



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.

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time – 14th January 2024 –Year B

Responsorial Psalm

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
 We have found the Messiah:
 Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.
 Alleluia, alleluia!

This Week's Readings

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Times – Year B

Sam 3:3-10, 19 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20 John 1:35-42

Next Week's Readings

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Times – Year B

Jon 3:1-5, 10, 1 Cor 7:29-31, Mark 1:15.

Deaths: Doreen Johnston, Coby Cross,

Anniversaries: Edward Carmody, Murray Howard, Dan O'Brien, Basil McKay, Angela Krmelic.



Dear Fr. Michael,
 Thanks a lot for your kindness that we could celebrate Holy Mass in your Church and meet you.

I, father Gerard Bruggink, priest of the diocese of Haarlem-Amsterdam, responsible for the different groups of migrants in our diocese. Father George Paimpillil is from Kerala and is already many years in the Netherlands. He is parish priest responsible for 7 parishes and he is dean of the deanery Amsterdam-Zaandam.

With kind regards and prayers, Fr. Gerard.

* Fr John was visited this week by the Polish Bishop of Port Pirie and another Polish Priest from the diocese. Fr John's nephew is also a Priest in Port Pirie Diocese and the Bishop brought his greeting to John.

**2 Priests from Holland visited Colac on Wednesday evening celebrating a private Mass.

May the love of the Lord Jesus draw us to himself. May the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen us in his service. May the joy of the Lord Jesus fill our souls. May the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst us and remain with us always. Amen. (William Temple 1881-1944)

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

MASS TIMES - COLAC, CRESSY, BIRREGURRA.

Tuesday	5.00pm	St Mary's
Wednesday	10.00am	St Mary's
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		
Tuesday	5.30pm	
Wed, Thurs, Friday	10.00am	
Sunday	11.00am	
OUR LADY OF FATIMA - LORNE		
Sunday	9.00am	

***BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND WE WELCOME:**

'CLEMENTINE FRANCES HILL'

ST PETERS CHURCH ~ BIRREGURRA.

POPE INTENTION JANUARY 2024

FOR THE GIFT OF DIVERSITY IN THE CHURCH
Let us pray that the Spirit help us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

Congratulations: Mary & Alan Carew

Celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary this weekend.

**** Dan Riordan Celebrating is his 50th Birthday this weekend.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I have waited, I waited for the Lord and
he stopped down to me;
he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I.
In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart.
Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it. O Lord. *Here am I. Lord: I come to do your will.*

APOLLO BAY & LORNE

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SECOND COLLECTION

BSB: 033600 ACCOUNT: 230038

Parish Account Colac

* For Direct Giving Details:

BSB: 083 585

Account: 811051426

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Pope Renews prayers for people suffering horror of war ~ As he led his Wednesday General Audience, Pope Francis relaunched his appeal for peace in our war-torn world.

"We renew our prayerful closeness to the dear Ukrainian population so harshly tried and to those who suffer the horror of war in Palestine and Israel, as well as in other parts of the world," he said. The Pope also encouraged all people to pray for nations at war. "Let us pray for these people who are enduring war," he said, "and let us pray to the Lord that He may sow the seed of peace in the hearts of the authorities of the countries." The Israel-Hamas war in Gaza and Russia's war in Ukraine topped his list of situations that require global attention and concern. At the same time, he condemned the "enormous stock of available weapons" that offer the illusion of deterrence. "The contrary is true: the availability of weapons encourages their use and increases their production," said the Pope. "Weapons create mistrust and divert resources."

Pope at Angelus: Magi teach us to wonder at the humble Child Jesus. Pope Francis prayed the Angelus on Saturday, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, with pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square. The Pope invited the faithful to reflect on the scene of the Magi, who, after wondering about the apparition of a star, set out for Bethlehem to find Jesus and offer Him their gifts. The three wise men, said the Pope, didn't find a prince or a nobleman, but a simple Child, the child of poor people, and recognized in Him the presence of God prostrating themselves before Him. Their experience, he said, is important for us too, as "in the Child Jesus, we see God made man" and invites us to "wonder at His humility" like they did. "Contemplating Jesus, staying before Him, adoring Him in the Eucharist, remarked the Pope, "is not wasting time but giving meaning to time; it is rediscovering the course of life in the simplicity of a silence that nourishes the heart." Pope Francis then invited Christians to listen to and learn from children "who also speak to us of Jesus, with their trust, their immediacy, their wonder, their healthy curiosity, their ability to cry and laugh spontaneously, and to dream."

"If we stand before the child Jesus and in the company of children," he said, "we will learn to be amazed, and we will start out simpler and better, like the Magi. And we will know how to have a new and creative outlook on the problems of the world." Pope Francis concluded by praying that Mary, Mother of God, may "increase our love for the Child Jesus and for all children, especially those burdened by war and injustice."

Pope at Angelus: Our Baptism made us children of God During his Sunday Angelus on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Pope Francis reminds faithful that the day they were baptized, we became children of God forever, and this date of great grace must be remembered and celebrate Our Baptism, Pope Francis continued, has made us, in turn, "children of God." "It is, in fact, not, like John's, a symbolic gesture, but," the Pope explained, "a real gift of divine, eternal life, an event of grace and communion with God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit." At our Baptism, we are immersed in "His infinite embrace, transmitting to us the power of His saving love." "Let us also thank Him," the Pope continued, "for the parents who brought us to the font, for those who administered the Sacrament to us, for the godfather and godmother, for the community in which we received Him." "Am I aware of the immense gift I carry in me because of Baptism? Do I recognize, in my life, the light of God's presence, who sees me as His beloved son, as His beloved daughter?" "May Mary, temple of the Spirit," the Pope prayed, "help us to celebrate and welcome the wonders the Lord performs in us." Pope Francis concluded by asking the Blessed Mother to guide our paths.