



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.

First Sunday of Lent – 18th February 2024 –Year B

Responsorial Psalm

Your ways, O Lord are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ,
 Glory and Praise to you. No lives of bread alone.
 But on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
 Glory and Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ,
 Glory and Praise to you.



**This Week's Readings
 First Sunday of Lent**

Genesis 9:8-15 St Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:12-15

Second Sunday of Lent Year B

Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13 15-18 St Paul 8:31-34 Mark 9:2-10

*** Project Compassion Kits
 available in Gathering Space**

Deaths: Patricia Lee (Terang), Heather Butterworth, Pam Arnold, Maureen Pitcher, Sr Angela Caine R.S.M. (East Ballarat), Shane Ruhl.

Anniversaries: Basil O'Brien, Greg McKenzie, Ambrose McNamara, Amy Griful, Bill & Pat (Morrissy) Heath, Herbert Dawson, Sr Mary Darerca Giles, O.L.M., Brian Bluett. Andrew Trunkfield,

MASS TIMES - COLAC, CRESSY, BIRREGURRA.		
Tuesday	5.05pm	St Mary's
Wednesday	10.00am	St Mary's
Thursday	10.00am	St Mary's
Friday	9.15am	St Mary's- Colac
Saturday	6.00pm	St Mary's- Colac
Sunday	9.00am 11.00am	St Mary's- Colac St Mary's- Colac

St Mary's: Holy Hour: 1st Tuesday of the month: 4-5pm
 Rosary - each Thursday: 9.30am St Mary's Church

STAR OF THE SEA - APOLLO BAY	
No weekday Masses	
Sunday	11.00am
OUR LADY OF FATIMA – LORNE	
Sunday	9.00am

Mr Tom Sexton Director of DOBCEL (Diocesan of Ballarat Catholic Education Limited) visited Trinity College (Mass & College), St Mary's (Leadership Students), Sacred Heart (Pancake Tuesday). This week I have had the absolute pleasure of visiting schools in the Colac region. In each school community, I felt a palpable energy for learning, and genuine care for the wellbeing of students and staff. Year 6 students at St Mary's, Colac fired many probing questions to me about leadership as they prepare to take on this responsibility in their school this year. It was uplifting to be with the Trinity College community for their opening year Mass. It was a pleasure to spend time making pancakes with students and staff at Sacred Heart. Colac for Shove Tuesday. My final stop was at St Brendan's Coragulac where I was privileged to see the expert student apiarist collect and process honey for the school beehives. Congratulations to the Principals and staff of these schools for the wonderful opportunities you are clearly providing for the young people in your care to achieve the fullness of life.



"Wonderful to receive the positive comments regarding the Sacred Heart, St Mary's Children at the Ash Wednesday Mass".

Fr Michael.

SYMPATHY TO: Sue & Wayne O'Brien on the death of Sue's Mother Patricia Lee -Terang.

BAPTISMS WE WELCOME THIS WEEKEND

***DUKE ROBERT SHARP - LORNE**

***ISABELLA PETA JOANNA HOLT – LORNE**

***MAXWELL CHRISTOPHER COLE - CRESSY**

R.C.I.A. Brian Northern in his journey to Easter Faith (Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist was presented to Bishop Paul Bird on the Rite of Reception – Saturday Morning (17th Feb). Our Parish was represented by Julie Foley. Brian will be present at the Tuesday 5pm Mass with a share reflection to follow. (All welcome!).

LENTEN GOSPEL REFLECTION Anne & Philip Drew are happy to HOST this shared Reflection in their Home - each Friday at 10.40am.

All Welcome – 75 Armstrong St Colac.

Leadership Meeting: Wednesday 21st at 5.30pm Gather Space.

Crawford Group - lunch at on the Lane Cafe -22nd Feb at 12 noon RSVP Catherine - 0499022644

LENTEN SCRIPTURE REFLECTION BOOKS: Pieta \$10each.

For personal and/or Group Reflection
 (Available in Church Gathering Space of foyer).

** All the best to Karen Eccles who is retiring from her role as Director of Nursing position at Anam Cara.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Your ways, O Lord are love and truth to those who keep your covenant. Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:

for you are God my saviour.

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.

In your love remember me,

because of your goodness, O Lord.

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,

he guides the humble in the right path;

he teaches his way to the poor.

Your ways, O Lord are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

APOLLO BAY & LORNE

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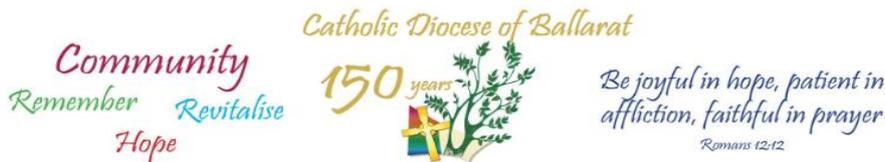
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CANDLE FOR THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DIOCESE The Catholic Diocese of Ballarat provides this 150th Anniversary candle for use in parishes, schools, and agencies of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat. We encourage you to use this candle as we acknowledge the anniversary. You could light the candle at gatherings that focus on the anniversary. You could also light the candle at other times of prayer and reflection.

The **logo** for the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat was prepared by a committee convened by Bishop Paul. The design incorporates the diocesan logo and the bough of a tree drawn by Sr Anne McMillan rsm in 1985. The words Anne had used with this drawing were, "If I keep a green bough in my heart, the singing bird will come". It is an old Chinese proverb, which could be interpreted as a reminder to keep hope alive and a call to open our hearts to all. The bough of a tree symbolises growth, interconnectedness and life. The leaves could symbolise the communities, the parishes, the people of the diocese.

The text **Communities: Remember, Revitalise, Hope** reflects various aspects of the anniversary.

POPE FRANCIS INTENTIONS

February 2024:

For the Terminally Ill

The Holy Father encourages prayers "so that terminally ill patients and their families always receive necessary medical and human care and support."

* CHOIR PRACTICE

At 5.30pm

St Mary's Church

Wed 21ST February.

All Welcome!

'ASHES TO EASTER': A LENTEN CONCERT-REFLECTION:

Peter Kearney is an Australian Catholic songwriter, singer and guitarist whose hymns and songs include 'Fill My House', 'The Beatitudes' and 'Where Is Your Song, my Lord?'. Saturday 24th February, 11.00am (after 10.00am Mass) St. Thomas Church, 27 Peninsula Drive, DRYSDALE Gold coin donation.



Project Compassion Sunday 17 & 18 February



This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women: Ronita from the Philippines, Leaia from Samoa and Memory from Malawi. While from three different corners of the world and facing vastly different challenges, they are all united by one dream: to create a better world for all future generations.

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