



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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Fourth Sunday of Easter – 21st April 2024 –Year B

Responsorial Psalm

The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone

Gospel Acclamation

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

THIS WEEK
4th Sunday of Easter Year B
Acts 4:8-12 St John 3:1-2 John 10:1-18
5th Sunday of Easter
Acts 9:26-31. John 3:18-24. John 15:1-8.
Thank you for supporting Project Compassion this year.

Deaths: Dorothy Boyd, Maureen Sheen, Robert 'Bob' Colville, Kathleen Earnshaw, Betty Wilson, Sr Mary Madden R.S.M. (B'rat), Jesse Lucas, Reynaldo Mangas.

Anniversaries: Maureen (O'Shannassy) Young, Jaekob Porter, Camille Condon, Frank & Joan Johnson, Pat Glennen, Annunziato (Tony) Arceri. John Brown, Albert Stainsby, Sr Claire Stainsby, Noreen Carew, John McMullin, Leo Hammett, John Satatas, Sr Bernadette Culhane, Joan Rylance, Nick McMeel, Fr Bob Maguire, Dorothy O'Dowd,

MASS TIMES - COLAC, CRESSY, BIRREGURRA.		
Tuesday	5.00pm	St Mary's
Wednesday	8.00am	St Mary's
Wednesday	9.05am	Trinity College: ANZAC Ceremony
Thursday	9.00am	St Mary's
Thursday	10.30am	ANZAC Day Ceremony RSL -Community Service St Mary's Church
Friday	10.00am	St Mary's
Saturday	6.00pm	St Mary's
Sunday	9.00am 11.00am	St Mary's
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		
Thursday ANZAC DAY Mass		5pm
Sunday		11.00am
OUR LADY OF FATIMA – LORNE		
Sunday		9.00am

Welcome to Bishop Paul Bird: Celebrant at each Mass this weekend. Bishop Paul honours our Colac Parish this weekend as he continues his Visitation to each of the 56 Parishes in the Ballarat Diocese as we Celebrate our 150th Anniversary as a Diocese. Bishop Paul will visit Apollo Bay & Lorne Parish on May 11 – 12 and St Brendan's Cororooke on May 25 – 26.



FEAST DAY: Friday 26th April: St Mark (Evangelist).

CWL Afternoon Tea Tuesday 30th April at 2pm
 On The Lane Café PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE.

Family Counsellor: Catholic Care: Next Visit to Colac 22nd April Wendy: 0409192480 /55593006

SYMPATHY *Boyd family on the death of their Mother & Grandmother Dorothy this week.
 *Ronnie & Heidi on death of their Filipino friend Reynaldo in Geelong (medical episode).



Our Diocese of Ballarat turns 150 this year. It was on March 30, 1874, that Pope Pius the Ninth issued a decree that marked the beginning of the Ballarat Diocese. Marking an anniversary provides us with an occasion to reflect of the past, affirm people in the present and look hopefully to the future. All of these elements will be a part of our acknowledgement of the 150th anniversary of the diocese in the course of this year. In a spirit of gratitude, we give thanks for all the blessings of these years. We acknowledge both strengths and weaknesses. We celebrate the achievements and recognize the failures to live our Christian faith to the full. We pray that God grant a new heart and a new spirit of each one of us, and to our whole diocese. We pray that we live more and more as a truly Christian community, a community of communities, for the Murray to the sea. We continue to pray from (Adapted Bishop Paul's Ash Wednesday homily).



We are the Catholic Church of the Ballarat Diocese. We gather in the name of Jesus from the Murray to the Sea in interwoven faith communities. Spirit-filled, we celebrate and share our journey; reaching out to nurture all God's people.

Take home a Bottle of Blessed Easter Water and sprinkle over our Gardens Homes & Farms.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men: it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner-stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end.

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APOLLO BAY & LORNE

FIRST COLLECTION

BSB: 083585 Acc: 810967715

SECOND COLLECTION

BSB: 033600 ACCOUNT: 230038

POPE FRANCIS INTENTIONS

April 2024

FOR THE ROLE OF WOMEN

Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.

MOTHER'S DAY GIFTS AT OUR PIETY STORE



St Peter's Birregurra
**Bathed In Easter Joy last Sunday: Confirmation & 1st Communion of Lucas & Archer Ward. (Congratulations Stephanie!)*

*** Yet some 'Melancholy' with Geraldine & Bernard Gartland moving to Colac last week. (Geraldine is sure to return to St Peter's).*



Toumata

** Gilbert expresses Appreciation to 9am Mass Community and Family Groups who gathered with him last Tuesday Evening at 5pm for the Memorial Mass for his daughter (Toumata) who was buried last week in Vanuatu.*

Pope Francis offers consolation and prayers to victims of Sydney attack



In a telegram signed by Cardinal Secretary of State Pietro Parolin, addressed to Archbishop Anthony Fisher of Sydney, Pope Francis expressed his deep sadness in learning of the violent attack in Sydney, Australia, at a local shopping centre where six people were stabbed to death. Assuring his "spiritual closeness to all affected by this senseless tragedy" and especially those mourning the loss of a loved one, the Pope offered his prayers for the dead, the injured, and the first responders. In the telegram, he "invokes upon the nation the divine blessings of consolation and strength."



Exercising the virtue of temperance is not a recipe for a boring life, Pope Francis said yesterday, but the secret to enjoying every good thing.

Continuing a series of audience talks about vices and virtues, the Pope focused on temperance. Temperance is "the virtue of the right measure" in what one does and what one says, the Pope said. "In a world where so many people boast about saying what they think, the temperate person prefers instead to think about what he or she says." A temperate person does not allow "a moment's anger to ruin relationships and friendships that can then only be rebuilt with difficulty," the Pope said. Temperance with words is especially important in families to keep "tensions, irritations and anger in check".