



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.

Third Sunday of Lent – 3rd March 2024 –Year B



Responsorial Psalm

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and Praise Lord Jesus Christ,
 Glory and Praise to you.
 God loved the world so much he gave us his only Son,
 that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
 Glory and Praise to you.

This Week's Readings Third Sunday of Lent Year B

Exodus 20:1-17 Corinthians 1:22-25 John 2:13-25

Fourth Sunday of Lent Year B

Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23 Ephesians 2:4-10 John 3:14-21

* Project Compassion Kits

available in Gathering Space

Deaths: Norm Semmens, Ernie Johnstone, Dorothy Benson (C'down), Ellenor Powlton, Mary Evans (nee McDonald).

Anniversaries: Maimie O'Sullivan, Hannah Ryan, Tom Ryan, Margaret Lyons, Josie Lamanna, Jim DeLorenzo, Ted McGuane.

MASS TIMES - COLAC, CRESSY, BIRREGURRA.		
Tuesday	5.00pm	St Mary's
Wednesday	10.00am	St Mary's
Thursday	10.00am	St Mary's
Friday	10.00am	St Mary's
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 Thursday: 9.30am St Mary's Church		

STAR OF THE SEA - APOLLO BAY	
Wednesday	5.30pm
Sunday	11.00am
OUR LADY OF FATIMA – LORNE	
Sunday	9.00am

SYMPATHY TO: Teresa Hickey on the death of her sister Dot Benson (C'down).

R.C.I.A. Brian Northern continues his journey to Easter Faith (Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist). Brian will be present at the Tuesday 5pm Mass with a shared reflection to follow. (All welcome!).

LENTEN GOSPEL REFLECTION Friday at 10.40am -with Anne & Philip Drew (75 Armstrong St). All Welcome.

BOOKS: Pieta \$10each. For personal and/or Group Reflection (Available in Church Gathering Space of foyer).

* **CHOIR PRACTICE At 5.45pm**

St Mary's Church Wed 6th March. All Welcome!

Ballarat Diocesan Levies Paid this Month:

(Quarter: Oct, Nov, Dec)

St Mary's Parish Account:

*Diocesan Administration: \$ 7,268.00

*Bishops Christmas Appeal: \$ 3,316.00 Total: \$10,584.00

Apollo Parish Account: Diocesan Administration: \$1,758.00

St Mary's & Apollo Bay Presbytery Account

\$ 8,840.00

This Week: *Ministers Association Wed 6th at 1.30pm

- Apollo Bay Leadership Team: Thursday 5.00pm

BAPTISMS WE WELCOME THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S.

* **LACHLAN & THOMAS THWAITES.**

Diocesan Appointments: With the imminent retirement of Fr Eugene McKinnon (Redan) in April – Bishop Paul Writes:

On December 6, following discussions with priests and parishioners, I announced that we would have four ministry districts in the Ballarat region.

After further consultations, I am now able to make appointments of priests to serve in these groups of parishes. The following appointments will take effect on April 10, 2024. Ballarat Cathedral Parish, Ballarat North Parish and Beaufort Parish: Administrator: Fr Edward Moloney

Assistant Priests: Fr James McKay, Fr Francis Kureeckal MST
 Ballarat East Parish, Bungaree Parish and Gordon Parish

Parish Priest: Fr Justin Driscoll

Assistant Priest: Fr Matthew Restall

Redan Parish, Sebastopol Parish and Linton Parish
 Parish Priest: Fr Concord Bagoaisan OSJ

Assistant Priest: Fr Eladio Lizada OSJ

Wendouree Parish, Creswick Parish and Daylesford Parish
 Parish Priest: Fr Marcello Colasante VG

In view of Fr Matthew Restall's appointment to the Ballarat East, Bungaree and Gordon Parishes, I have appointed Fr Sajan Mathew as Assistant Priest in the Paul VI Parish in the Wimmera-Mallee.

The priests who are currently serving in these parishes will continue in their current appointments until April 10, when the new appointments will take effect. I hope this advance planning will be helpful in allowing time to prepare for the transition to the new arrangements.

I thank everyone who has been involved in the consultations over the past few months. I thank the priests for their readiness to serve in the various parish communities.

God bless you all.

Bishop Paul

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just.

They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold
and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb.

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

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APOLLO BAY & LORNE

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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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POPE FRANCIS INTENTIONS

March 2024:

For the new martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.



CANDLE FOR THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DIOCESE

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

The Scripture verse chosen for our 150th anniversary year reflects various elements of our vocation as a Christian community. "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer" (Romans 12:12). The words are drawn from a passage in St Paul's letter to the Romans in which the apostle lists qualities appropriate for a community inspired by Christ. As the years go by, the community experiences times of trial as well as times of gladness. Through it all, their trust in Christ makes them joyful in hope and patient in affliction. They recognise that they need God's help in all they do and so they are faithful in prayer, seeking God's help day by day. May this anniversary year be a season of renewal for our diocese, our community of communities from the Murray to the sea.

~ CONCERT ~

COLAC CHORALE:

Sunday 10th March 2pm.

@ Ss John's Church Colac

Pollack Street.

Admission: \$15

Afternoon Tea

'Songs of the Movies.'



Filipino Community – President Marcos was invited to address the Australian Federal Parliament this week: (Attending the Asian-Pacific Conference hosted by Australia this weekend). This an opportunity to 'celebrate' the presence of the Filipino Community in Colac particularly in St Mary's Parish. We value their friendship, work commitment, family life and Faith dedication.



Project Compassion Sunday
2nd & 3rd March 2024



Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for **Leaia** and her family. But with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions.

Third Sunday of Lent We pray that we will deepen our faith over the whole of our lives. May we be open to the many lessons God wants to teach us. Through Project Compassion, may we support the journey of all to fullness of life.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.