



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 Ordinary Time – 21st January 2024 –Year B

Responsorial Psalm

Teach me your ways, O'Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
 The kingdom of God is near:
 believe the Good News
 Alleluia, alleluia!

This Week's Readings

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Times – Year B

Jon 3:1-5,10, 1 Cor 7:29-31, Mark 1:15.

Next Week's Readings

4th Sunday of Ordinary Times – Year B

Deut 18:15-20, Corinthians 7:32-35, Mark 1:21-28

Deaths: Sr Christine Taylor, R.S.M. (St Joseph's 1965/1970s Junior Secondary), Fr Gerry Diamond (Melb), Patricia Lloyd, Bill Monahan (Qld), Linda Burrige, Shirley Garner.

Anniversaries: Noelle Kelly, Ettie Lanthier, Janet Dent, Marty Breen, James Hall, Joan Britten, Stewart Smiley, Arthur Hammett, Chris Sheehan, Joe Franzini, Rosemary Morrissy, Rosalia LoRicco, Frank Shalley,

MASS TIMES - COLAC, CRESSY, BIRREGURRA.		
Tuesday	**10.00am	St Mary's
Wednesday	10.00am	St Mary's
Thursday	10.00am	St Mary's
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
St Mary's: Holy Hour- 1st Tuesday of the month: 4-5pm		
Rosary - each Friday: 9.30am St Mary's Church		
STAR OF THE SEA - APOLLO BAY		
Sunday		11.00am
OUR LADY OF FATIMA – LORNE		
Tuesday		5pm
Sunday		9.00am

POPE INTENTION JANUARY 2024

FOR THE GIFT OF DIVERSITY IN THE CHURCH
Let us pray that the Spirit help us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

Sacraments ~ of Baptism, 1st Reconciliation; Confirmation & 1st Communion -This **Tuesday 23rd January 5pm**. Children receiving the Sacraments: Stevie, Olive, Harriet, Indi, Sofia, Indy, & Chloe.

Our Lady of Fatima, Lorne, (All Welcome).

Baptisms this weekend we welcome:

'Maylah Hay, Isla & Cruz Volpe.
 St Mary's Church ~ Colac.

*** Fr John Pothiyittel**, Best Wishes to Fr John on his 2-month Sabbatical to his native India during which he will have Eye Surgery. We are appreciative to Fr Denis Ryan (Geelong) and Fr Kevin Arundell both of whom generously – will enable us to celebrate Mass each Sunday in Lorne & Apollo Bay over these 2 months.

Australia Day: Friday 26th January
Mass 10 am - St Mary's Colac.

ASH WEDNESDAY 14th February 2024.

Sympathy To: Greg Finn & family, Patsy Croft & Family on the death of Patricia Lloyd (nee Finn B'rat).

*Anne Mulheron on the death of her brother, Bill Monahan in Queensland.

*Xavier & Kimberley Prime on the death of Kimberly's mother Linda Burrige.

Volunteers: Invited to Participate:

@ **Mercy Place, Colac.** Information Session: 26th Feb 1.30-2.30pm.

@ **Vinnies Colac:** Tuesday & Thursday Information Available 12noon.

FEAST DAYS

22ND January St Vincent Pallotti

24th January St Frances de Sales

25th January Conversion of St Paul the Apostle

27th January St Timothy & Titus

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Teach me your ways, O 'Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour.
Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord.
The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor.
Teach me your ways, O 'Lord.

APOLLO BAY & LORNE

FIRST COLLECTION

BSB: 083585 Acc: 810967715

SECOND COLLECTION

BSB: 033600 ACCOUNT: 230038

Parish Account Colac

* For Direct Giving Details:

BSB: 083 585

Account: 811051426

Planned Giving: REF:

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TWO ANNIVERSARIES CELEBRATED.

1) **Cardinal George Pell.** A requiem Mass was held in Rome on Tuesday evening to mark the first anniversary of the death of Cardinal George Pell.

The chapel of the Domus Australia was filled to capacity for the Mass, which was celebrated by Cardinal Gerhard Müller. In attendance were numerous cardinals and bishops, an array of priests from Rome, ambassadors to the Holy See, and faithful from Rome and abroad who came to pray for the cardinal. Father Joseph Hamilton, rector of the Domus Australia and Pell's former secretary, noted "I think His Eminence was very loved here in the city of Rome. His witness was very much appreciated and his loss was very unexpected."

Cardinal Müller reflected on his early life, noting that the cardinal showed great "athletic abilities" and "high intellectual talent," which would have brought him "a brilliant career in the world." But, Müller continued, Pell eschewed worldly goals and opted to "follow Christ's call to the priestly service."

2). **Pope Benedict XVI:** Friends, scholars, and former colleagues of Pope Benedict XVI gathered in the Vatican City from Dec. 30–31 for a two-day conference to reflect on the late pope's life and rich theological legacy on the occasion of the one-year anniversary of his death. "When he spoke his final words 'Lord, I love Thee' at the end of his life, he said it all. He was expressing the fact that this love is stronger than death and that he remained in this love even in the moment of death." Cardinal Kurt Koch, prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity, expressed that for Christians death is not an end but is defined by love of Christ and hope in eternal life. "Pope Benedict has described this truly Christian hope in these profound words: 'I am definitively loved and whatever happens to me — I am awaited by this Love,'" "This description of eternal life is not surprising when you consider that for Pope Benedict, God is that love, with which he encounters us humans and which he has definitively revealed in his Son, Jesus Christ." Sunday, Dec. 31, Mass was celebrated by Archbishop Georg Gänswein, the long-time personal secretary of Pope Benedict. During his homily, the archbishop noted that Benedict's life was characterized by rich prayer and a deep love of the Eucharist.

"Benedict XVI's prayer, especially in the last years of his life, was distinguished by a growing intensity and interiority. This was also reflected in his attitude and his face: It became always more prayerful, Reflecting on the moment the late pontiff announced his resignation, the pope's decision was motivated by a deep love and longstanding sense of service to the Church. Gänswein noted that for Benedict, "the heart of every day for him was the Eucharist, a source of light, strength, and consolation."

"The intimate relationship with the Lord was then reflected in the relationships with the people around him, distinguished by great cordiality, humility, and simplicity.

"Living together is an art. It's a patient art, it's a beautiful art, it's fascinating." Pope Francis.