



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.

First Sunday of Advent – 3rd December 2023 – Year B



Responsorial Psalm

Lord, make us turn to you,
 let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Gospel Acclamation

How Beautiful....

This Week's Readings

First Sunday of Advent – Year B.
 Isaiah 63:16-17. Corinthians 1:3-9. Mark 13:33-37.

Next Week's Readings

Second Sunday of Advent – Year B.
 Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11 St Peter 3:8-14 Mark 1:1-8

Deaths: Fr Gerald Dowling, Jack Daffy (W'bool), Infant Rosie Mary Woods, Varoan Habib (Babil),
Anniversaries: Don LoRicco, Tony LoRicco, Guiseppina Zaia, Anthony Couch, Jim & Mena Rolfe, Beverley Knight, Margaret Borrack, Nelly Bongers, Kerry Daffy, Mary McNamara,

MASS TIMES - COLAC, CRESSY, BIRREGURRA.		
Tuesday	5.00pm	St Mary's
Wednesday	10.00am	St Mary's
Thursday	10.00am	St Mary'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
RECONCILIATION: Each Friday after 10am Mass. Or Anytime by Appointment.		
St Mary's: Holy Hour- 1 st Tuesday of the month: 4-5pm		
Rosary - each Friday: 9.30am St Mary's Church		

Masses - Apollo Bay	
Tuesday	5.30pm
Wed, Thurs,	10.00am
• No Mass Friday 8 th Dec.	
Sunday	11.00am
OUR LADY OF FATIMA - LORNE	
Sunday	9.00am

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE APOLLO BAY:
Our Lady Star of the Sea Church:
 Friday 8th Dec at 10.30am – Hosted by Hall's Funeral.

St John's Anglican has organised a special showing of **Christmas movie musical 'Journey to Bethlehem'** at **Colac Cinemas** at COPACC in early December 4pm on Thursday 7 December. Tickets are available through Colac Cinema's. Cinemas or TryBooking at: <http://www.trybooking.com/CMDCF> And tickets for children under 5 are free! Wishing you all time prayer and smooth preparations for Advent and Christmas!
 Regards, Fr Jeremy Morgan **Anglican Parish Colac**

Today- 1st Sunday of Advent (Year B).

We will celebrate our "Rite of Reconciliation" as the Penitential Rite during our Colac Masses this weekend.

- *Birregurra: - Dec 10th at 9am
- *Lorne & Apollo Bay: – Dec 17th (9am & 11am).
- *Cressy: Friday 8th December at 6.30pm.

GLEESON FAMILY GROUP

Christmas Lunch on Sunday 3rd of December at the Colac East Hotel at 12.30pm. Please RSVP by Thursday 30th to Winsome on 0427353203.

Crawford Family Group Christmas lunch

At City Bowls Club Gravesend St. Wed 13th At 12.30pm
 Ph: Mary 52312107~ for numbers.

The Knights of the Southern are holding a Pre-Christmas Mass on Tuesday the 5th of December at 5 pm all welcome. Members can you please bring a plate for supper, thank you. 5PM.

BAPTISM We welcome into our Parish Community this weekend. **'Matilda Cahill, Adelaide Cahill'**.

Open Christmas Dinner - A Meeting To Plan Christmas Dinner: This Tuesday, 5th Dec- 10.30am
 St Mary's Gathering Space.

TIME TO REMEMBER - Monday 4th December

St Mary's Church 7pm. – Hosted by Palliative Care: Colac Area Health; Funeral Directors: Hall's Funerals & Quinn's Funerals. Guest Speaker. Support to All who have shared the death of Family, Friends & Community over these 12 months.

SYMPATHY TO: Menzies & Boyd Families on the death of Infant: Rosie Mary Woods. Parents Ebony & Brett.

**CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE TO COMMENCE ON WEDNESDAY 6TH DEC. AT 5.45PM.
 ST MARY'S CHURCH ~ GATHERING SPACE.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Lord, make us turn to you,
let us see your face and we shall be saved.*

O shepherd of Isarel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help.
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.
May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name
*Lord, make us turn to you,
let us see your face and we shall be saved.*

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

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:

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS DAILY

REFLECTION: booklets:

\$7.00 ea.

POPE INTENTION

DECEMBER 2023

**For persons with
disabilities**

*We pray that people living
with disabilities may be at the
centre of attention in society,
and that institutions may offer
inclusive programs which
value their active
participation.*



Pope Francis sends rosary to president: The sacramental, blessed by the Holy Father, was sent to Milei and vice president-elect Victoria Villarruel. Pope Francis' gift follows a phone call he had last week with the president-elect of Argentina in which the pontiff congratulated Milei and advised him to have "courage and wisdom" in governing the nation. Milei took advantage of the occasion to invite the pope to visit his homeland in 2024. Both gestures mark the beginning of a new relationship between the two as Milei has apologized for the insults and criticism that he had previously publicly levelled against the Holy Father.

Reverend Gerard Patrick Dowling OAM DE passed away at Justin Villa, Balwyn, on 26 November 2023.

He was aged 91 years. Announcing his death, Vicar General Joe Caddy said, 'Fr Dowling served the Church in a very positive and pastorally enriching manner, giving fine example and leadership to both his brother priests and the community for 65 years. The Archdiocese is most grateful for his untiring service to the Church of Melbourne. A gifted counsellor and "radio priest", Fr Dowling shared in many activities of the Archdiocese.' In 1973, Fr Gerard began hosting an on-air radio counselling program, The Family Counsellor, which was broadcast every Sunday between 10pm and midnight on Radio 3UZ (now known as RSN 927). The program, which brought great comfort to many, celebrated its 50th anniversary of continuous broadcasting in September this year. Through his pastoral work in parishes, his counselling work both at the Catholic Family Welfare Bureau and on radio, his columns and books, and his chaplaincy work for organisations such as Stella Maris and St Vincent's Hospital, Fr Gerard gave generously and tirelessly of his time.

Click link for full story: [ctrl interview](#)

Advent 2023 Prepare for Christmas with The Catholic Guy, Bruce Downes

Join me and people all around the world for a free Daily Devotional that will guide you on a life-changing journey through Advent.

Starting 3rd December, you'll receive a short inspirational video each day filled with real life stories and practical ways to help you in your prayer and spiritual journey. I find, "You don't become what you hope to become. You only become what you do." What will you do this Advent?

Register here: <https://BruceDownes.org/Advent/>

For more information, email: info@brucedownes.org

CHRISTMAS CRIBS
Uniting Church Colac
Closes 12.30pm Sunday.

Beaac Community
Christmas Carols
Featuring Colac City Band
Sunday 10th @7pm December
Venue: Beaac Community
Centre

TRINITY CAR RAFFLE

Winner Christine Crump:
College Students Leaders at Masses
last weekend:
Trinity College appreciate St Mary's
Parishioners for \$1000.00
Worth of tickets sold.



Aalin Cheeran Benoy with Principal Paul Clohesy & Amber Cain & Paige Compton with Fr Michael.