



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.

3rd Sunday of Easter – 1st May 2022 – Year C

Responsorial Psalm

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation;
 he has shown pity on all people.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

THIS WEEK

3rd Sunday of Easter

Exodus 3:1-8.13-15. Corinthians 10:1-6.10-12. Luke 13:1-9.

NEXT WEEK

4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:43-52. Apoc 7:9.14-17 John 10:27-30

***Reminder to return your Project Compassion boxes.**

Deaths: Chris Malady (Inverleigh, ex-Murroon), Fr Michael Mulcahy, Barry Day, Joan Lea.

Anniversaries: Frances Lenaghan, Gerard Versel, Annunziata Arceri, Pauline Goonan,

MASS TIMES - COLAC, CRESSY, BIRREGURRA.

Monday	10.30am	Requiem Mass - Kevin Kerr St Mary's- Colac
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	St Peter's - Birregurra
Sunday	9.00am 11.00am	St Mary's- Colac St Mary's- Colac

SACRAMENTAL OF RECONCILIATION

*Each Friday after 10am Mass **Anytime by appointment

MASS TIMES

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA – APOLLO BAY

Tuesday	5.30pm
Wednesday	10.00am
Thursday	10.00am
Friday	10.00am
Sunday	11.00am

OUR LADY OF FATIMA - LORNE

Sunday	9.00am
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We welcome to St Mary's Parish this weekend through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Ted John McNaughton

"Baptism and you have the task to make it grow" - Pope Francis.

CATHOLIC-CARE

Family & Support Counselling.

For appointments contact:

Wendy Garner:5559 3000 / 0409192480

WEEKLY NOTICES

Congratulations/Thanks! To all who attended the Easter Ceremonies. All who supported the community in various 'ministerial' roles; those who prepared our Churches. Appreciation for the very generous support of our Parishes, to our Priests including our retired priests in the Diocese and support to Christians in the Holy Land, Project Compassion Giving (is being processed currently). This Year appears to be a very generous Gift.

Apollo Bay: I) Friends: "Just letting you know I am about to reach a milestone and retire and travel around Australia with my wife for 12 months from the middle of May.

In terms of maintaining records and ensuring new volunteers are assessed for these requirements against the Diocese's matrix, this will sit with Mandy, the Parish Assistant working with Fr Michael in the Colac Parish. Mandy will take over numerous of my duties and continue to operate from the Colac Parish, just with broader responsibilities including the Apollo Bay Parish. Thanks for your assistance over the past 5 years. It has been a pleasure working with you and knowing your wisdom has been confidently there if required. Cheers and best wishes"...Steve

Steve Fox - Business Manager, Our Lady Star of The Sea Parish - Apollo Bay, Lorne

2)Apollo Bay: Special Meeting: "To Our Fellow Parishioners - Could you please attend a Lunchtime Meeting After Mass this coming Sunday. Sunday May 1st Straight after Mass has finished. If possible, please bring a plate to share at Lunchtime. We will be discussing how we as parishioners can best run and be responsible for our beautiful Church. As we are a small group, we need to have us all on board with the caretaking of all the things that enable the church to function. In Anticipation." Steve.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**I will praise you, Lord,
for you have rescued me.**

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,
restored me to life from those who sink into the
grave.

Response.

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,
give thanks to his holy name.
His anger lasts but a moment, his favour through
life.
At night there are tears, but joy comes with
dawn.

Response.

The Lord listened and had pity.
The Lord came to my help.
For me you have changed my mourning into
dancing.
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.

Response



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Second Collection
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Acct 230038

Walking in the Spirit

The People of God are invited to make a prayerful journey towards the Second Assembly of the Plenary Council through the "Walking in the Spirit" prayer campaign. Resources have been created for use by individuals, families, schools, parishes and other Catholic communities. Find out more at

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthepirit/

PETITION TO EXTEND: BUS SERVICE

**"Colac via Birregurra
Deans Marsh to Lorne":**

Petition To be Signed - In' Gathering Space.'

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Mass Counts start on weekend 7-8 May

The Annual Diocesan Mass Count will take place over 4 weekends in May. Counting will start on 7-8 May and continue each weekend until the end of May.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE ELECTION STATEMENT 2022

Towards a Better Kind of Politics

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference President Archbishop Mark Coleridge said no one political party fully embodies Catholic social teaching. The bishops are, however, offering an election statement to encourage Catholics and people of good will to reflect on the good they can do for their community by using their vote for the good of all.

Archbishop Coleridge said "we all long for what Pope Francis calls 'a better kind of politics, one truly at the service of the common good'". The statement highlights several key issues that the bishops have identified and which they encouraged readers to consider when preparing to vote.

Among them is the provision of high-quality palliative care across Australia, "to ensure that no one is pressured into choosing assisted suicide because palliative care is unavailable".

The statement advocates for vulnerable people in the community, including those in need of aged care, First Nations peoples, asylum-seekers and refugees. It calls for a government committed to the common good that will deliver a medium to long-term plan for eradicating poverty in Australia.

"We are blessed in Australia to be able to participate in the help shape the civic life of our Country."

Access the election statement at:
<https://bit.ly/BishopsElection2022>

A PRAYER FOR THE ELECTION

God of this land and of every people,
who shape all things according to your own design
and write your law in every human heart:
we thank you for this country we call home,
from the First Nations people to others born here
and those you have gathered from across the earth.
We pray for the citizens of our land in this troubled time,
that we may be committed to justice,
to the dignity of each human life,
and to solidarity with all Australians and with the world.
Guide all who seek election to serve the nation;
may the Holy Spirit inspire them to pursue a better
politics that is wise and courageous and governs for the
good of all.
May all of us see and hear you in the most vulnerable,
that we may respond to the cry of the earth
and the cry of the poor,
that we may respond to you.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.