



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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent – 17th March 2024 –Year B



Responsorial Psalm

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and Praise Lord Jesus Christ,
 Glory and Praise to you.
 If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
 and where I am, my servant will also be.
 Glory and Praise to you.

This Week's Readings

Fifth Sunday of Lent Year B

Jeremiah 31:31-34 Hebrews 5:7-9 John 12:20-30

Passion Sunday Year B

Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11 Mark 14:1-15:47*

Deaths: Frank Suto (Mt Gambier), Sr Joan Dagleish, R.S.M, (B'rat East), Vonnie Henderson, Cliff McAliece, Kurt Hourigan (Miner B'rat).

Anniversaries: Margaret Monica Klein, Fr John McGannon C.S.S.R., Mary & Dan McGannon, Sr France Mary McCarthy SGS, Robert McCarthy,

MASS TIMES - COLAC, CRESSY, BIRREGURRA.		
Tuesday	5.00pm	St Mary's
Wednesday	10.00am	St Mary's
Thursday	10.00am	Sacred Heart Opening Mass St Mary's
Friday	10.00am	St Mary's
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		
Sunday		11.00am
OUR LADY OF FATIMA – LORNE		
Sunday		9.00am

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).

*** CHOIR PRACTICE At 5.45pm**
 St Mary's Church Wed 20th March. All Welcome

Sr Marion McDonald: Requiem Mass – Sacred Heart College Chapel Newtown: Tuesday – 1.30pm (Burial to follow: Convent Cemetery).

MASSES OF RECONCILIATION

Colac: St Mary's * Vigil Saturday 16th March -6pm

* Tuesday 19th March – 5pm

* Friday 22nd March – 10am

Lorne: Our Lady of Fatima: Sunday March 17th – 9am

Apollo Bay: Our Lady Star of the Sea: Sun. March 17th- 11 am.

Leadership Team Meeting: Thursday 21st March
 5.30pm 'Gathering Space'.

Baptism we welcome this week into our Parishes

St Mary's Colac:

* Constance & Eddie Wishart,

* Joey & Cora Brewer

Ada & Parker Newton

Apollo Bay. * Penelope Cogdon

FEAST DAY:

St Patrick (this year 18th March)

St Joseph's 19th March



Violet Cooper is one of the many students that underwent our Parish Reconciliation Program this year – she is holding up the poster that she has colored in beautifully to show Fr Michael.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.

In your compassion blot out my offence.

O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Give me again the joy of your help;

with a spirit of fervour sustain me,

that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you.

Create a clean heart in me, O God

APOLLO BAY & LORNE

FIRST COLLECTION

BSB: 083585 ACC: 810967715

SECOND COLLECTION

BSB: 033600 ACCOUNT: 230038

POPE FRANCIS INTENTIONS

March 2024:

For the new martyrs

*We pray that those who risk
their lives for the Gospel in
various parts of the world
inflamm the Church with their
courage and missionary
enthusiasm.*

Carlton's Matthew Kennedy on faith, family and footy.

This week, as Round 1 of the AFL season kicks off, we [speak with Carlton footballer Matthew Kennedy](#) about how faith and family have sustained him in his life and sporting career.

I'm just so grateful for all the opportunities and gifts God has blessed me with for my family, for my faith, for my wife and her family, for my health, and for the ability to play the game I love and have dreamt about playing since I was 12 years old. I just feel so blessed and humbled by it all.

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As we approach St Patrick's Day—we go 'time travelling' with St Patrick, who shows us that wisdom can come from waiting, and that even when we can't see the way forward, we can confidently entrust ourselves to 'the One in Three and Three in One'.



an excerpt from a translation of St Patrick's famous prayer, his 'Breastplate':

"I bind unto myself today The strong Name of the Trinity, By invocation of the same, The Three in One and One in Three ... I bind unto myself today, The virtues of the starlit heaven, The glorious sun's life-giving ray, The whiteness of the moon at even, The flashing of the lightning free, The whirling wind's tempestuous shocks, The stable earth, the deep salt sea, Around the old eternal rocks."

GLEESON FAMILY GROUP Next outing is a trip to Port Campbell on Sunday 17th March. BYO or buy lunch. We will depart from the Church car park at 10.30am.



Project Compassion Sunday
16th & 17th March 2024



The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with generous supporters and the dedication, passion and tenacity of our local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground working tirelessly behind-the-scenes every day to create a better future for their communities.

Fifth Sunday of Lent We pray for all who go out of their way to bring God's love to others, especially to those most in need. We pray in gratitude for the many partners of Caritas Australia who ensure our contributions to Project Compassion reach the places they are needed.

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.