



Our Lady Star of the Sea Apollo Bay
Our Lady of Fatima Lorne
St Mary's Colac
St Peter's Birregurra



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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.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time– 24th August 2025 – Year C

Responsorial Psalm

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia!

THIS WEEK

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 66:18-21. Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13. Luke 13:22-30

NEXT WEEK

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecc. 3:17-20, 28-29. Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24. Luke 14:1, 7-14.

Deaths: Brian Cash, Gerard Harrington, Olive Alexander, Doris Schoen, Bathu Paul Nhial, Bonifacio “Boni” Cesar.
Anniversaries: Peter Riordan, Lois Ryan, Marilyn Cass, Joseph Bernard Robarts, Margaret McKay, Rocque Rodulfo Asidor, Snr., Victoriano Ayeng, Thomas Shablvey, Bernard Reigt, Henry Buenen, Dorothy Wood, Romano Valkovic.

MASS TIMES - COLAC, CORAGULAC, BIRREGURRA.

On weekdays during Fr Andrew's holidays,
St Mary's Colac will have
Liturgy of the Word with Communion on Fridays at 10am
and Rosary on Thursdays at 9.30am

Saturday	6.00pm	St Mary's- Colac
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**Please see 9am Mass Times on next page*

Sunday	11.00am	St Mary's- Colac
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**Rosary - each Thursday: 9.30am St Mary's Church

St Mary's: Holy Hour-
1st Tues of the month: 4-5pm

MASS TIMES OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA – APOLLO BAY

Tuesday	5.30pm
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Wednesday	10.00am
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Thursday	10.00am
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Friday	10.00am
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Sunday	11.00am
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OUR LADY OF FATIMA - LORNE

Sunday	9.00am
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Gleeson Family Group: Lunch at Beeac
Hotel on Sunday 24th August at 12.30pm. NB:
Change of Date. RSVP Mary 52316848

POPE LEO'S MONTHLY INTENTION FOR AUGUST

For mutual coexistence

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

NAMES FOR OUR NEW MERGED PARISH

We're now calling for suggestions. We need two names for the parish, a geographic area and a holy name. In making suggestions, please consider all of the six communities involved, be thinking of the future, and include reasons for your suggestions. While Fr Andrew is on holidays suggestions can be emailed to colac@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Names that have come in:

Mary Glowrey of the West, Otway-Daily Bread, Stella Maris and Country Fields Parish, Holy Trinity by the Sea, Southern Light Catholic Parish, Bay and Bush Catholic Parish, St Francis of the Waves, One Body in Christ Parish, Sacred Heart of the Coast Coastal Hills Catholic Parish, Holy Spirit Parish of the South, St Catherine of Sienna, St Brendan the Navigator, The Good Samaritan, Martha and Mary, Living Water.

Holidays for Fr Andrew

Fr Andrew will be on his annual leave from August 18 until September 12.

During Fr Andrew's absence the parish phone will be switched to Mandy. Fr John Pothiyittel will fill in for Fr Andrew for Sundays and funerals.

For all communication during Fr Andrew's absence please continue to contact the parish office.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**Go out to all the world
and tell the Good News.**

*O praise the Lord, all your nations,
acclaim him all you peoples!*

*Strong is his love for us;
he is faithful for ever.*

**Go out to all the world and
tell the Good News.**

PARISH LOCATIONS FOR 9AM MASSES 2025

1st Sunday	<i>St Joseph's Pirron Yallock</i>
2nd Sunday	<i>St Peter's Birregurra</i>
3rd Sunday	<i>Our Lady of Fatima Lorne</i>
4th Sunday	<i>St Brendan's - Coragulac</i>
5th Sunday	<i>St Brendan's - Coragulac</i>

Jubilee Year 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope



You are invited to join the Catholic Women's League – Reflection Day for the 'Jubilee of Hope.' See Flyer on the Table in the Gathering Space. Thursday 18th September 2025.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) – Melbourne 2025

ACYF will take place in Melbourne from Sunday, November 30 - Tuesday, December 2, 2025. This national event brings together young Catholics (Year 9–25 years) for three days of faith, fun, and community. The Festival includes prayer, Mass, talks, concerts, workshops, games, and more. Watch this video of invitation from Archbishop Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=evbj5eFg3HM>. There is an opportunity of sponsorship from the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat Foundation for pilgrims attending the Festival. If you are interested in going, please contact your school or local parish office. Learn more at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or scan the QR code.



Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – Online Study

The Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) is a growing initiative to offer adult religious education and faith formation anytime and anywhere, online. This low-cost (\$50usd) online study and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parishes is available through our partner, Dayton University. The Cycle 6 begins September 8. There are 31 subjects to choose from – find one that interests you! Registrations are open now until September 4. Scan the QR code for more information or email diurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7121.

Catholic Social Justice Sunday (31 August) reminds us of the breadth of God's love and concern for us and for our world.

In our culture the place of Religion and of the Church is increasingly narrowed to our private and individual lives. Faith and justice are then seen to be exclusively about our individual relationship to God and others. Click on this year's [Social Justice Statement](#) to access it. 'Signs of Hope on the Edge: Serving People. The Statement describes poignantly the hard lives of people who are homeless and are mentally ill. Often the two conditions run together. People with mental illness are often too poor to afford to own or rent places to live. The anxiety, isolation and ostracism of homelessness, too, contributes to mental illness.

HUMAN KINDNESS

The personal suffering of people with mental illness and in insecure accommodation must be met by human kindness as well as by technology. The Statement insists rightly on the call of local Churches to follow Christ in reaching out to the poor and lists helpful ways in which this can be done.

The Statement recognises the human qualities of resilience, generosity and courage shown by so many people who live with homelessness and mental illness. It also honours the generosity of people who care for family members who are mentally ill and those who welcome homeless people into their homes. Such generosity encourages hope.