



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.*

**Third Sunday of Easter – 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024 –Year B**

**Responsorial Psalm**

Lord let your face shine on us.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:  
 make our hearts burn with love when you speak.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!



**THIS WEEK**

**3rd Sunday of Easter Year B**

Acts 3:13-15. 17-19 St John 2:1-5 Luke 24:35-48

**4th Sunday of Easter Year B**

Acts 4:8-12 St John 3:1-2 John 10:1-18

**\*Reminder to return your Project Compassion Boxes.  
 Thank you for supporting Project Compassion this year.**

**Deaths:** Patricia (Cox) Keane, Rodney Moore, Bill Dunne, Sr Marie Doolan R.S.M., Caterina Vinci, Toumata Kanegai (Vanuatu).

**Anniversaries:** Bill Smith, Kevin James Scanlan, Pauline Goonan, Chris Sheedy, Geoff Parker,

**MASS TIMES - COLAC, CRESSY, BIRREGURRA.**

Tuesday	5pm	St Mary's
Wednesday	10.00am	St Mary's
Thursday	10.00am	St Mary's
Friday	10.00am	St Mary's
Saturday	10.00am	St Mary's
Sunday	9.00am 11.00am	St Mary's

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**

Tuesday	5.30pm
Wed, Thurs, Friday.	10.00am
Sunday	11.00am

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA – LORNE**

Sunday	9.00am
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**BAPTISMS:** Congratulations on Easter Baptisms.

- Hunter Gainger & Remington Gainger
- Mia Rose Lupton
- **SYMPATHY** \*Gilbert Kanegai (Vanuatu- 9am Mass Community) on the death of his daughter (Toumata- 38yrs) in Vanuatu this week. The Funeral of Toumata took place in Vanuatu on Friday. We will celebrate Mass with Gilbert this Tuesday: 5pm. Gilbert will return to Vanuatu in May to assist the family – housing etc.



*Hello Michael Greetings to you and all your parishioners. I am looking forward to my visits to your parishes to celebrate the 150th anniversary of our diocese. As arranged towards the end of last year, I am due to visit the Colac Parish on the weekend of April 20 – 21. I am then due to visit the Apollo Bay Parish on May 11 – 12 and the Cororooke Parish on May 25 – 26. During those visits, I would be happy to celebrate Masses with the various communities according to the weekend timetable.*

God bless you.

**Paul Bird CSsR**

Bishop of the Diocese of Ballarat



**PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM**

Special Meeting this Tuesday after 5pm Mass to prepare for Bishop Paul's visit next weekend – on his celebrating each of our 3 Colac Masses.

**Crawford Family Group** Lunch Beec Hotel.

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> April. (Departure – St Mary's Church Care Park at 11.45am). R.S.V.P.

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*To change the world, we must be good to those who cannot repay us.*

Pope Francis

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Lord let your face shine on us.**

When I call, answer me, O God of justice;  
from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me!  
It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves;  
the Lord hears me whenever I call him.  
'What can bring us happiness?' many say.  
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.  
I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once,  
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

**Lord let your face shine on us.**

**APOLLO BAY & LORNE**

**FIRST COLLECTION**

BSB: 083585 Acc: 810967715

**SECOND COLLECTION**

BSB: 033600 ACCOUNT: 230038

**POPE FRANCIS INTENTIONS**

**April 2024**

**FOR THE ROLE OF WOMEN**

Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.

**Take home a Bottle of Blessed Easter Water and sprinkle over our Gardens Homes & Farms.**

## Ukraine's chief Catholic leader said Russia's new strategy in its war against its neighbour is "the destruction of our civilian population".

In an address marking the 112th week of the full-scale Russian invasion, Major Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church said Russia uses "diabolical tactics — to destroy not only human life, but also those who serve it." "Our girls and boys at the front are heroically defending their land and managed not only to stabilise the front, but also to stop the advance of the Russian army," he said. "That's why today we want to especially thank our rescuers, doctors, paramedics — everyone who continues to fulfill his professional duty." "We also thank our energy workers, who are tirelessly eliminating the consequences of Russian attacks on civilian infrastructure. Thanks to the heroism of our military personnel, professionalism and heroic service to our people, doctors and all other representatives of the services of our cities and villages, today we can say: Ukraine stands, Ukraine fights, Ukraine prays.

## Australia's Catholic bishops have acknowledged the release of the document, *Dignitas Infinita*, and commended it for study and reflection.

The document released by the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith on Monday was five years in the making.

Prefect for the Dicastery of the Doctrine of the Faith, Cardinal Victor Manuel Fernandez, described the document as offering "some points for reflection that can help us maintain an awareness of human dignity amid the complex historical moment in which we are living".

"This is so that we may not lose our way and open ourselves up to more wounds and profound sufferings amid the numerous concerns and anxieties of our time,"

The document states that "every human person possesses an infinite dignity, inalienably grounded in his or her very being, which prevails in and beyond every circumstance, state, or situation the person may ever encounter".

It talks of four types of dignity (ontological, moral, social and existential) the most important of which is ontological — that is the dignity which belongs to the person "simply because he or she exists and is willed, created, and loved by God ... (it) is indelible and remains valid beyond any circumstances in which the person may find themselves".

It identifies 13 "grave violations" of human dignity: poverty; war; the mistreatment of migrants; human trafficking; sexual abuse; violence against women; abortion; surrogacy; euthanasia and assisted suicide; the marginalisation of people with disabilities; gender theory; sex change; and digital violence.

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference commends *Dignitas Infinita* for study and reflection. [Click on Blue link for full story: Bishops acknowledge release of Dignitas Infinita](#) (ACBC Media Blog)