



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.

Second Sunday of Lent – 25th February 2024 –Year B

Responsorial Psalm

I will walk in the presence of the Lord
 in the land of the living.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and Praise Lord Jesus Christ,
 Glory and Praise to you. From the shining cloud, the
 Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.
 Glory and Praise Lord Jesus Christ,
 Glory and Praise to you.



This Week's Readings

Second Sunday of Lent Year B

Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13 15-18 St Paul 8:31-34 Mark 9:2-10

Third Sunday of Lent Year B

Exodus 20:1-17 Corinthians 1:22-25 John 2:13-25

*** Project Compassion Kits**

available in Gathering Space

Deaths: Kerry McCormick (Barellan), Kevin Daffy, (Gisborne), Maureen O'Dell (nee Lowther -Melb),

Anniversaries: Maria Bonfante, Ned Nolan, Michael O'Shannassy,

MASS TIMES - COLAC, CRESSY, BIRREGURRA.		
Tuesday	5.05pm	St Mary's
Wednesday	10.00am	St Mary's
Thursday	10.00am	St Mary's *St Mary's School Opening Mass
Friday	8.00am	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 Thursday: 9.30am St Mary's Church		

STAR OF THE SEA - APOLLO BAY	
No weekday Masses	
Sunday	11.00am
OUR LADY OF FATIMA – LORNE	
Sunday	9.00am

SYMPATHY TO: Kaye Cheng on the death of her brother Kevin Daffy (Gisborne).

*Catherine Callahan on the death of her nephew Kerry McCormick – (Barellan).

* Irene McCrickard and Family on the death of her sister Maureen O'Dell (Melbourne).

R.C.I.A. Brian Northern continues his journey to Easter Faith (Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist). Brian will be present at the Tuesday 5pm Mass with a shared reflection to follow. (All welcome!).

LENTEN GOSPEL REFLECTION Friday at 10.40am -with Anne & Philip Drew (75 Armstrong St). All Welcome.

BOOKS: Pieta \$10each. For personal and/or Group Reflection (Available in Church Gathering Space of foyer).

Catholic Women League: CWL -

Tuesday 27th February at On the Lane at 2pm.

Welcome: Members of the Corangamite Vinnies: Regional Festival Mass Today I am Commissioning Ceremony.

Congratulations: To Louie Paul Abitona who will celebrate his Confirmation: Today Saturday February 24th 6pm Mass. Louie will be returning to the Philippines to celebrate his Wedding (Next Saturday).

Parish Leadership Team

@Diocesan 150th Anniversary: Parish Candle & Prayer to be shared at all Colac Masses this weekend.

@ Professional Standards: Parish Safeguarding Policy has been reviewed and the report sent to the diocesan Authorities: They ask we take Note of Expectations – Regulations & Safeguard Advice on the Church Notice Boards for our education.

**BAPTISMS WE WELCOME THIS WEEK
 AT TUESDAY 5PM MASS**

***WESTLAND FAMILY.**

Ballarat Diocesan Levies Paid this Month:

(Quarter: Oct, Nov, Dec)

St Mary's Parish Account:

*Diocesan Administration: \$ 7,268.00

*Bishops Christmas Appeal: \$ 3,316.00 Total: \$10,584.00

Apollo Parish Account: Diocesan Administration: \$1,758.00

St Mary's & Apollo Bay Presbytery Account \$ 8,840.00

Again Sincere "Thank You" to Parishioners whose generous support of the Parish (Planned Giving Program) and 1st Collection/Christmas Dues etc. Enables us to be supportive to our Diocesan Church, Sick & Retired Priests - as well as supporting our local Parish and Presbytery requirements.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.*

I trusted, even when I said: 'I am sorely afflicted.'
precious in the eyes of the Lord
is death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:

I will call on the Lords name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil

before all his people,

in the courts of the house of the Lord,

in your midst, O Jerusalem. *I will walk in the
presence of the Lord in the land of the living.*

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

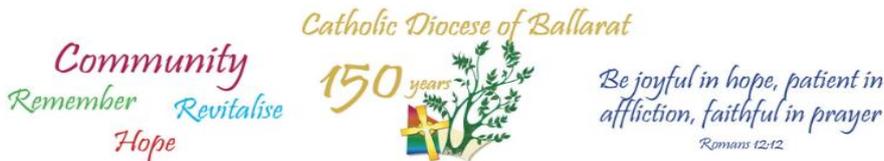
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CANDLE FOR THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DIOCESE

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

The word "Community" highlights the fact that a diocese is essentially a community drawn together by Christ, a large community made up of many local communities. The word "Remember" refers us to the history of the diocese. In this remembering, we acknowledge the strengths and weaknesses of that history, celebrating the achievements and recognising the failures to live our Christian faith to the full. The word "Revitalise" calls us to invest ourselves in bringing new life to the community today. The word "Hope" encourages us to look forward to the future with confidence in God.

CONCERT: COLAC CHORALE: Sunday 10th March 2.00pm.

@ Ss John's Church Colac Pollack Street.

Admission: \$15 Afternoon Tea 'Songs of the Movies.'

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."

* **CHOIR PRACTICE**

At 5.45pm

St Mary's Church

Wed 28th February.

All Welcome!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 1st March

**At the Salvation Army
Church - 1.30pm.**

Hosted by

Rev Susan Malthouse.

All Welcome.



Project Compassion Sunday 24 & 25 February



After the birth of her children, 22-year-old Ronita was at risk of having to leave school permanently. But, with the support of Caritas Australia's partners in the Philippines, she resumed her studies and secured a job at a call centre to support her family.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

Second Sunday of Lent We pray for gratitude for the wonder of faith in God and the beauty of life. May our vision be broad and deep as we embrace people in great need through our support of Project Compassion, organised by Caritas Australia.

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.

