



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.*

**21st Sunday of Ordinary Time – 25<sup>th</sup> August 2024 –Year B**

**Responsorial Psalm**

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:  
 you have the words of everlasting life.  
 Alleluia!



**This Week's Readings**

**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Next Week's Readings**

**22 Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Deut 4:1-2, 6-8 St James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**Deaths:** Michael Garner, Bernadette Brady, Neil Anderson, Penny Trenerry (Dalby QLD), Kathleen (Brown-nee) Matby, Peter O'Brien.

**Anniversaries:** Marilyn Cass.

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	

**Croft Family Group:** Sunday Sept. 1 at 10am (after 9am Mass) Coffee / Brunch at Lake View Café.

**CWL:** Afternoon tea at "On The Lane" at 2pm: Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August.

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

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To. Baptismal Families today:

**Joey Garner & Makaiah Zappelli.**

**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:** Tue 27<sup>th</sup> Aug – St Monica;  
 Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Aug – St Augustine; Thu 29<sup>th</sup> Aug - Passion of the St Hon the Baptist

**Sympathy:** Vicki Garner & family; Bill Brady, Janelle (St Mary's) and family; Lola Anderson - On recent bereavements.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To our Young Friends (Parishioners)

Celebrating their Confirmation & First Communion this weekend at St Mary's. We celebrate with their Parents, Sponsors, Grandparents, Principals & Staff. We thank members of the School Staff who have walked with them over these 4 weeks. I also express gratitude to Mandy who as Parish Administrator and Sacramental Co-Ordinator – has shown extraordinary patience, kindness & support to parents and candidates. Mandy also appreciates the generous contribution of R.E Coordinators: Julie & Jayne. (Fr. Michael O'Toole).

**DIOCESAN FORWARD PLANNING:** Mr. Ross Wheatland: The Ballarat Diocesan Business Manager has confirmed:

**A General Parish Community** for St Mary's Colac & St Brendan's Coragulac this week. All Parishioners Welcome!

\* **St Mary's Colac:** This Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Aug- 5.30pm/6.30pm in St Mary's School Library – Parking in the Church/School Car Park – Entry through Main Door at the School. (Church Gathering Space – unavailable due to a wedding at 5pm -followed by Reception in Gathering Space).

\***St Brendan's Meeting:** Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August: 7,30pm – 8,30pm.

\***Apollo Bay/Lorne Parishioners:** To Meet at a later date (TBA). A 'Sub-Committee' of the Parish Leadership Committee to meet the Diocesan Personnel on Sept 5<sup>th</sup>.

\*The Business Manager (Ross Wheatland) expressed to the Apollo Bay Leadership committee that the purpose of the meetings is to present the work of the Pastoral Planning Panel and a document described as the "Looking Forward Proposition", which seeks to determine what parishes will look like going forward, and the formation of parish districts as a precursor to parish mergers. In this regard he mentioned Colac, Apollo Bay/Lorne and Coragulac.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

To Moira Ryan – celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday this weekend.

**Sacred Heart School: Dear Parents & Carers,** This note is to inform you that I have recently resigned as Principal of Sacred Heart Primary School. I advised our School Advisory Council of my decision at tonight's meeting. I have been privileged to be Principal of this fantastic school for 23 years and I have enjoyed it very much. It is a big part of who I am. However, it is a vocation that demands a lot of the individual as well and I know that the time for me to get out of the way and allow a new leader to assume this special role, has come. It is my intention to finish my career as a principal at the end of this current school year and so have asked the Diocese of Ballarat to begin the process of recruiting a new principal to lead our wonderful school. I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and trust during my tenure. **Jack Lenaghan**

Dear Sacred Heart Primary School community, I write to inform you that Mr Jack Lenaghan has advised me he is resigning from his position as Principal of Sacred Heart Primary School effective at the end of the 2024 school year. Jack has served as a Principal in our Diocese for 29 years, 6 years at St Malachy's Edenhope and 23 of those years at Sacred Heart. Throughout his career, Jack has demonstrated that he is a passionate and innovative educator. He has contributed significantly to the learning and teaching practices that exist at Sacred Heart, working collaboratively with staff to ensure the delivery of effective learning and teaching practices, resulting in high levels of learning for students. Jack has also shown great commitment to the ongoing wellbeing of all in the Sacred Heart community. He has worked tirelessly to build a strong sense of engagement and belonging, placing great importance on the development of the "whole person" and having "fun" through learning and participation. As Principal, Jack has led with a strong commitment to serving the school, parish and wider community. Jack has lived the school values of respect for the life and dignity of each person and, through his generous and caring nature, placed great importance on getting to know the families and children at Sacred Heart. He has been genuinely interested in each individual and what they could contribute to the life of the school. Whilst Jack has been fully committed to the foundational endeavours of Catholic Education across our Diocese, his decision-making and direction has always been grounded in the needs of the school. Our wider education community is grateful to Jack for his contribution to the various Diocesan Principal networks to which he belongs. I ask you to join me in offering our gratitude to Jack for his wonderful contributions and every blessing for the future. Ensuring a smooth transition to the next principal of Sacred Heart is a high priority, and a consultation and advertising process will shortly commence. We will share further information about this process over the coming weeks. Yours sincerely, **Tom Sexton Executive Director**



## *Our Children being initiated today are....*

**Claire Alexander**  
**Franc Emmanuel Anog**  
**Franc Christian Anog**  
**Jaymi Baker**  
**Oliver Betts**  
**Joshua Brauer**  
**Henley Clarke**  
**Hannah Crabbe**  
**Daniel Darcy**  
**Maya Donovan**  
**Alexander Fleming**  
**Monty Foster**  
**Hemi Genua**  
**Noah Goonan**  
**Finn Hay**  
**Maddi Hay**  
**Max Hickey**  
**Alisha Hodgson**  
**Nate Jamieson**  
**Ted Kerr**  
**Austin Lee**  
**Mia Lee-Archer**  
**Patrick Lehmann**  
**Oliver LoRiccio**

**James Lumagod**  
**Mia Lupton**  
**Tadeo Fabio Martija**  
**Ziana Masangcay**  
**Chase McCallum**  
**Thomas McCarthy**  
**Aaliyah McKay**  
**Bernard Melville**  
**Jacob Moorfoot**  
**Tafadzwa Muvengi**  
**Sid Riches**  
**Elias Robb**  
**Imogen Rodger**  
**Jett Rothery**  
**DJ Scott**  
**Jeremia Scott**  
**Jericho Scott**  
**Olive Swanson**  
**Jessica Tran**  
**Cara Wallace**  
**Kayla White**  
**Jackson Widdicombe**  
**Cian Woods**

