



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.

20th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 18th August 2024 –Year B

Responsorial Psalm

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

All who eat my flesh and drink my blood
 live in me and I in them, says the Lord.

Alleluia! Alleluia!



St Mary's School
 Mary and the child Jesus

This Week's Readings

20TH Sunday in Ordinary Time

Proverbs 9:1-6. Ephesians 5:15-20. John 6:51-58.

Next Week's Readings

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18; Eph. 5:21-32; John 6:60-69.

Deaths: Jean Kelly, Trevor Hodson (Birregurra), Brodie Toohey(B'at),

Anniversaries: Lois Ryan, Ursula Millar, Ed. Millar, Carmel Dingemans, Ian Stoddart, Bernadette Lenehan, Margaret McKay, Emerita Mangawang, Bernie & Cath Crawley, Patrick Tibbitts



Our Prayers for Pope Francis on his 12-day pilgrimage to Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, East Timor, and Singapore (Sept. 2-13)

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
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., Fri.	10am	
Sunday	11.00am	
OUR LADY OF FATIMA – LORNE		
Sunday	9.00am	

CRAWFORD FAMILY GROUP: Lunch at the RSL :Thursday 22nd August at 12 noon. RSVP Catherine: 0499022644

ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH: Musical Afternoon: SOUL SESSIONS VOCAL GROUP AND THE SAFFRONS: SUNDAY 25TH AUGUST at 1.30pm : St. John's Church. Cost: \$20; Students (up to 16) \$12. Tickets: Contact Robyn: 0427 388 228 (essential for entry). Afternoon Tea to follow

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY: August 25th.: Theme: *"Truth & Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World". Australian Bishops Conference.*

CONGRATULATIONS & THANKS: To Barbara Foster(nee Allen) who recently has retired after 40 years of Primary Teaching. Barbara began at St. Brendan's Coragulac; then to Simpson & Timboon.

POPE FRANCIS: PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION FOR

AUGUST: For Political Leaders: 'We pray that Political Leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs'.

THE BALLARAT DIOCESAN BUSINESS MANAGER:

Mr. Ross Wheatland – made contact this week to arrange MEETINGS in the COLAC, CORAGULAC and APOLLO BAY PARISHES in the near future.

These meetings will offer parishioners opportunities to express to the Diocesan personnel: thoughts & ideas how MINISTRY can be offered in this GREATER COLAC AREA, FROM 2025 ONWARDS. MR ROSS WHEATLAND & FR, JUSTIN DRISCOLL will also present how other areas of the Diocese (W'BOOL, HAMILTON, HORSHAM, SWAN HILL, MILDURA, BALLARAT – have already responded to situations requiring 'restructure'. The meetings:

- (a) Apollo Bay : Wed. 28th. Aug. – 5.30pm to 6.30 pm in the Church Meeting Room.
- (b) St. Mary's Colac : Thursday 29th August 5.30-6.30pm in St. Mary's School Library.
- (c) St. Brendan's Coragulac: Thursday 29th August: 7.30pm-8.30pm. **All Parishioners** are invited to join with the Leadership Teams & Finance Committees at these meetings.

CATHOLICS FACING END-OF-LIFE DECISIONS: The Australian Bishops Conference have released a new document to guide Catholics who are considering accessing the V.A.D. scheme: <https://mediablog.catholic.org.au/help-for-those-accompanying-catholics-facing-end-of-life-decisions-/#more-9889>

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast
The humble shall near and be glad.

Revere the Lord, you his saints.
They lack nothing, those who revere him.

Strong lions suffer want and go hungry
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Come, children, and hear me that I may teach you the fear of
the Lord. Who is he who longs for life
and many days, to enjoy his prosperity?

Then keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking
deceit. Turn aside from evil and go good;
seek and strive after peace.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.



APOLLO BAY & LORNE

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POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS TO THE ASSOCIATION OF THE AFGHAN Community Association in Italy.

"Dear friends, I am pleased to meet you. In recent decades, Afghanistan has had a complicated and dramatic history, marked by a succession of wars and blood-stained conflicts. Instability, warfare with all its destruction and death, internal divisions & the barriers to respecting certain fundamental rights have pushed many to take the path of exile. Another important characteristic of Afghan society must also be remembered, namely that they are made up of many peoples, each proud of their culture, traditions & unique way of life. I encourage you to continue in your noble endeavour to promote religious harmony and to strive to overcome misunderstandings between different religions in order to build paths of trusting dialogue and peace. I remember when I was in the Central African Republic, visiting the Catholic community, I also went to visit the Islamic community, and prayed in their mosque. This included a meeting with the leaders, and the mosque was just in front of us, so I asked, 'May I go and pray there?' They were not expecting it. They replied, 'yes', so I took off my shoes and went to pray there. Then the head of the community joined me in the Popemobile and we went to visit all the communities, Islamic, Protestant & Catholic. We therefore ask everyone to 'stop using religions to incite hatred, violence, extremism and blind fanaticism, and to refrain from using the name of God to justify acts of murder, exile, terrorism & oppression". Dear friends thank you for your visit. I wish you well in your work & I invoke God's blessings upon you and your families. Please pray that God will bless me!"

(Our Colac Community has been gifted with many Afghan families who have found Colac a safe place to work and call home. Many suffered from the 'power' of the Taliban Leadership. This week: the 3rd. anniversary of that 'takeover'. How wonderful the girls now in Australia can again receive an education along with the boys. We continue to Hope (Pray) & Petition that their family reunions are achieved in Australia soon.)

CONGRATULATIONS: FROM THE APOLLO BAY COMMUNITY: To Alexa Jayne Degones Oyao - daughter of Jason & Almera – who today is celebrating her Confirmation & First Communion. (With appreciation to Eleanor for walking the pilgrim journey of faith with Alexa)

Best Wishes to the students of St. Mary's Parish Colac – who next Weekend:
Vigil Mass : 24th August at 6 pm & 25th August at 11 am Mass – will be celebrating their Confirmation & 1st. Communion. (9am Mass – Confirmation 'Free Zone'!

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: 20th Aug. St Bernard; 21st. Aug. St. Pius X;
22nd Aug. Queenship of Mary; 23rd Aug. St. Rose of Lima; 24th Aug. St. Bartholomew.

MUSIC AT THE BASILICA: St. Mary of the Angel, Geelong: "to Chase the Stars":

Sat. 14th. Sept. Australian Boys Choir: [www.trybooking.com/CPORD:\\$40/\\$35](http://www.trybooking.com/CPORD:$40/$35)

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