



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 First nations Peoples of these lands, seas and waterway on which we gather. The First Nations peoples of these places were the first to dance stories and remember times of healing and hurt. We acknowledge the elders past and present, and future.



The Nativity of the Lord "CHRISTMAS" – 25th December 2022 Year A

Responsorial Psalm

Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Good News and great joy to all the world:
 Today is born our Saviour Christ the Lord
 Alleluia!

THIS WEEK

The Nativity of Our Lord

Ecc: 3:2-6.12-14 Colossian 3:12-21, Matt: 2:13-15.19-23

NEXT WEEK

Mary Mother of God

Num 6:22-27, Gal 4:4-7, Luke 2:16-21



Deaths: Alison Walter, Charlie Dunse, Laurie Carr, Steven Rochford, Dr Mike Page (W'Bool), Anita Kelly.
Anniversaries: Robbie Missen, Lee Monaghan, Angelina Favorito, Chris Burrow, Rosemary Morrissy, Shirley Crawford, Patrick Brogan, Noel Murnane, Michael Harrington, Anne Paatsch, William Draper, Joseph Lim (Jnr), John Hamilton, Leopoldine Mimovich.

MASS TIMES - COLAC, CRESSY, BIRREGURRA.		
Tuesday	5.00pm	St Mary's- Colac
Wednesday	10.00am	St Mary's- Colac
Thursday	10.00am	St Mary's- Colac
Friday	10.00am	St Mary's- Colac
New Year's Day.		
Saturday 31 st Dec	6pm	St Mary' Church
Sunday 1 st Jan 2023	9am	Christ Church Anglican Hall Birregurra
Sunday 1 st Jan 2023	9am & 11am	St Mary' Church

MASS TIMES OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA – APOLLO BAY	
1 st Jan 2023 - OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA – APOLLO BAY	11am
OUR LADY OF FATIMA - LORNE	
1 st Jan 2023 - OUR LADY OF FATIMA - LORNE	9am

NEW YEAR'S BLESSING: "VESPERS" (PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH).

Our Catholic Community – Invited to join with the Anglican Community in Christ Church Birregurra
 Friday 30th Dec – 7PM.

SYMPATHY TO:

- *Gabrielle & Adrian Murphy and family on the death of Gabi's Mother Anita Kelly this week in Kilmore.
- *Pat Dunse & family on the death of husband Charlie this week (9am Mass).
- *Family of Laurie Carr (husband of Anne Dec'd) who died this week.

Dear Father,

Our **Christmas Appeal** is one way by which the diocese can respond to the many communities from near and far who turn to us for assistance. Often these requests come through people who have personal links with the diocese of Ballarat. I thank the people of the diocese for their support of last year's appeal. Total donations made in 2022, \$42000.

Yours sincerely in Christ

+Paul Bird CSsR

Bishop of Ballarat.

**P.S: To regular Parishioners:
Place Gift in a marked Envelope:
'Bishops Christmas Appeal!'**



CHRISTMAS DINNER: Our Appreciation to Parishioners and Friends who again have 'combined' to produce a super Christmas Dinner & Hospitality to 'Friends' in the Colac Community this Christmas. Special Thanks to Kaye Cheng (Chef) and her 'Assistants.'

Sincere Thanks & Congratulation to our Sponsors A.L.C. A.K.D., Garden of Eden, Charcoal Chicken, Brandon Bakery & other friends, and our Parishioners.

Support To Parish: Again – 'Recovery from Covid' has been 'challenging' for our Diocesan Church including St Mary's Parish 'Thank You' to Parishioners who have generously contributed to the running of our Parish. Our costs like that of our household continue to rise. Our Support to our Diocesan Priests (in our Parish, also the Bishop, Retired Priests and Priests in smaller Parishes) continue to be outstanding.

MASS COLLECTIONS: Collectors please note!! The Collection Plates will continue now to be passed around during Mass (Offertory Procession). **Special Collection Today: Bishops Special Appeal** - To assist local Ballarat Women & Men' working as Missionaries oversea or in Australia 1st Nation Communities. This taken up as a leaving Collection at all-Christmas Masses.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord

Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all you lands.
Sing to the LORD; bless his name.
Announce his salvation, day after day.
Tell his glory among the nations;
among all peoples, his wondrous deed:
Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice;
let the sea and what fills it resound;
let the plains be joyful and all that is in them!
Then shall all the trees of the forest exult.
They shall exult before the LORD, for he comes;
for he comes to rule the earth.
He shall rule the world with justice
and the peoples with his constancy.



Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

TRINITY COLLEGE - THANK YOU

On behalf of the Trinity College and the wider school community. Thank you so much for supporting our annual raffle. Allowing us to sell raffle tickets at St Mary's Church has made a significant contribution to the success of this year's raffle. We have raised approximately \$12,000.00 and significant portion of this total is raised through selling tickets 'after Mass'. This year, the raffle is supporting a new initiative – the formation of our "Make a Difference" Bursary Fund to help more families in need access a Trinity education.

Steve O'Dowd
Development & Communications Leader

Paul Clohesy
Principal



*Have a blessed
Christmas*



*May the blessing of the Lord be with you
and your family as you
celebrate the coming of our
Saviour Jesu Christ.*

APOLLO BAY/ LORNE
First Collection
National Bank
BSB 083585
Acct 810967715

Second Collection
Westpac Bank
BSB 033600
Acct 230038

CENTACARE

FAMILY COUNSELLING
St Mary's Presbytery Colac
Appointment's contact
Wendy 5559 3006

WORKING BEE: Thanks to
Parishioner (Men &
Women) for wonderful
'cleaning' etc. of St Mary's
Church last Monday.

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*As Christmas is celebrated
our appreciation to those
who prepare our Churches:
Cleaners, Gardeners
Sacristans, Flower
Preparation, and All
Liturgical Ministers:
(Music, Organists, Lectors,
Special Ministers).*

Yes: We Support the
Colac to Lorne (Via
Birregurra & Deans
Marsh) Bus Route.
(Let's not lose it).

**The hope of
Christmas is light for
a troubled world:**

bishops: The
celebration of Jesus'
coming into the world is a
beacon of hope in a
troubled world beset by
war and a nation tested
by devastating floods and
rising cost-of-living
pressures, Australia's
bishops have said in their
Christmas messages.
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