



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.*

**Fourth Sunday of Easter – 30th April 2023 – Year A**



**Responsorial Psalm**

The Lord in my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
 I know my own sheep and mine know me.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

**This Week's Readings**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Acts 2:14,36-41. Peter 2:20-25. John 10:1-10

**Next Week's Readings**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Acts 6:1-7. Peter 2:4-9. John 14:1-12.

**Deaths:** Joan Johnson, Pat Glennen (Terang), Dan Quigley (Melb), Shane Slater, Russell Dare, Attilio Gambino, Ian Hunt, Barry Humphries, Harry Bellafonte, Jakeob Porter, Cham Bol (Sudan), Brian Murphy, Eustagiuo Cornell, Beverly Kerger, Maxwell 'Max Jackson, Grace 'Mickey' Stowe.

**Anniversaries:** Gerard Versaavel, Concetta Lor Ricco, Tony (Annunziato) Arceri, Frances Lenaghan, St Mary's Church Anniversary (27.04.1980).

**MEETING THIS WEEK**

**Wednesday:** 11am. Ministers Association.  
**Thursday:** 5.30pm Parish Finance Committee.

**Welcome To:** Lam Peter Tran – asked by Bishop Paul to attend our Masses in Colac this weekend and to share his journeying to Priesthood: Vietnam, Bathurst, Melbourne and now a Seminarion for Ballarat Diocese.

**CWL Mothers Day Raffle** Tickets will be sold after each Mass in the Gathering Space. First Prize \$100 Coles Supermarket. Tickets: @ \$2 ea. Or 3 for \$5.

**We welcome to St Mary's & Our Lady of Fatima Parish this week through the Sacrament of Baptism:**  
 Archer & Oliver Devine  
 Sebastian Montgomery & Alfie Finley.

**SYMPATHY:** \* Aneur Bol & Bol Bol Nyan on the death of Aneur's (Cham Bol) Brother in the Sudan War.  
 \* Bernadette Dawes on the death of her brother Dan Quigley.  
 \* Gambino family - death of Attilio.  
 \* O'Dowd family – death of Dorothy.  
 \* Karen & Kerin Glennen on the death of parents: Joan Johnson and Pat Glennen.  
 \* Irene & Greg Galbraith on grandson: Jaekob Porter.  
 \* Maree(Harrington) on death of her husband: Ian Hunt.  
 \* Heidi, Ronnie and family on the death of her grandfather Eustagiuo (in the Philipines).

**Feast of St Joseph the Worker – May 1<sup>st</sup> 2023**

God our Father, in every age you call us to use and develop our gifts for the good of others. With St Joseph as our guide, help us to do the work you have asked and come to the rewards you have promised. Please grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Tuesday	5.00pm	St Mary's- Colac
Wednesday	*9.30am	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

**MASS TIMES**

**OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA – APOLLO BAY**

No Weekday Masses in Apollo Bay this week

Sunday 11.00am

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA - LORNE**

Sunday 9.00am

**Feast Days:**

May 1<sup>st</sup> – St Joseph the Worker (Tuesday)  
 May 2<sup>nd</sup> – St Athanasius  
 May 3<sup>rd</sup> – St Philip & James

**CATHOLIC CARE VICTORIA  
 FAMILY & RELATIONSHIP COUNSELLING**

Contact Wendy 55593006  
 Colac appointments - Monday 8th May.

*"Hospitality means we take people into the space that is our lives and our minds and our hearts and our work and our efforts. Hospitality is the way we come out of ourselves. It is the first step towards dismantling the barriers of the world. Hospitality is the way we turn a prejudiced world around, one heart at a time".*

- Joan Chittister

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

***The Lord in my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.***

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

In verdant pastures he gives me repose;

beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk in the dark valley

I fear no evil; for you are at my side.

With your rod and your staff that give me courage.

You spread the table before me

in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup

overflows. Only goodness and kindness follow me all the

days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD

for years to come.

***The Lord in my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.***



Sr Marella Rebgetz is a member of the Good Samaritan Sisters leadership team visiting the Sisters in Colac & Port Fairy.



### ***The Synod of Bishops will include female voting members for the first time.***

Pope Francis has approved changes to allow lay women, including religious sisters, and lay men, to take part as full members of the Synod summit in October, emphasising that it restores a model of the Church as the "People of God" and where the hierarchy is in close relationship with the laity. Women have only ever taken part as "auditors" or observers without the right to vote on its outcomes. The changes, which mean that 75 per cent of the Synod assembly this October will be bishops and 25 per cent non-bishops, are seen as a move by the Synod away from a gathering of the hierarchy towards a Synod of the people. The Holy Father explored how Jesus himself chose to present His message. In the synagogue of Nazareth, at the very beginning of his public ministry, the Pope recalled, the Lord revealed that fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy, He came to proclaim Good News to the poor and a year of favour from the Lord. The Pope said Jesus communicated with certain essential elements, especially joy, freedom, light, healing & awe. "One cannot speak of Jesus without joy, because faith is a wonderful love story to be shared..." To witness to Jesus to something for others in His name, the Pope recalled, witnesses such a beautiful gift "that no words are sufficient to express it." Instead, when joy is lacking, the Pope warned, the Gospel is not transmitted to others, the Good News, by its very nature, is "a proclamation of joy." "A sad Christian can speak of beautiful things, but it is all in vain if the proclamation conveyed is not joyful," he said.

### **World Day of Prayer for Vocations: Sunday, April 30, 2023**

World Day of Prayer will be observed on Sunday, April 30, 2023 and is also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfil the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). We remember young women and men throughout our country and diocese and pray they may be open to hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to marriage, the single life, the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

## APOLLO BAY & LORNE

### FIRST COLLECTION:

BSB: 083585 ACCOUNT: 810967715

## APOLLO BAY & LORNE

### SECOND COLLECTION

BSB: 033600 ACCOUNT: 230038

### NOTES ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION

*I have consulted. I have also received advice. These consultations have highlighted the fact that Covid infections are still a serious concern. I have concluded that it is not yet time to reintroduce the sharing of the chalice. So, even when we simply receive the host, we are receiving the whole Christ. In regard to the way of receiving the host, recognising the continuing risks of the pandemic, and out of consideration for the health of all parishioners, I recommend*

**PS : Local addition:  
Suggestion – Those desiring still to receive 'on the tongue' - come last to**



### **PROJECT COMPASSION:**

**\$1,292.00**

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