



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.

Easter Sunday – 17th April 2022 – Year C



Responsorial Psalm

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia Alleluia

**Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
 let us feast with joy in the Lord.**

Alleluia Alleluia

**This Week's Readings
 Easter Sunday**

Acts 10:34-37-43. Colossians 3:1-4. John 20:1-9.

Next Week's Readings

2nd Easter Sunday

Acts 5:12-16. Apocalypse 1:9-13.17-19. John 20:19-31.

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

Deaths: Maureen Young(O'Shannassy), Jock Lineen, Catherine Miller(Mahoney), Barry Humphrey.

Anniversaries: Srs Madeleine Ritchie & Cecilia Carew, S.G.S. John Brown, Albert Stainsby, Sr. Claire Stainsby, Chris Sheedy, Camille Condon, Geoff Parker, Nancy Fitzgerald, Harry Hussey, John Hammett, Phil Fly, Noreen Carew, Leo Hammett, John McMullin, John Satatas, Sr Bernadette Culhane.

WEEKLY NOTICES:

FINANCE MEETING- WEDNESDAY 20TH @ 3PM.

Sympathy: To Bev Morrissy (her brother, Barry Humphrey), Colleen O'Shannassy (her sister in-law, Maureen Young), Brigid Newcombe (her sister, Catherine Miller).



from left to right: Josh Cooke (Yr 11), Ben Black (Yr 12 - one of the College Captains) and Amaia McCallum (Yr 11).

Ben, Josh, Amaia proclaiming the Passion Reading last Sunday, Thanks to them and all who exercised Ministries in preparation for Easter and for the celebrations - over the Holy Week.

Crawford Family Group. Lunch At Union Club Hotel Wed April 20th 12noon. RSVP to John Crawford 0427313546

Croft Family Group- Casserole night. Friday April 22. St Mary's Gathering Space 6 pm. Please bring a casserole to share and enjoy Leona's lovely deserts. Crawford Family group are invited as guests to Croft Casserole night. Please contact Mary or Linda if transport is required. Family group events are open to all parishioners, and we welcome you to join us for a shared meal. Linda 0448 314774

MASS TIMES - COLAC, CRESSY, BIRREGURRA.		
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 11.00am	St Mary's- Colac St Mary's- Colac

SACRAMENTAL OF RECONCILIATION

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

APOLLO BAY Fr John celebrates his 43rd Ordination Anniversary on Easter Saturday. Please join him for a drink and a piece of "Ordination Cake" following the 6pm Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday the 16th to mark the day!

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

Cleaners Required: 2 casual cleaners for Star of the Sea Guest House Apollo Bay. If interested contact Sr Marg on 0447 465 977.

APOLLO BAY/ LORNE	2nd Collection
1st Collection Westpac	Westpac Bank
BSB 033600	BSB 033600
Acct 230046	Acct 230038

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

***This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.***

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end'. **Response.**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. **Response.**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **Response**

Support to Refugees & Asylum Seekers

Colac Herald: Many thanks to parishioners of St Mary's who joined with the wider Colac community to signal our support to Refugees & Asylum Seekers. Our Sth Sudanese Community expressed afterwards they felt welcomed and affirmed for the first time.

Further 'Good News': Our Parishioners, Peter Kodit received confirmation on Tuesday that his wife has been granted a Visa to join him in Colac, Australia this year!!

**Easter Compass Programme – Sr Brigid Arthur
6.30pm Sunday Evening**



St Mary's Church & Gathering Space: The Combined Meeting of the Leadership Team & Finance Committee accepted the recommendations of the Sub Committee for the Blue Carpet; Tasmanian Oak loose long board for the Entrance and Gathering Space Areas.

New Liturgy & Ministry Roster

Please find your copy of the new Liturgy and Ministry Roster on the table in - St Mary's Church 'Gathering Space.' This Roster will commence on Sunday 8th May 2022.

The Bishop's Easter Message 2022



On the road again

Over the past couple of months, I have been on the road again, travelling around the diocese. This is in contrast to the last couple of years when travel has been limited because of the COVID-19 pandemic. While the virus is still having an impact, sometimes causing severe illness, we have been able to resume many of our usual activities. This includes moving around more freely. For this I am most grateful, because it has allowed me to resume visits to our parishes and schools.

It has been wonderful to celebrate Sunday Masses in churches in the Swan Hill parish and join the students and staff of St Joseph's College Mildura for Mass in their college gym. I have been able to join in a meeting in the parish office in Warrnambool and prayer times with primary school students in Wendouree. These visits have brought home to me how much people all around our diocese have done to bring their communities through the pandemic and how much they are doing to help one another as we resume more normal activities in our parishes and schools and our lives as a whole.

I offer my thanks to you all for your patience during the pandemic and the kindness you have shown in supporting one another during this time. May that patience and kindness stay with us even as the pandemic subsides.

As we come to celebrate Easter this year, we are conscious of various trials that people are suffering around Australia and around the world – the ongoing effects of bushfires that have charred the lives of communities in the past couple of years, the recent devastation of floods, the terrible destruction of war in Ukraine. In the face of such sorrows, the joy of Easter might seem far away. Yet, our Christian faith can be a source of joy even in the midst of distress. The gospel assures us that God is close to us in times of struggle as well as in times of peace, that Christ has shared our pain, and that, just as God's love raised Jesus from the grave, so God's love can raise us to new life.

The Ukrainian word for "Easter" is "Velykden", meaning "Great Day". Easter does indeed celebrate a great day, the day of Christ's resurrection. The traditional Ukrainian greeting at Easter is "Christ is risen!" The response is "Christ is risen indeed!" Even as they endure much suffering, may this Easter be a great day for the people of Ukraine as they rejoice in the resurrection of Christ. May this Easter be a great day for us as well as we too rejoice in Christ's resurrection. May you have a blessed Holy Week and a Happy Easter.

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR