



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.*

**30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Times – 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Year A**



**Responsorial Psalm**

I love you, my Lord, my strength

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 All who love me will keep my words,  
 And my Father will love them and we will come to them.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

**This Week's Readings**

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

Exodus 22:20-26 Thessalonians 1:5-10 Matthew 22:34-40

**Next Week's Readings**

**31<sup>ST</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Malachi 1:14-2:2.8-10, St Paul 2:7-9.13, Matt 23:1-12

**Deaths:** Eva Hess, Francisco Belo Faria Monteire (East Timor), Bill Bourke (Terang), John Adams (formerly Lorne), Valda Stokes, Bozo Maric, Bill Hayden (Former Governor-General).

**Anniversaries:** Max McKay, Mary O'Brien, Janelle Louise Goonan (25yrs), Jack McGuane, Peter Daffy.

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

Tuesday	5.00pm	Vigil - St Mary's
<b>ALL SAINTS-1<sup>st</sup> November 2023</b>		
Wednesday	7.30am	St Mary's
	10.00am	St Mary's
	12 noon	St Brendan's
<b>HOLY SOULS - 2nd November 2023</b>		
Thursday	7.30am	St Mary's
	10.00am	St Mary's
	12 noon	St Brendan's
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
<b>RECONCILIATION: Each Friday after 10am Mass. Or Anytime by Appointment.</b>		
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 - Vigil	5.30pm
Wednesday -All Saints	5.30pm
Thursday- Holy Souls	10.00am
Friday	10.00am
Sunday	11.00am

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA - LORNE**

Wednesday -All Saints	10.00am
Thursday- Holy Souls	10.00am
Sunday	9.00am

**WORLD TEACHERS DAY**

Our Weekday Mass: Friday 27th October.  
 "We prayed in thanks giving for Our Teachers:  
 St Mary's, Sacred Heart , St Brendan's & Trinity  
 College: May their dedication & love for their  
 Students be evident in all their efforts."

**Visitation of Bishop Paul Bird November 2023**

\*Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Bishop Paul to Celebrate the 6pm Vigil Mass St Mary's Colac recently Confirmation Children- also invited to meet the Bishop for a Blessing.

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

**Parish Finance Meeting:** Thursday 7th Nov at 6pm.

**Thank You:** to Parishioners again for your generous contributions to these Special Appeals:  
 Father's Day – Annual Appeal – Retired, Sick Priests & Bishops: **This Year:** \$1054. **Last Year:** \$700.

**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.



**CONGRATULATIONS SACRAMENTAL JOURNEY**  
**1st Communion & Confirmation:**

*Yvonne Elia, Mary Llubit & Vinh The Phan.*

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**Today at 11am Mass.**



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### *I love you, my Lord, my strength*

I love you, Lord, my strength,  
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.  
My God is the rock where I take refuge;  
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold  
The Lord is worthy of all praise:  
when I call I am saved from my foes.  
Long life to the Lord, my rock!  
Praised be the God who saves me  
He has given great victories to his king  
and shown his love for his anointed.

### *I love you, my Lord, my strength*

\*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 -Weekly

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Pope Francis prays with participants in the assembly of the Synod of Bishops in the Paul VI Audience Hall at the Vatican yesterday.

## Synod participants write letter to the 'People of God'

The two-and-a-half-page letter recounted the spirit and activities of the Synod assembly's first session, held at the Vatican from October 4-29, and looked ahead to the second session, expressing hope that the months leading up to October 2024 "will allow everyone to concretely participate in the dynamism of missionary communion indicated by the word 'synod'." The letter made special reference to the need for listening to the laity, catechists, children, the elderly, families and those who want to be involved in lay ministries and "participate in discernment and decision-making structures" of the Church.

## Synod on Synodality's 'Most Fertile Time' Will Be Before Next Assembly, Father Radcliffe Says

Dominican Father Timothy Radcliffe said Monday that "the most fertile time" of the Synod on Synodality will be the months of "active waiting" leading up to the final 2024 synod assembly. "In a few days' time, we shall go home for 11 months. This will be apparently a time of empty waiting. But it will be probably the most fertile time of the whole synod, the time of germination," These 11 months will be like a pregnancy," he added. "We, my brothers and sisters, are pregnant with new life." Father Radcliffe, who serves as the spiritual adviser to the synod, also warned delegates not to speak negatively when they return home from Rome, quoting St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians: "Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths," Synod spokesman Paolo Ruffini has confirmed that the synod delegates attending this month's assembly will be returning to Rome next year for the October 2024 synod assembly. Synod organizers have also said that a new *Instrumentum Laboris*, or working document, for the 2024 assembly will be written based, in part, on the synthesis document produced at the end of the 2023 gathering. Father Radcliffe described the gap between the synod assemblies as "a time of active waiting," We shall need to be profoundly prayerful to resist the temptation to succumb to a party-political way of thinking," The synodal process is organic and ecological rather than competitive. It's more like planting a tree than winning a battle." Father Radcliffe encouraged the delegates to reflect on how their words can "nurture the tender plant that is the synod" after leaving the 2023 assembly. "Will we speak fertile, hope-filled words, or words that are destructive and cynical? Will our words nurture the crop or be poisonous? Will we be gardeners of the future or trapped in old sterile conflicts? We each choose," he told the delegates.

**TWO more Press Releases: Click on Link for full stories:**

1. \* [Pope appeals for release of hostages and more humanitarian aid for Gaza](#)
2. \* [Archbishop Coleridge says it is time to commit more resolutely to reconciliation and look ahead to a new national unity.](#)

**St. Mary's Parish Remembrance Wall-** forms in Gathering Space at St Mary's  
Names to be submitted by 20<sup>TH</sup>November. It is hoped these will be printed by Christmas.

### Two Peoples, One Land

Two peoples, one land, Three faiths, one root,  
One earth, one mother, One sky, one beginning, one future, one  
destiny, One broken heart, One God.  
We pray to You: Grant us a vision of unity. May we see the many  
in the one and the one in the many.  
May you, Life of All the Worlds,  
Source of All Amazing Differences  
help us to see clearly.  
Guide us gently and firmly toward each other, toward peace.  
– Rabbi Sheila Weinberg

### Pope's intention for October – For the

**Synod:** We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit toward the peripheries of the world. Lord, hear us.

**Wanted:** Double Bed: Frame & Mattress-  
for a family recent arrival in the Parish.