



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.

19th Sunday in Ordinary Times – 13th August 2023 – Year A

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
 And grant us your salvation.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!
 I hope in the Lord,
 I trust in his word.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!



This Week's Readings

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Kings 19:9.11-13 Romans 9:1-5. Matthew 14:22-33

Next Week's Readings

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 56:1.6-7 Romans 11:13-15. 29-32 Matt 15:21-28

Deaths: Shirley Colbert (Donnelly), Mary (Betty) Britt-Glenane.

Anniversaries: Margaret Britt, John Pitcher, Cath Crawley, Ettie McKinnon, Leon Burley, Murray Burley, Donny McCarthy,

MASS TIMES - COLAC, CRESSY, BIRREGURRA.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Tuesday	7.30am	St Mary's- Colac
	10.00am	St Mary's- Colac
	12.05pm	St Brendan - Coragulac
	5.05pm	St Mary's- Colac
	Wednesday	10.00am
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

RECONCILIATION: Each Friday after 10am Mass.
 Anytime by Appointment.

St Mary's: Holy Hour- Every 1st Tues of Month: 4-5pm

Rosary - each Friday: 9.30am St Mary's Church

Weekly Masses - Apollo Bay

Tuesday	5.30pm
Wednesday Thursday Friday	10.00am
Sunday	11.00am

OUR LADY OF FATIMA - LORNE

Tuesday	12.15pm
Sunday	9.00am

**FEAST DAY: August 15th:
 The Assumption of Mary**

*14th Aug St Maximilian Kolbe

*16 Aug St Stephen of Hungary.



COLAC CITY BAND: WINTER CONCERT ST MARY'S CHURCH SUNDAY 20th AUGUST 2P.M. (ALL WELCOME).

GLEESON FAMILY GROUP: Afternoon tea 2 pm Sunday, August 13th at Winsome and Jos's home 21 Wyuna Drive, Elliminyt. Please bring a plate -RSVP Winsome 0427353203.

CRAWFORD FAMILY GROUP: Wednesday 16th August – Luncheon at the RSL at 12noon RSVP Anne 0409120255

Congratulations this week's Baptism

St Mary's Church Colac – Meg & Jack Porter.



Our Children being initiated this year are



Poppy	Allen	Sophie	Marriner
Alyssa	Baum	Luke	McGuane
Lottie	Callahan	Evie	Meade
Ritz	Dalangin	Nevaeh	Moorfoot
Janina	Dang	Luca	Mutesa
Logan	Dare	Betsy	Riches
Peyton	Dear	William	Robertson
Samantha	Deng	Louisa	Roe
Georgia	Desmond	Lotus	Rothery
Madeline	Dooley	William	Russell
Evelyn	Dow-Rowan	Jalayna	Sahyoune-Locke
Steve	D'Souza	Asher	Sexton
Amahli	Finn	Conor	Smith
Louis	Foley	Lincoln	Toulmin
Frankie	Gannon	Alex	Tran
Nyabiech	Gerich	Reeghan	Vidot
Patrick	Honey	Karl	Walag
Harry	Keast	Cody	Wallace
Monty	Kirkman	Kiara	Whelan
Charlie	Laurie		

Welcome Back Fr John! Sympathy to you on the recent death of your sister.

Sympathy To Pauline McCarthy on the death of her sister Shirley Colbert (Ballarat).

Meetings: St Mary's Finance Committee
 Thursday 17th August: 5.30pm

Congratulations: To Trinity College: 'The Addams Family': what an extraordinary Production! Congratulations to All.

Diocesan Levies: (Apr, May, June).

Parish Acc: \$6,366. (Colac), Presbytery Acc: \$8,943 (incl A'Bay)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Lord, show us your mercy and love,
And grant us your salvation.**

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land.
Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven.
The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall lead its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps.

Response.

**RIDING FOR THE
DISABLED Luncheon
at Lake Bowl Club
Thurs. 17th August at
12 noon.
3 Course meal cost \$30.
All welcome!**

APOLLO BAY & LORNE

FIRST COLLECTION:

BSB: 083585 Acc: 810967715

APOLLO BAY & LORNE

SECOND COLLECTION

BSB: 033600 ACCOUNT: 230038

Parish Account Colac

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5231 2177.



Congratulations to the Children and their families – from St Mary's Parish Community on their Celebration of Sacraments: confirmation & First Communion. The students have done their Families and School communities, Proud!

POPE FRANCIS ~ Saint Peter's Square Wednesday, 28 June 2023

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning! Today we must have a bit of patience, with this heat! Thank you for coming, with this heat, with this sun. Thank you very much for your visit! Today we are going far away, to Oceania, a continent made up of many islands, large and small. Faith in Christ, which so many European emigrants brought to those lands, soon took root and bore abundant fruit. Among them was an extraordinary religious sister, Mary MacKillop (1842-1909), founder of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart, who dedicated her life to the intellectual and religious formation of the poor in rural Australia. Mary MacKillop was born near Melbourne to parents who emigrated to Australia from Scotland. As a young girl, she felt called by God to serve him and bear witness to him not only with words, but above all with a life transformed by God's presence. Mary was convinced that she too was sent to spread the Good News and attract others to an encounter with the living God. Wisely reading the signs of the times, she understood that for her, the best way to do so was through the education of the young, with the awareness that Catholic education is a form of evangelization. It is a great form of evangelization. In this way, if we can say that "each saint is a mission, planned by the Father to reflect and embody, at a specific moment in history, a certain aspect of the Gospel" Mary MacKillop was especially so through the founding of schools. An essential characteristic of her zeal for the Gospel was caring for the poor and marginalized. And this is very important: on the path to holiness, which is the Christian path, the poor and marginalized are the protagonists, and a person cannot advance in holiness if he or she is not dedicated to them too, [real] protagonist of history is the beggar. Beggars are the ones who draw attention to injustice, that is, to the great poverty in the world. Money is spent on manufacturing weapons, not on providing meals. And do not forget there is no holiness if, in one way or another, there is no care for the poor, the needy, those who are somewhat on the margins of society. This care for the poor and the marginalized drove Mary to go where others would not or could not go. On 19 March 1866, the feast of Saint Joseph, she opened the first school in a small suburb of South Australia. It was followed by many others that she and her sisters founded. They multiplied because apostolic zeal is like that: it multiplies works. Mary MacKillop was convinced that the purpose of education is the integral development of the person both as an individual and as a member of the community; and that this requires wisdom, patience and charity on the part of every teacher. Indeed, education does not consist in filling the head with ideas: no, not just this. What does education constitute? Accompanying and encouraging students on the path of human and spiritual growth, showing them how friendship with the Risen Jesus expands the heart and makes life more humane. Educating and helping them to think well: to listen carefully (the language of the heart) and to do good (the language of the hands). This vision is fully relevant today, when we feel the need for an "educational pact" capable of uniting families, schools and society as a whole. Mary had great faith in God's Providence: she was always confident that in any situation, God provides. But this did not spare her from the anxieties and difficulties. Mary had good reason for this: she had to pay bills, negotiate with local bishops and priests, manage the schools and look after the professional and spiritual formation of her Sisters; and, later, she suffered health problems. Yet, through it all, she remained calm, patiently carrying the cross that is an integral part of the mission. On one occasion, on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, "My daughter, for many years I have learned to love the Cross". Brothers and sisters, may Saint Mary MacKillop's missionary discipleship, her creative response to the needs of the Church of her time and her commitment to the integral formation of young people inspire all of us today. May her example and intercession support the daily work of parents, teachers, catechists and all educators, for the good of young people and for a more humane and hopeful future.