that bishop or that nun or that lay person says, say it to their face. That’s what the synod is for. To tell the truth, not the chatter under the table.” Church has gathered to pause and listen Pope Francis also acknowledged how people outside the synod members are offering “hypotheses about this synod — ‘But what will they do there?’ ‘The priesthood for women?’ — these are the things that are being said outside.” But what is happening, he said, is that the universal church has gathered in Rome to pause and to listen. “The church has stopped, as the apostles stopped after Good Friday, on that Holy Saturday,” closed in the Upper Room, he said. “But they were afraid; we are not. ... It is a pause for the whole church to listen.” Cardinal Mario Grech, secretary-general of the synod, told the members, “Today the church is at a crossroads, and the urgent challenge, strictly speaking, is not of a theological or ecclesiological nature, but how at this moment in history the church can become a sign and instrument of God’s love for every man and woman.” “God’s love is the medicine that can heal today’s wounded humanity, and as the church our mission is to be a sign of this love,” he said. In discerning the best ways to do that, Cardinal Grech said, participants should remember the assembly is not “an isolated act,” but part of a process that began two years ago with local, diocesan, national and continental listening sessions. The presence of members who are not bishops — some 70 priests, religious, lay men and women — is not meant to represent “the totality of the People of God,” he said, but to “remind us with their presence” of the whole synod process and its invitation for all Catholics to participate, sharing their experiences of things that help or hinder their sense of communion, participation and mission. Each person, regardless of their differences, is a Christian trying to follow the Lord. Cardinal Jean-Claude Hollerich, relator general of the synod, noted how the members were gathered at round tables in the Vatican audience hall rather than in the rows of the synod hall to promote conversation but also to remind them of similar experiences they had at listening sessions in their parishes and dioceses.