



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 Easter – 7th April 2024 –Year B

Responsorial Psalm

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;
 happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

This Week's Readings

2nd Sunday of Easter Year B

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

3rd Sunday of Easter Year B

Acts 3:13-15. 17-19 St John 2:1-5 Luke 24:35-48

***Reminder to return your Project Compassion boxes.**

Thank you for supporting to Project Compassion this year.



Deaths: Julie Wintle, Rodney Moore, Vera Elliott (Terang), Eddy Farrell, Les Twentyman, "Zomi" Frankcom (Gaza).

Anniversaries: Melissa Murray, Francesco "Frank" Demasi, Francis Hanlon, Laura & Pedro Rante, Imelda Lantajo, Bernadette and Arie Roukema, Nicolas & Restituta Cupin, Afra & Eufronio Rante, Rita & Bernardo Rante, Helen Smith (Boyd), Paul Wheadon, Mike Connor.

Tuesday	5pm	St Mary's
Wednesday	10.00am	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- 1st Tuesday of the month: 4-5pm

Rosary - each Thursday: 9.30am St Mary's Church

STAR OF THE SEA - APOLLO BAY

Tuesday	5.30pm
Wed, Thurs, Friday.	10.00am
Sunday	11.00am

OUR LADY OF FATIMA – LORNE

Sunday	9.00am
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FEAST DAYS: The Annunciation of the Lord' –

To be celebrated in both Colac & Apollo Bay: on Tuesday Evening Masses.

BAPTISMS: Congratulations on Easter Baptisms.

- Jed Whitson & Hugo Whitson
- Sadie O'Dwyer & Finley O'Dwyer
- Piper Cotter.

SYMPATHY

- *Teresa Hickey - death of her sister Vera Elliot.
- * Moore/McKay Family – death of Rodney.
- *Wintle Family – death of Julie.
- * Margaret Farrell – death of her brother Eddy.

EASTER – NOT A DAY; BUT A SEASON

Reflecting on our Easter Celebrations: Colac, Cororooke, Birregurra, Lorne & Apollo Bay. I again thank Frs. Kevin Arundell, John Pothiyittel, Laurie O'Toole whose generosity enable Ceremonies & Masses to be celebrated in these Ecclesial (Church) Communities. Their presence in these communities was rewarded with excellent attendances & spirit - filled participation; generous leadership by Ministers:

* Commentators, Readers, Sacristans & Church Decorators (Flowers).

'Thank you' to Parishioners for generous financial giving: To the Parish; Project compassion; Good Friday Special Collection: Holly Places in Israel Palestine – including charitable works; Easter Dues & 1st Collections supporting our local priests, Sick & Retired Priests as well as Bishop Paul; who then assist Priest in smaller parishes.



Congratulations & Welcome to Brian Northern (with Beth) after Initiation into our Faith Community last Saturday Evening. Thanks to Brendan Scanlan and all Parishioners for support & welcome to Brian.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the Children of Israel say: 'God's love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say: 'God's love has no end.'

I was thrust, thrust down and falling but the Lord was my helper.

The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour.

There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner

stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting

APOLLO BAY & LORNE

FIRST COLLECTION

BSB: 083585 Acc: 810967715

SECOND COLLECTION

BSB: 033600 ACCOUNT: 230038

Crawford Family Group

Lunch Beeac Hotel.

Wed 17th April. (Departure

– St Mary's Church Care

Park at 11.45am). R.S.V.P.

Therese: 0428314854

Take home a Bottle of Blessed Easter Water and sprinkle over our Gardens Homes & Farms.

Easter celebrations scaled down in Holy Land but hope survives

Good Friday's Stations of the Cross walk to the Holy Sepulchre Church went off quietly and prayerfully, although missing pilgrims meant reduced numbers for all Easter ceremonies in Jerusalem.

Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, presided over celebrations at the church – the site of both the Crucifixion and the burial of Jesus – on the Friday and Saturday. Prayers were said for all the peoples of Israel and Palestine and for peace with justice and an end to war. A video message was sent by the Latin Patriarchate to Gaza saying, "You are not alone" and, "The day of resurrection will come and this prolonged struggle will cease." In his Easter Sunday homily from the Holy Sepulchre, the Cardinal said, "The Risen One is still here among us, and everywhere he goes before us".

Appreciation was voiced to Pope Francis for his support over the past five months. As Easter Day dawned in the Holy Land, Fr Gabriel Romanelli, parish priest of the Holy Family Catholic Church in Gaza, sent a message on the hope for peace from "the Calvary of Gaza". He said: "With hearts full of the joy of the Resurrection, and even amidst tribulation, our Catholic community in Gaza wishes you a happy Easter and thanks you for so many prayers and support."

Pope Francis uses Easter blessing to pray for peace

In his Easter Sunday blessing, Pope Francis asked the risen Lord to open paths of peace in the Holy Land, Ukraine, and all regions of the world suffering from war and violence. Source: CNA.

Pope Francis called for an immediate cease-fire in the Gaza Strip. He appealed for humanitarian access for the people of Gaza and called for the prompt release of the hostages seized by Hamas on October 7 last year.

"Jesus alone opens up before us the doors of life, those doors that continually we shut with the wars spreading throughout the world." "My thoughts go especially to the victims of the many conflicts worldwide, beginning with those in Israel and Palestine, and in Ukraine. May the risen Christ open a path of peace for the war-torn peoples of those regions." "Peace is never made with arms but with outstretched hands and open hearts," he said. The Pope asked the Lord to open paths of peace on the African continent. He also prayed for the risen Lord to assist the people of Haiti and encouraged the discussions taking place between Armenia and Azerbaijan, and expressed his hope that they could arrive as soon as possible at a definitive peace agreement.

Is the resurrection of Jesus an entry into a way of being that each of us is invited to live with everything we are, say and do? Does the resurrection of Jesus create within us a deep awareness that Jesus is alive in every aspect of our being, transforming our physical and spiritual nature and calling us forward ever more deeply into his life? Is the resurrection of Jesus, body and spirit, the invitation into a mystery beyond human comprehension but entirely in keeping with the mystery of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?

Here we enter into a period of contemplating the reality that is the resurrection of Jesus. Without the resurrection, Christianity has very little to offer. In light of the resurrection, Christianity offers everything a human being can hope for. It is as simple as that.

"Christ is risen! Let us repeat it with word, but above all with the witness of our lives. The happy news of the Resurrection should shine on our faces, in our feelings and attitudes, in the way we treat others. We proclaim the Resurrection of Christ when his light illuminates the dark moments of our life and we can share that with others: when we know how to smile with those who smile and weep with those who weep; when we walk beside those who are sad and in danger of losing hope; when we recount our experience of faith with those who are searching for meaning and for happiness."

(Pope Francis, Regina Caeli, 6 April 2015)