



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.*

### Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time – 12<sup>th</sup> February 2023 –Year A

#### Responsorial Psalm

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you Father, Lord of heaven and earth; You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

#### This Week's Readings

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A**

Eccl: 15:15-20 Cor: 2:6-10 Matt: 5:17-37

#### Next Week's Readings

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A**

Lev: 19:1-2. St Paul: 3:16-23. Matt: 5:38-48

**Deaths:** Gwyneth Fisher, Moira Keilor (W'Bool), Bernard Delaney (C'Down), Marion Egbert, Leslie Nott, Turkey & Syria Earthquake Victims.

**Anniversaries:** Mavis Murray, Kathlyn Gallagher.

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
Saturday	6.00pm	St Mary' Church
Sunday	9am & 11am	St Mary' Church
Reconciliation: Each Friday after 10am Mass. Anytime by Appointment.		
St Mary's: Holy Hour- Every 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of Month: 4-5pm		
Rosary - each Friday: 9.30am St Mary's Church		
MASS TIMES OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA – APOLLO BAY		
Tuesday	5.30pm	
Thursday & Friday	10.00am	
Sunday	11.00am	
OUR LADY OF FATIMA - LORNE		
Sunday	9.00am	

**World Day of Prayer: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023  
 Star of the Sea, Apollo Bay At 2pm.**



Srs. Margaret Carmody, Gerri Boylan, welcome Sr Margaret Malone (as we all do) at last back home: St Brendan's & Colac. Photo: Taken last Sunday 3 Good Samaritan Sisters.

**CWL Meeting:** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 1.30pm in Gathering Space.

**Crawford Family Group:** Lunch at Café Nu Deli; Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February, 12 noon bookings: Mary 52312107 (PLANNING FOR THE Year).

*The bishops of Oceania encountered the scriptural and practical realities of God's creation on Monday, hearing the Creation story at morning Mass and later seeing the effects of climate change in Fiji.*

On the second day of the Federation of Catholic Bishops Conferences of Oceania assembly, Australian Catholic Bishops Conference president Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB celebrated Mass, at which the first reading included the first four days of the Creation story in Genesis.

"We gather here today as members of God's living Church, ready and anxious to embrace our vocation to be stewards, carers and protectors of God's wonderful creation," he said.

But, Archbishop Costelloe continued, those gathered must do so "by embracing our vocation to be members of the Lord's priestly people, his chosen race, a community called together to sing the praises of God and to be, together, the sacrament of his ongoing presence in the world".

In the afternoon, assembly delegates visited Togoru and Nakavu Village, where locals explained how changes in the climate and commercial enterprises are damaging the planet. Bishop Michael Dooley of Dunedin, on New Zealand's South Island, said while that observation has been important, resulting action from the Church and its leaders on climate issues is necessary. The assembly runs until the evening of Friday, February 10. Stories and content will be shared during the week at [www.fcbo.org](http://www.fcbo.org), on the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference's Media Blog and through CathNews.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

***Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!***

Blessed are they whose way is blameless,  
who walk in the law of the LORD.

Blessed are they who observe his decrees,  
who seek him with all their heart.

You have commanded that your precepts  
be diligently kept.

Oh, that I might be firm in the ways  
of keeping your statutes!

Be good to your servant, that I may live  
and keep your words.

Open my eyes, that I may consider  
the wonders of your law.

Instruct me, O LORD, in the way of your statutes,  
that I may exactly observe them.

Give me discernment, that I may observe your law  
and keep it with all my heart.

***Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!***



Pope Francis has expressed his “spiritual closeness” and “solidarity” with those affected by a pair of powerful earthquakes that struck Turkey and Syria. By mid-afternoon local time, the Associated Press was reporting that more than 7800 people were killed while hundreds remained trapped under the rubble of toppled buildings. The Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need said a Catholic priest was among the dead in Syria. Fr Imad Daher died in the collapse of the residence of retired Melkite Archbishop Jean-Clement Jeanbart of Aleppo, who was injured and hospitalised, the charity said. Pope Francis was “deeply saddened” to learn of the “huge loss of life” caused by the disaster and offered his “heartfelt condolences” to those mourning losses. The Pope also prayed that emergency personnel would “be sustained in their care of the injured and in the ongoing relief efforts by the divine gifts of fortitude and perseverance.” The Middle East Council of Churches, representing Orthodox, Evangelical and Catholic churches, issued a statement calling on the international community to provide emergency aid to the region and to lift sanctions on Syria “so sanctions may not turn into a crime against humanity”.

**Pope Francis**

**February Intention  
For Parishes**

*We pray that parishes,  
placing communion at the  
centre, may increasingly  
become communities of  
faith, compassion and  
welcome towards those  
most in need.*

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**Feast Day of St Bakhita.**

Josephine Bakhita, was  
a Sudanese-Italian  
Canossian religious  
sister who lived in Italy  
for 45 years, February 8  
has been designated as  
a day of prayer,  
reflection and action to  
end the injustice of  
human trafficking.

## **Assembly of the Federation of Catholic Bishops Conferences of Oceania 2023**

Liturgical resources are available in preparation for the Assembly of the Federation of Catholic Bishops Conferences of Oceania in Fiji from February 5-10, 2023. The prayer for the assembly and prayers of the faithful for Sundays leading up to the assembly are available from the diocesan website

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/federation-of-catholic-bishops-conferences-of-oceania/>

## **Project Compassion Sunday: February 19, 2023**

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR will launch Project Compassion on Sunday, February 19, 2023 during Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat.