



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 Times – 27th August 2023 – Year A

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, your love is eternal; so not forsake the work of your hands.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;

The gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

This Week's Readings

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 66:18-21. Hebrews 12:5-7.11-13. Luke 13:22-30

Next Week's Readings

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 20:7-9 Romans 12:1-2 Matthew 16:21-27

Deaths: Fr Steve Bohan (Yarrawonga), Leo Embrey, Carmel Dingemans(Carew), Margret Dobson (formerly Simpson), Betty Tucker, Hebert 'John' Cadby.

Anniversaries: Marilyn Cass, Dorothea Van Til, Genevieve Thornton, Ian Stoddart, Joseph Bernard Robarts, Carmel Martin, John Martin, Bernadette Lenehan, Sue Sherman,

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

RECONCILIATION: Each Friday after 10am Mass.
Anytime by Appointment.

St Mary's: Holy Hour- Every 1st Tues of Month: 4-5pm

Rosary - each Friday: 9.30am St Mary's Church

Weekly Masses - Apollo Bay

Tuesday	5.30pm
Wednesday Friday	10.00am
Sunday	11.00am

OUR LADY OF FATIMA - LORNE

Sunday	9.00am
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FEAST DAY:

*28TH Aug St Augustine

*29TH Aug St John the Baptist (Passion).

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Good Samaritan Sisters: General Chapter (Sydney).

Thank you for your prayerful remembrance as we elected our leadership team for the next 6 years. Sr Catherine McCahill has been elected the Superior of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan and the Members of her Council are: • Meg Kahler • Michelle Reid • Ann-Maree Nicholls • Kathleen Spokes.

Blessings, Srs Margaret, Gerri & Margaret - S.G.S.

Good Samaritan Sisters: 100 years in Cororooke:

St Brendan's Parish. St Brendan's School & Thomas Carr College invite all "friend" to Sunday Mass 11am Oct. 8th. A light lunch to follow and tours over the School & Convent.

GLEESON FAMILY GROUP: La Porchetta, Thursday 7th September at 6.30 pm. Please RSVP to Mary and Len on 5231 6848.

SYMPATHY TO: Clare McGannon, Alan Carew and extended Carew family on the death of their Sister, Aunt, Cousin ~ Carmel Dingemans. (99years).

CONGRATULATIONS: BAPTISM: Imogen Farquharson

"Thank You": from Peter Gaw to the 9am Mass Community – for Generosity' to his wife and family in Sth Sudan – in responding to the death of a 4-month baby girl in Sth Sudan.

Ballarat Clergy Support Fund: Collection for Sick and Retired Priests – next weekend



Creating a secure retirement future for the priests of the diocese is a duty and care in which we can all participate. Seventeen retired priests are currently supported by this Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation. A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible. *Caring for those who care for us – the Church community's responsibility.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Lord, your love is eternal;
so not forsake the work of your hands.*

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart
you have heard the words of my mouth

Before the angels I will bless you.

I will adore before your holy temple.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.

On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul.

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.

Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands..

*Lord, your love is eternal;
so not forsake the work of your hands.*

APOLLO BAY & LORNE

FIRST COLLECTION:

BSB: 083585 ACC: 810967715

APOLLO BAY & LORNE

SECOND COLLECTION

BSB: 033600 ACCOUNT: 230038

Parish Account Colac

* For Direct Giving Details:

BSB: 083 585 Account:

811051426 Planned Giving:

REF: Envelope no. / surname:

Or phone the Parish Office

5231 2177.

WIDER COMMUNITY SUPPORT CENTACARE

WENDY GARNER COUNSELLOR
FROM WARRNAMBOOL

VISITS COLAC EVERY FORTNIGHT
Enquiries phone Wendy 0409 192 480

LISTEN, LEARN, LOVE ~ SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2023-2024

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are not one people. We are many peoples with our own traditional lands and cultures. However, we are united by our belief in the Creator Spirit who brought us and all that is a part of our lands, living and non-living alike, into being. We are pleased that the Bishops Conference supported visits to communities around Australia earlier this year as part of the preparation of this Statement. The visits were arranged to hear directly from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples about their lives and what they want to change. These visits have helped to strengthen understanding of the experiences and concerns of our people. It has also helped to include us more in what the Church does to support our people.

Click Link to Full Statement: <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/social-justice/social-justice-statement/>

A Prayer for Hope

God our Father. We praise you, bless you and thank you.

We have everything because of you. You are good and we love You.

Jesus our Brother, you came into this world to show us the way of love.

You bring good news to those who are poor and oppressed.

You are one with those who suffer.

You are one with the First Peoples of Australia.

Amidst all their pain, you give them hope that justice, reconciliation and peace will flow and that they will find their rightful place in our common home.

Creator Spirit, you have moved through this land since the beginning of time.

You bless Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with the wisdom that enables them to care for each other and to care for country.

Fill us all with humility and love so that we listen with respect to their wisdom and learn from them.

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples invite us to journey with

them towards a new day where there is healing and justice for them and for all Australians.

As we prepare to vote in the referendum on a Voice to Parliament,

may we befriend them and listen to them with deep respect.

Shape us into a community of love which is a sign of your divine communion of love.

Help us to show all Australians how to build a civilisation of love in this land now and in the years to come. In You we place all our trust and hope. Amen

