

The Parishes of Apollo Bay, Cororooke and Colac

Our communities are located on Gulidjan and Gadubanud land and waterways. We acknowledge the traditional owners and pay our respects to their ancestors, saints of God who were the first people in this place to wonder about their creator and their place in the great cosmos. We pay our respects to their elders today. We commit to partnering with our first nations people in a true spirit of reconciliation.

Apollo Bay

Star of the Sea Apollo Bay
Our Lady of Fatima Lorne



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Second Sunday of Advent ~YEAR A

Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the Lord, and his delight shall be the fear of the Lord. Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide, but he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted. He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. Justice shall be the band around his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his hips. Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. The cow and the bear shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest; the lion shall eat hay like the ox. The baby shall play by the cobra's den, and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair. There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea. On that day, the root of Jesse, set up as a signal for the nations, the Gentiles shall seek out, for his dwelling shall be glorious.

Responsorial Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

***R. Justice shall flourish in his time,
and fullness of peace for ever.***

O God, with your judgment endow the king,
and with your justice, the king's son;
he shall govern your people with justice
and your afflicted ones with judgment.

Response.

Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the
moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea,
and from the river to the ends of the earth.

Response.

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out,
and the afflicted when he has no one to help him.
He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor;
the lives of the poor he shall save.

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May his name be blessed forever; as long as the sun his
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Reading 2

Romans 15:4-9

Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I say that Christ became a minister of the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, to confirm the promises to the patriarchs, but so that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written: Therefore, I will praise you among the Gentiles and sing praises to your name.

Advent Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. **R.**

Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Next Sunday

3rd Sunday of Advent - Year A

Isaiah 35:1-6.10. James 5:7-10. Matthew 11:2-11

Following Week

4th Sunday of Advent- Year A

Isaiah 7:10-14, Romans 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-24.

Sunday Mass Times

Colac 6pm Saturday Vigil Mass and 11am Sunday Mass

Birregurra 2nd Sunday only 9am Mass

Apollo Bay 11am Sunday Mass

Lorne 9am Sunday Mass

Pirron Yallock 1st Sunday only: 9.00am Mass

Coragulac 1st Sunday: 10.30am – Lay-led Assembly

2nd & 3rd Sunday: 9.30am – Lay-led Assembly

4th & 5th Sunday: 9.00am – Mass

Recent Deaths: Pam Trigg, Lance Duvall.

Anniversaries: Don LoRicco, Tony LoRicco (Jnr), Peppina Zaia, Paul Mahoney, Bernice Graham (Cuolahan), Nell Matthews, Jelly Kanegai, Richard Patterson, Toni Clarke Stan Shechem, Rudy Phillips, Thomas Prior.

Colac this Week

Tuesday 9th	5pm
Wednesday 10th	10am
Thursday 11th	10am
Friday 12th	10am
St Mary's Rosary	Thursday 9.30am.
Holy Hour	1st Tues 4-5pm.

Apollo Bay this Week

Tuesday 9th	5.30pm
Wednesday 10th	10.00am
Thursday 11th	10.00am
Friday 12th	10.00am

Cororooke News

St Brendan's: 14th December - Lay Led @ 9:30am

Communion Minister: A Ruddell **Commentator:** P O'Shea **Reader:** C Grist

Leaders: M Finn / M Gorwell

Altar & Sacristy Duties – December

St Brendan's: J O'Dowd/ H Holland

St Joseph's: D Melville

Counters: J Miller 14/21 Dec: Key for the safe, can be accessed from school office – see Grace

We keep in our thoughts and prayers all those who seek healing and wellness. May they feel valued and supported especially... Kathleen O'Donnell, Helen McCormick, Kerry Williams, Claire Ryan, Doreen Brumby.

Upcoming Dates:

11th Dec: St Brendan's Graduation Mass and Carols. All Welcome at 5pm

13th Dec: St Brendan's church Working Bee @9:30am

24th Dec: Christmas Eve Mass, 7:30pm @ St Brendan's, with Fr Andrew Hayes.

Prayer for the lighting of the Second candle

Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company.

