



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.

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 11th February 2024 –Year B

Responsorial Psalm

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia
 A great prophet has appeared among us
 God has visited his people.
 Alleluia, alleluia!



This Week's Readings

6th Sunday in Ord Time Year B

Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46 Cor 10:31-11:1 Mk1:40-45

Next Week's Readings

First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 9:8-15 St Peter 3:18-22 Mark1:12-15

Deaths: Ken Stewart, Keith McCarney, Kara Stewart, David Matthews, Lowitja O'Donoghue, Betty (Elizabeth) Dixon.

Anniversaries: Ed Martin, Brian Martin, Tony Martin, Dorothy (Dot) McKeon.

MASS TIMES - COLAC, CRESSY, BIRREGURRA.		
TUESDAY: TRINITY COLLEGE (ST MARY'S CHURCH) @9.30AM – YEARS 10,11,12. @12.30PM – YEARS 7, 8, 9.		
ASH WEDNESDAY		
Tuesday	5.05pm	St Mary's
Wednesday	7.30am	St Mary's
	10.00am	St Mary's
	12.05pm	St Brendan's Coragulac
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
St Mary's: Holy Hour: 1st Tuesday of the month: 4-5pm Rosary - each Friday: 9.30am St Mary's Church		
STAR OF THE SEA - APOLLO BAY		
Ash Wednesday	5.30pm	
Sunday	11.00am	
OUR LADY OF FATIMA – LORNE		
Ash Wednesday	4.00pm	
Sunday	9.00am	

CWL Meeting Tuesday 13th February 2024 at 1.30 in the Meeting Room.

Reconciliation Parent Meeting: 15th Thursday 4pm & 7pm. *St Mary's Gathering Space.*

Finance Meeting Thursday 15th 5pm *Gathering Space.*

CROFT FAMILY GROUP Planning Day: Sunday Feb 11 at 12.30 at Linda's. Please bring a picnic lunch to share, your diary and ideas. ***If you have ever thought about trying Family Group out, this is a great day to come along to and enjoy some lunch and laughter.*** 25 Talbot St, Elliminyt (off Pound Rd). RSVP Linda 0448 314774

Crawford Group - lunch at on the Lane Cafe -22nd Feb at 12 noon RSVP Catherine - 0499022644

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes Due to Ash Wednesday Masses – We will celebrate this World Day of Prayer for the sick at Mass on this Thursday: 15th Feb at 10am. We will also offer the Sacrament of Anointing during this Mass. (Cuppa to follow).

The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes is observed on February 11 each year. It is a day dedicated to honouring the Blessed Virgin Mary under the title of Our Lady of Lourdes. This veneration is in recognition of the Marian apparitions that reportedly occurred in 1858 near the town of Lourdes in France. In his message for the world day of the Sick, which coincides with the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Pope Francis emphasized the importance of closeness, friendship and love as the first therapy for both the sick and the world. He highlighted the innate human need for communion and fraternity, especially during times of illness and vulnerability. The theme for the 2024 observance in "Healing the Sick by Healing Relationships," drawing from the Book of Genesis: "It is no good that man should be alone." Pope Francis also expressed empathy for those who experienced loneliness during the COVID-19 pandemic and emphasized the value of caring for the vulnerable in society. Let us reflect on the significance of compassion, connection, and healing as we honour Our Lady of Lourdes on this special day.

SYMPATHY TO: The Matthews family on the death of son and brother, father: David.

BAPTISMS WE WELCOME THIS WEEKEND

*HUNTER TILLACK – ST MARY'S COLAC

*WALTER PARKER – ST PETER'S BIRREGURRA

The Rite of Election is an important part of the process of a person's journey to the Catholic Church community. The Rite of Election for catechumens and candidates will take place on **SATURDAY, FEB 17, 2024 at 12.30pm** in **St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat.**

R.C.I.A. Initial Meeting: Tuesday: 11th Feb 7pm St Mary's Gathering Space. (Enquiry – of Adult Initiation to Catholic Faith.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile.

But now I have acknowledged my sins: my guilt I did not hide. I said: 'I will confess my offence to the Lord'.

And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin.

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just!

O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart'

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation

APOLLO BAY & LORNE

FIRST COLLECTION

BSB: 083585 Acc: 810967715

SECOND COLLECTION

BSB: 033600 ACCOUNT: 230038

Parish Account Colac

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BSB: 083 585

Account: 811051426

Planned Giving: REF:

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CDF would like to inform you of the following changes to Term

Investment rates, which are effective today, Thursday 1 February 2024:

There have also been some increases to Savings Account rates. To view all current rates, visit the [CDF website](#).

For individuals looking to save for a greater reward, through a personal account with CDF Community Fund, you can open a **12-month fixed Term Investment for a special rate of 5.55% p.a.*** Not only will you earn a great interest rate on your investment, you will also help to fund the development of Catholic works such as schools, hospitals, aged care, and social housing that impact the lives of many people, every day.

POPE FRANCIS INTENTIONS

February 2024:

For the Terminally Ill

The Holy Father encourages prayers "so that terminally ill patients and their families always receive necessary medical and human care and support.

BISHOP PAUL BIRD: Bishop Paul issued the following information for people of the diocese last year and this is still relevant:

Over the past few weeks, I have consulted various people about this, the members of our Diocesan Liturgical Commission. I have also received advice from a medical point of view. I have concluded that it is not yet time to reintroduce the sharing of the chalice. In regard to the way of receiving the host, recognising the continuing risks of the pandemic, and out of consideration for the health of all parishioners, I recommend reverent reception of the host in the hand rather than reception on the tongue. (Our local suggestion – People still requesting to come last at Communion – Fr Michael).

I was asked about restoring Holy Water to fonts in our churches. While we did empty fonts at the height of the Covid pandemic, this restriction seems unnecessary now. Some parishes restored Holy Water to fonts quite some time ago and I fully support this. This makes Holy Water readily available for those who wish to use it. Of course, any parishioner who has concerns need not use the Holy Water from a font.



Project Compassion Sunday 10 & 11 February



Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and for all future generations. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.