



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.

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Times – 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – Year A**



**Responsorial Psalm**

O that today you would listen to his voice Harden not your hearts.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;  
 and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**This Week's Readings**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

Ezek 33:7-9 Romans 13:8-10 Matt 18:15-20

**Next Week's Readings**

**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sir 27:30-28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

**Deaths:** John Conheady (Terang), Joan Gray, Richard (Dick) Edmonds; Fr Brian Gleeson, C.P. Margot Barwood, Margaret Williams (nee Kelson), Margaret Heath, Carmel Johnson.

**Anniversaries:** Ian Weller, Anastasia Gleeson, Josephine Foley, Sr Anne McMillan, Valerie Roberts, William Jackman.

MASS TIMES - COLAC, CRESSY, BIRREGURRA.		
Tuesday	5.00pm	St Mary's- Colac
Wednesday	*9.15am	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- Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept: 4-5pm		
Rosary - each Friday: 9.30am St Mary's Church		
Masses - Apollo Bay		
Tuesday	5.30pm	
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	10.00am	
Sunday	11.00am	
OUR LADY OF FATIMA - LORNE		
Sunday	9.00am	

**FEAST DAY:**

\*SEPT 12<sup>TH</sup>: FEAST OF THE HOLY NAME OF MARY.

\*SEPT 13<sup>TH</sup>: FEAST OF ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

\*SEPT 14<sup>TH</sup>: EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

\*SEPT 15<sup>TH</sup>: OUR LADY OF SORROWS

**THIS WEEKEND SEPT 9<sup>TH</sup>/10<sup>TH</sup> APOLLO BAY & LORNE**

- DUE to 'Great Ocean Road Bike Race' – no Masses possible on Sunday Morning.
- \* Mass: Lorne. Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Sept 5.00pm
- \* Apollo Bay: Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Sept. 5.00pm.

**Father's Day Collection Sick and Retired Priests**

\$1,054.00 Thank you to parishioners for generous support in the Laving Collection las Sunday. Specific Envelopes today are available in the Church Gathering spaces for those still willing to contribute.

**THIS WEEK – MEETINGS:**

\*CWL MEETING Tues.12th Sept. 1.30 in Meeting Room

**ST PETER BIRREGURRA** – Welcome to Christ Church Anglican Community who join us today for Mass at St Peter's. We echo our appreciation of the hospitality from Christ Church for almost 18 months.

**This weekend we welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism into our Parish at St Peter's - Birregurra "Hamish Simon Lidgerwood".**

**CROFT FAMILY GROUP:** Sept 10<sup>th</sup> after 12 midday: Lunch at Denise Connor's 110 Mariners St Colac. RSVP: 52313158- Please bring a casserole or dessert.

**CRAWFORD FAMILY GROUP: Luncheon \* Change of venue:** Shannon Café in Woollies Complex 14<sup>th</sup> Sept: 12 noon please RSVP Kath 0499 022 644

- SYMPATHY TO:**
1. Colleen O'Shannassy & Gleeson family on death of Fr Brian Gleeson.
  2. Fr Damian Heath - his sister-in-law Margaret Heath.
  3. Ron Johnson & family on the death of Carmel.

**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. 8<sup>th</sup>. A light lunch to follow and tours over the School & Convent. For catering purposes please RSVP: Marg – 0419419584 or Maureen - 0428329231

**POPE'S FRANCIS INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER**

**For people living on the margins** - We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*O that today you would listen to his voice*

*Harden not your hearts.*

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord.  
Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is let by his hand.

*O that today you would listen to his voice!*

'Harden not you hearts as at Meribah  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when you fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

*O that today you would listen to his voice*

*Harden not your hearts.*

Columbian Calendar  
2024

Available at St Mary's  
Piety Store  
\$10 each.

### 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.

### CENTACARE

COUNSELLOR

FROM WARRNAMBOOL

VISITS COLAC EVERY

FORTNIGHT

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Sacred Heart School were delighted to host 16 children and 4 adults from Yarralin community in the Northern Territory on Friday September 1st as part of the Yarralin kids' first ever visit to Victoria. The kids played sport, including barefoot football, did some art together, ate kangaroo stew and took part in a "Colour Run" that turned all kids every shade of purple, green, yellow etc. We made some great friends and had a lot of fun together. J Lenaghan – Principal.

## Supporting Safe Communities – Safeguarding Sunday - 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**Prayers:** **For our community:** that we have the strength to stand in solidarity with victims of abuse, the humility to come to terms with the sinful crimes of the past and the patience to stop and listen to children and the vulnerable.

**For families:** that they may grow stronger and more resilient in their love and care for one another so that children are raised in safe and nurturing environments.

**For parents, relatives, mentors, teachers, coaches and other adults:** that they may always follow the example of Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, by treating children and young people with proper respect and care.

**For our community as it seeks to follow the example of Christ and the teachings of his Church:** that we will work to ensure that policies and procedures are implemented to protect children, young people and the vulnerable in our society. (More Information: <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023> )



Let Justice  
and Peace Flow  
Season of Creation 2023

A Mighty River  
Amos 5:24

### 2023 Theme, "Let Justice and Peace Flow"

*"Listen carefully, I am about to do a new thing, now it will spring forth; will you not be aware of it? I will even put a road in the wilderness, rivers in the desert." (Isaiah 43:19)*

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration to listen and respond together to the cry of Creation: the ecumenical family around the world unites to pray and protect our common home, the *Oikos* of God. The Season "Celebration" begins September 1, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends October 4, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations.

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

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

Fr Brennan's Homily: 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday reference to Social Justice Statement: Click to view: [Here](#)