



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 – 16th April 2023 – Year A



Responsorial Psalm

Give thanks to the Lord for God is good, God's love is everlasting.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Acts 2:42-47. Peter 1:3-9. John 20:19-31.

Next Week's Readings

3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14,22-23. Peter 1:17-21. Luke 24:13-35.

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

Deaths: Frank Demasi, John Schram.

Anniversaries: Chris Sheedy, Josip Cvetkovic, Jela Novasel, Maureen(O'Shannassy) Young, John Brown, Albert Stainsby, Sr. Claire Stainsby, Geoff Parker, Nancy Fitzgerald (Apollo Bay), Francis Hanlon, Laura & Pedro Rante, Imelda Lantajo, Bernadette and Arie Roukema, Nicolas & Restituta Cupin, Afra & Eufronio Rante, Rita & Bernardo Rante.

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's- Colac
Sunday	9.00am 11.00am	St Mary's- Colac St Mary's- Colac

MASS TIMES OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA – APOLLO BAY	
Tuesday	5.30pm
Wednesday Thursday Friday	10.00am
Sunday	11.00am

OUR LADY OF FATIMA - LORNE	
Sunday	9.00am

THANK YOU TO ALL: 1) Who have participated in the Easter Ceremonies also 'Thanks' to all who have prepared/cleaned our Churches, Organists, Choirs, Ministries of Readers etc. For Generous "Giving" last Easter Weekend @ Holy Places (Christian in the Holy Land). @ Parish Commitments @ Support of our Priest (local retired & smaller Parishes).

Reminder: 'Easter Water' 2: Available to be taken home to bless our homes, properties, farms, etc.

We welcome to St Mary's Parish this week through the Sacrament of Baptism:
 Emily & Matilda Lowe.

SYMPATHY: To Teresa Demasi, John, Mary & David and their families on the death of Frank last week.

Gleeson Family Group Lunch at the Gellibrand River Hotel on 16th April, at 12.30pm. Please meet in the car park after 11am Mass for carpooling. Please RSVP to Winsome 0427353203.

Crawford Family Group – Lunch 19th April at 12 noon. "On The Lane" RSVP Catherine 0499022644



CONGRATULATIONS: To Fr John Pothiyittel celebrating recently his 75th Birthday and today, Sunday his 45th Anniversary of Ordination. The Indian Community are sharing a "Dinner" after the Celebration of Mass at St Mary's (Syro-Malabar rite) 5pm this Sunday.

NOTES ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION (5 APRIL 2023). "I have consulted. I have also received advice. These consultations have highlighted the fact that Covid infections are still a serious concern. I have concluded that it is not yet time to reintroduce the sharing of the chalice. So, even when we simply receive the host, we are receiving the whole Christ. In regard to the way of receiving the host, recognising the continuing risks of the pandemic, and out of consideration for the health of all parishioners, I recommend reverent reception of the host in the hand rather than reception on the tongue. God bless you all."



Bishop Paul Bird CSsR

PS : Local addition: Suggestion – Those desiring still to receive 'on the tongue'- come last to Communion & to the Priest.

APOLLO BAY & LORNE FIRST COLLECTION: BSB: 083585 ACCOUNT: 810967715	APOLLO BAY & LORNE SECOND COLLECTION BSB: 033600 ACCOUNT: 230038	EARLY NOTICE MEETINGS: Parish Leadership Team: Wed 19 th April -7.30pm Parish Finance Committee: Thu 4 th May -5.30pm
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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Give thanks to the Lord for God is good, God's 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.

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On Holy Thursday, His Holiness Pope Francis went to the outskirts of Rome to celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper at the Casal del Marmo juvenil penitentiary where he carried out the traditional rite of the washing of feet of twelve of the young people there. Diversity characterized the group, varying in ages from 14 to 25 years of age, ten young men and two young women, two of them of Sinti origin, the others from Croatia, Senegal, Romania, and Russia, representing various faith traditions. In his homily given without a prepared text, His Holiness Pope Francis focused his thoughts on the Gospel of the liturgy that recounts when Jesus, a day before his Passion, washes the feet of his disciples in a gesture of humility and service, something that back in that time, would have been carried out by a slave. Pope Francis explained how life would be so beautiful if we were to imitate this gesture and spirit in our daily lives, helping one another, rather than following worldly ways of cheating or taking advantage of each other. Helping each other, even through simple human gestures, springs from a noble heart, he observed, and Jesus today wishes to teach us and encourage us to have this "nobility of heart."



Easter Vigil Pope Francis led the world's Roman Catholics into Easter at the Saturday night vigil Mass in St Peter's Basilica, decrying the 'icy winds of war' and other injustices. In his homily, read before about 8000 people in Christendom's largest church, Francis spoke of the bitterness, dismay and disillusionment many feel today. "We may feel helpless and discouraged before the power of evil, the conflicts that tear relationship apart, the attitudes of calculation and indifference that seem to prevail in society, the cancer of corruption, the spread of injustice, the icy winds of war," he said. We can be discouraged or ashamed of what we hold inside, the Pope observed, but Jesus knows all about us and "loves us just the way we are," washing the feet of all of us. The Pope said we should never be frightened by our weaknesses and be assured that the Lord wishes to accompany us on our journey, "to take us by the hand so that life is not so hard for us. We can be discouraged or ashamed of what we hold inside, the Pope observed, but Jesus knows all about us and "loves us just the way we are," washing the feet of all of us. The Pope said we should never be frightened by our weaknesses and be assured that the Lord wishes to accompany us on our journey, "to take us by the hand so that life is not so hard for us." In conclusion, the Holy Father explained that his gesture of washing the feet of the twelve young people present is not just a folkloristic gesture, but a sign of how we should be with one another - helping each other, showing each other love and respect for the immense dignity of all, even in our weaknesses as sinners. He went on to remind us that being unemployed, in broken families, struggling to survive, succumbing to our weaknesses, is something that can happen to each one of us at any time. The Lord reminds us, through the washing of the feet, of his boundless love for us, the Pope added, no matter what our situation and weaknesses, as He is always by our side, never ever forsaking us. The Pope greeted the young people held at the penitentiary and received the gift of a cross that they made during their woodwork course, as well as some biscuits and pasta produced by the young people. The Pope gave them, the director and personnel of Casal del Marmo rosaries and chocolate Easter eggs, an Italian tradition.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge's Easter Message *There's something awfully final about a grave or a tomb. When the tomb of Jesus was sealed with a big round stone, that stone must have seemed like a cosmic full-stop. The party was over. The world is full of what seem like full-stops – situations that seem hopeless. Easter says that there's no such thing as an ultimately hopeless situation, that every full-stop is in fact a comma or perhaps a dash. That's why Easter is the womb of true human hope – the hope that born once Jesus rises from the dead and the tomb itself becomes a womb as the stone rolls away. May the undying hope of Easter reach deep into the life of everyone, especially those struggling most to find hope in what seems a hopeless situation. Jesus Christ is risen. Alleluia!*

Most Rev Mark Coleridge
Archbishop of Brisbane