



Our Lady Star of the Sea Apollo Bay  
 Our Lady of Fatima Lorne  
 St Mary's Colac  
 St Peter's Birregurra



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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.



**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time – 28<sup>th</sup> July 2024 –Year B**

**Responsorial Psalm**

The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our need.

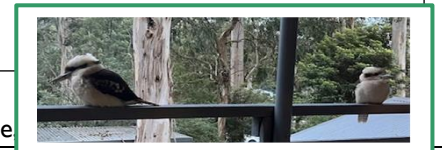
**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 A great prophet has appeared among us;  
 God has visited his people.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

**This Weeks Readings**

**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
 Kings 3:5.7-12. Romans 8:28-30. Matthew 13:44-52.

**Next Weeks Readings**  
**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
 Exodus 16: 2-4, 12-15; Eph. 4:17, 20-21; Jn. 6: 24-35



**Deaths:** Rosemary Ryan, Nola Dean,

**Anniversaries:** Violet Kearns, Daniel & Mary McGuane, Josie Paatsch, Mardi McGuane

MASS TIMES – COLAC, CRESSY, BIRREGURRA.		
Tuesday	10.00am	St Mary's
Wednesday	10.00am	St Mary's
Thursday	10.00am	St Mary's
Thursday	1.30pm	Requiem Mass Nola Dean
Friday	10.00am	St Mary's
Saturday	6.00pm	St Mary's
Sunday	9.00am 11.00am	St Mary's
Rosary - each Thursday: 9.30am St Mary's Church		
St Mary's: Holy Hour- 1st Tuesday of the month: 4-5pm		
STAR OF THE SEA - APOLLO BAY		
Tuesday		5.30pm
Wed, Thurs, Friday		10am
Sunday		11.00am
OUR LADY OF FATIMA – LORNE		
Sunday		9.00am

**WEEKLY NOTICES**

**Baptism:** This weekend -Welcome into our Faith family:  
**Saturday:** Indigo Joy McKenzie & Theo Jay McKenzie:  
**Sunday:** I am Mass- Lachlan & Brinelle King and children: Oliver & Marley Jean King.

**Parish Sacramental Program:** Today at our Masses – students preparing for the Sacraments Of Confirmation & 1<sup>st</sup> Communion (24/25<sup>th</sup> August) are presented to the Community seeking our Prayerful Support warmth of our Hospitality to Students & their Parents.

**Sunday Concert:** Today Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July: 2pm Colac City Band – All Welcome: Support Needed to assist the City Band as they entertain us.

**Congratulations To Parishioners on Community Awards:**

**Jan Healey:** Commended Certificate: Individual Land carer's: Victorian Landcare Award: Jan one of 4 shortlisted out of 28 nominated.

**Terry Richardson:** Birregurra/Deans Marsh – 'Australian Dairy Industry Councils 2023' - Outstanding Service Award for his contributions to South-West Farms.

**DIOCESAN LEVIES:** (April, Mary June - Paid This Week).

- **PRESBYTERY** (Colac & Apollo Bay) \$9,628.00
- **PARISH** (Colac) \$ 7,137.00
- **PARISH** (Apollo Bay) \$ 1,923.00

**Thank you – For generous giving:**

\*Presbytery – Weekly Collection.

\*Parish – Planned Giving Program – which enables us to meet our Diocesan Commitments.

**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:**

- Monday** - St Martha, Mary & Lazarus
- Wednesday** – St Ignatius of Loyola (Jesuits).
- Thursday** – St Alphonsus (Redemptorist).
- Friday** – St Peter Julian Eymond (Blessed Sacrament Priests).
- Saturday** – St Dominic (Dominicans).

**FAMILY GROUPS**

**Croft Family Group**

Sunday Lunch – "Shannan Cafe" 4<sup>th</sup> August  
 12noon: R.S.V.P. Tony & Helen Jones:  
 1st Aug: 0417578365

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our need.*

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God.  
The eyes of all creatures look to you  
and you give them their food in due time.  
You open wide your hand,  
grant the desires of all who live.  
The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him,  
who call on him from their hearts.

*The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our need.*

**APOLLO BAY & LORNE**

**FIRST COLLECTION**

BSB: 083585 Acc: 810967715

**SECOND COLLECTION**

BSB: 033600 ACCOUNT: 230038

**CENTACARE**

**Family Counsellor**

**Appointments Contact:**

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In preparation for the Diocesan Assembly in November 2024, there will be formation sessions held around the diocese with a focus on leadership and governance. In 2023, Bishop Paul asked parishes to focus on leadership in their local communities, either by forming or developing further a parish council or leadership team according to local circumstances. The Diocesan Assembly will bring together diocesan clergy, representatives of the leadership teams in parishes, schools and Catholic organisations to consider how we might develop leadership and governance in our communities in the future. The formation opportunity is for: Diocesan Clergy Parish Leadership Team/Parish Councils/Parish Teams School Leadership Teams/School Advisory Councils Catholic Organisations Leaders An invitation is also extended to people who have leadership potential and who would like to participate. Leadership teams are invited to nominate others who might benefit from this experience. **Fr Justin Driscoll will facilitate the formation sessions:**

**Colac –Tuesday July 30, 2024 - Begins 10am Mass, 1pm Lunch, 3pm Finish with Prayer.**

**Please Note:** This Session in our Parish is an opportunity for us to be prepared: FOR A FUTURE – WE DON'T KNOW YET. With the increasing shortage of Priests – Plus the opportunity to Lay People (Parishioners) to have increasing involvement in developing “leadership and governance in our communities in the future.” – this Meeting facilitated by Fr Justin Driscoll – (on behalf of Bishop Paul Bird) is a critical opportunity for US to be aware of possible changes and preparation for them. All Welcome! For Arrangements please book: - Parish Office 52312177. MO'T.

## Fourth World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly - Sunday, July 28, 2024

This year's theme, “Do not cast me off in my old age” (cf. Ps 71: 9), recalls the heartfelt plea to the Lord not to be left alone in old age. All too often, in fact, loneliness is a bitter companion in the lives of the elderly due to numerous contingent situations, such as the migration of children or the crisis of families, or due to the individualistic mentality that makes those who are advanced in years feel like a burden.

**Resources available** on the diocesan website include Pope Francis' message, and a copy of the prayer <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/world-day-for-grandparents-and-the-elderly-sunday-july-28-2024/>.

### Prayer for the Fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

*Lord, faithful God, You who created us in Your image,  
You who never leaves us alone and who accompanies us through every season of life,  
Do not abandon us, take care of us, and grant us, once again,  
the ability to discover ourselves and recognise that we are Your children.  
Renew our hearts with your Word and do not allow anyone to be cast aside.  
May your Spirit of love fill us with Your tenderness and teach us to say:  
“I will not abandon you!” to those we meet on our journey.  
Help us to look to the future with renewed hope,  
and make the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly  
and a day abundant with the first-fruits of Your peace. Amen.*

