



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.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Times – 15th October 2023 – Year A



YES OR NO....

Responsorial Psalm

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

This Week's Readings

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Next Week's Readings

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 45:1 4-6 Thessalonians 1:1-5 Matthew 22:15-21

Deaths: War Victims: Israel/Palestine; Ukraine/Russia; Sth Sudan; Afghanistan (Earthquake); Bill Elder (B'rat), Maureen Lamb, Gerard Duca (St Alban).

Anniversaries: Dyson Scott, Gene Armstrong, Margaret Stainsby, Ross McCann, Win Rosenstengel, Madge & Alf Brown, Des Harrington, Jeremy Fleming, Alice & Tom Burke, John F. & John J. Lourey, Marie Glenane, Doreen Dunford, 21st Anniversary of Baili Bombing.

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
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- 1st 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
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Sympathy: ~ To Jan & Barry Healy on the recent death of Jan's brother Bill in Ballarat.

Visitation of Bishop Paul Bird November 2023

***Saturday 11th November – Bishop Paul to Celebrate**

the 6pm Vigil Mass St Mary's Colac recently Confirmation Children- also invited to meet the Bishop with a Blessing.

*** Re-Dedication of St Peter's Birregurra – Sunday November 12th – 9am Mass:** (Confirmation / 1st Eucharist Children invited to meet the Bishop for a Blessing.

FEAST DAY

October 16th - St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (Sacred Heart)
 October 17th - St Ignatius of Antioch October 18th - St Luke
 October 19th – St Paul of the Cross

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 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 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.



ST. MARY'S PARISH COLAC HAS A REMEMBRANCE WALL near the entrance to the church. This Remembrance Wall celebrates people who have been part of the story and history of St Mary's Parish. See forms in Gathering Space for more details: Or contact the Parish Office. Mon to Friday. 52312177.



Francis & Sima Pourpapi (photo left) - visiting parishioners this week to say "Thank You" for friendship & support – Yes they received their permanent VISA on Monday along with their children: Donya & Taho. Patiently, Faarar (with Afrooz & Amin) still waiting.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life..

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.
You have prepared a banquet for
me in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing
Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

*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:

CENTACARE

COUNSELLOR

FROM WARRNAMBOOL

VISITS COLAC EVERY

FORTNIGHT

PH: Wendy 0409 192 480



World Mission Sunday

– celebrate across Australia and the world on the weekend of 21st/22nd

October. This year, Pope Francis writes in his Message for World Mission Day 2023, "...it should be remembered that breaking our material bread with the hungry in the name of Christ is already a work of Christian mission. How much more so is the breaking of the Eucharistic bread, which is Christ himself, a work of mission par excellence, since the Eucharist is the source and summit of the life and mission of the Church."

It is in this spirit that Catholic Mission invites parishioners in every diocese in Australia to join with us again and support our brothers in sisters in Timor-Leste.

I also encourage you to seek out more information from our website.

This is the link: <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/for-parishes>

"SYNODAL SPIRITUALITY"~ All members of the Catholic Church, from bishops to laypeople, must be formed in a "synodal spirituality" which will guide the church forward, a cardinal said.

"The laborers of the harvest are bishops, priests, deacons, consecrated men and women, the lay baptized; all need to be formed in a synodal way of proceeding" as a church, Cardinal Béchara Raï, patriarch of the Maronite Catholic Church, said in his homily during a Divine Liturgy with participants in the assembly of the Synod of Bishops Oct. 9. "It is a formation toward a way of life of communion, mission and participation," he said, as well as "to a synodal spirituality which is at the heart of the church's renewal."

In his homily, Cardinal Raï reflected on the Gospel reading from St. Matthew, in which Jesus, moved by compassion, tells his disciples "the harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." The cardinal identified several issues touched upon in the synod assembly's working document that he said participants are called to address as part of the Lord's harvest: wars, climate change, an economic system that produces inequality and waste, religious persecution, strengthening interreligious ties and healing the wounds caused by sexual, economic and institutional abuses. He also asked the synod participants to find ways to promote charity for the poor and marginalized and to consider pastoral practices to assist people who have divorced and remarried or are in polygamous marriages. Citing the synod's working document, Cardinal Raï said Christ makes himself present in the synod assembly and gives participants the Holy Spirit, which "guides the church to find a consensus about how to walk together toward the kingdom and help humanity to proceed in the direction of unity." The cardinal also noted the difficult situations many people live in today, highlighting those who are "poor, lost, persecuted, cast aside, disappointed, refugees, innocent victims of war, isolated, homeless, wounded in their human dignity."

"All arouse the compassion of Christ, who has chosen us one by one" to heal these wounds and "fight for a better world, to live in our common home in peace and tranquility," he said. "Let us pray in this Divine Liturgy that the Lord makes us worthy laborers of his harvest."

1. [Synod members begin small-group discussions on 'synodality' FULL STORY 'click link'.](#)
2. [Pray the rosary, Pope Francis urges as world looks on in horror at violence in Israel and Palestine](#)