ALL RESPOND: Come Lord Jesus.. Come Lord Jesus.. Come Lord Jesus Come and be born in our hearts

Local News

- Congratulations to Leesa McGuane and Jock Coutts on their engagement. Wishing you a future filled with love, joy and endless blessings
- Giving Tree: there will be a Christmas tree at Kerry's shop, if anyone would like to donate non- perishables or gift cards. These will be distributed to local families who need some assistance at Christmas.

Apollo Bay News

Marrar Woon Neighbourhood House

The Apollo Bay Food Share Pantry would like to invite people to collect a Christmas Hamper on Friday 12th December at Noon from Marrar Woon. We thank and acknowledge the generous financial support of the Community Bank Apollo Bay & District and especially, The Apollo Bay & District Health Foundation which has enabled us to provide these hampers, and which allows us to provide food each week to the community through the Food Pantry.

Upcoming Dates:

Apollo Bay: Christmas Eve 6pm; Christmas Day 9am. **Lorne:** Christmas Eve 6pm; Christmas Day 9am.

APOLLO BAY & LORNE BANKING 1ST COLL BSB: 083585 ACC: 810967715 2ND COLL BSB: 033600 ACC: 230038

Colac News

Upcoming Dates:

Choir Practices for Advent: On December 13th at 5pm & December 14th at 10am – All welcome.

Christmas Masses 2025 Christmas Eve 6pm & 9pm. Christmas Day 10am.

Crawford Family Group next lunch - City Bowls Club on the 11th Dec at 12 o'clock RSVP Catherine 0499022644

Gleeson Family Group Our next outing is lunch at the Farmer's Arms Hotel Beeac Sunday 14th Dec, at 12. 30. Meet at St Mary's at 12 pm. Contact Winsome on 0427353203

Piety Stall

New items and Christmas Cards have been added. Columban Calendars are still available for \$10.

Vinnies Christmas Appeal

This year we are looking for items for our Christmas hampers which will be given out from the 15th December onwards. These include Christmas groceries, such as Canned ham, Christmas pudding or Christmas Cake, Canned fruit and canned vegetable & short bread biscuits. What we could also use is long life custard, and jelly crystals, salad dressing, bon bons, serviettes, Christmas lollies. These items can be left under our Christmas tree from Sunday 1st December.

St Mary's Church - Catering for Funerals.

At St Mary's Church Foyer: For more information, please contact Parish Office 52312177

Choir & Projectionist: - Cuppa Tea for Betty Daly – Choir Members to bring a plate – All Welcome.

Sunday 14th December after 11 am Mass.

Diocesan News



Christmas Appeal: Be a light in the darkness for families facing adversity this Christmas: This Christmas, we are inviting Australians to “be a light in the darkness” for families who are living through the trauma of war, displacement, and poverty. The intensity of the conflict in Ukraine has increased and more people are experiencing displacement and poverty. But with your support, we can bring hope to these families. Our partner, Caritas Ukraine are on the ground working hard to prepare food kits, emergency shelter kits and psychosocial assistance to families facing adversity. Donate today at www.caritas.org.au/christmas-appeal.

Asia Storm Appeal: Thank you for your continued support of Caritas Australia. It is due to this support we have been able to provide humanitarian aid to communities impacted by natural disasters and war, and clean water, education, and food security to vulnerable communities worldwide. We have launched the Asia Storm Appeal to provide support to communities across the Philippines and Vietnam who have experienced a series of catastrophic weather events and natural disasters. Learn more or donate at www.caritas.org.au/asia-storms

Global Gifts Christmas Cards: These cards are a great sustainable gift idea that will help to build a brighter future for children, women and men experiencing hardship and poverty - www.globalgifts.org.au. Please order your cards early for delivery of cards before Christmas. Our e-card are available to be ordered anytime.

Introducing Pope Leo XIV: His Story and Australian Connection

A book has just been published – Introducing Pope Leo XIV: His Story and Australian Connection – which tells the story of these visits to Australia. Many photos taken during these visits are also included. In word and image, we meet the man – Fr Bob Prevost – who a decade later would become Pope. Published by St Pauls Publications, the book is available from Catholic bookshops or direct from St Pauls Publications <https://secure.stpauls.com.au/strathfield/introducing-pope-leo-xiv-his-story-and-australian-connection.html>