



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.

Easter Sunday – 31st March 2024 –Year B

Responsorial Psalm

This is the day the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
 let us feast with joy in the Lord.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

This Week's Readings



EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Acts 10:34,37-43. Colossians 3:1-4. John 20:1-9

2nd Sunday of Easter Year B

Acts 4:32-35. John 5:1-6. John 20:19-31.

***Reminder to return you Project Compassion boxes**

Deaths: Dulcie Rodda, Kerin Glennen, Paul Riches (C'down), Jacinta Baum, Bryan Boylan (Geelong).

Anniversaries: Margaret Lyons, John Paatsch Jnr, Christine Somerville, Carmini Guaracino, Patrick O'Toole.

Tuesday	5pm	St Mary's
Wednesday	9.00am	St Mary's
Thursday	10.00am	St Mary's
Friday	10.00am	St Mary's
Saturday	10.00am	St Mary's
Sunday	9.00am 11.00am	St Mary's

St Mary's: Holy Hour- Every 1st Tuesday of Month: 4-5pm

STAR OF THE SEA - APOLLO BAY

***NO WEEKDAY MASSES**

Sunday 11.00am

OUR LADY OF FATIMA – LORNE

Happy Easter! Safe Easter! Blessed Easter!

Again, we express appreciation to all involved in the preparation and the presentation of the Easter Ceremonies. We note especially our Liturgy Committee, Sacristans Ladies with Flower preparation, Musicians and Choir and all who took ministry roles in the Liturgy over these days. We anticipate many blessings to our sick and elderly, our retired parishioners, our working families, parents, and students (primary and secondary).

"The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord."

May the Beauty of Easter inspire you, the Joy of Easter fill your heart and the Blessings of Easter be with you always.



Thank you to Aanlin, Brady Tilly Paige & Amber who did Trinity College proud as they lead us through the Liturgy of the Word last Saturday at the Vigil Mass – Palm Sunday.

Congratulations To Brian Northern – as he completes his Entry into our Faith Community at the Easter Vigil – with his Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Thanks to the '5pm-Tuesday Mass Community' who have shared in Brian's Journey. Thanks also to Beth and family for their support. Brian was in the Procession last Monday at the Mass of the Oils bringing the Oil of Catechumens to the Bishop to bless: Anne & Phil Drew received the Oils of the Baptism, Christm and the Sick from the Bishop for our Parish Use.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

This is the day the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his mercy endures forever.

Let the house of Israel say,

"His mercy endures forever."

"The right hand of the LORD has struck with power;

the right hand of the LORD is exalted.

I shall not die, but live,

and declare the works of the LORD."

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done;

it is wonderful in our eyes.

This is the day the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad.

APOLLO BAY & LORNE

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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 inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

Columbian Calendars

Available still

at St Mary's

Piety Store. \$10 each



Take home a Bottle of Blessed Easter Water and pray this prayer as you bless your homes.

Lord God,

we rejoice this Easter with the hope of your saving life and love renewed in us.

Bless our family and our home. May we live here in peace with you and with one

another, with respect for all we say and do. May we come and go through the

doors of our home with your peace guiding our way. May we show care and

hospitality to family, friends and others who come here and go forth as witnesses

of your love and peace to all we meet. Keep us free from all harm or hurt in our

daily life. Amen

Community
Remember Revitalise
Hope

Catholic Diocese of Ballarat



Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer
Romans 12:12

An Easter with a Special Anniversary

This Easter, our diocese will be marking a special anniversary. It was on March 30, 1874, that Pope Pius the Ninth issued a decree establishing the Diocese of Ballarat. So, when we gather for the Easter Vigil on March 30 this year, it will be 150 years to the day since our diocese began. The official description of a diocese focuses on the people who make up the diocesan community. The Code of Canon Law describes a diocese as "a portion of the people of God, which is entrusted to the care of a bishop" (Canon 369). So, when the number of people increases, there comes a time when a new bishop is appointed to care for that community. This is what happened in 1874 with the start of the Diocese of Ballarat.

One hundred and fifty years later, we continue to echo the Pope's words in describing our diocese today. Our diocesan vision statement begins with the words, "We are a community of communities from the Murray to the sea."

The 150th anniversary will occur on March 30, which in 2024 happens to be Holy Saturday. This means that we will be able to mark the anniversary as we celebrate the Easter Vigil. Each time we light our tapers from the Easter candle, we give thanks that Jesus is risen and is with us as we gather in his name. When we celebrate the Easter Vigil this year, we might well remember that the risen Jesus has been with us as a diocesan community for the past 150 years. He has been with us through the joys and struggles of these years and he promises to remain with us always.

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR



Project Compassion Sunday

30th & 31st March 2024



Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, for all future generations.

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