



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.

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time – 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 –Year B**



**Responsorial Psalm**

The Lord upholds my life.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
 God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory  
 of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
 Alleluia!

**This Week's Readings**

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20, St James 3:16-4:3, Mark 9:30-37

**Next Week's Readings**

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Numbers 11:25-29, St James 5:1-6, Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

**Deaths:** Graeme Carmody, Des Donovan, Constance (Connie) Coverdale, John Jellie, Ronald Muir, Lucia Isabella Sinatone, Sr Mary Duffy, R.S.M.,

**Anniversaries:** Marie Patterson, Robbie Patterson, Mick Ryan, Margaret McKay, Fr. Brian Gleeson, Nick Cheng, Joan Heath, Ruth Doupe, Fr Peter Claridge, Cyril Moroney, Walter Macintyre, Stephen Xerri, Ted Parker, Fr John Keane.

MASS TIMES - COLAC, CRESSY, BIRREGURRA.		
Tuesday	5.00pm	St Mary's
Wednesday	*8.00am	St Mary's
Thursday	*8.00am	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	11am	
OUR LADY OF FATIMA – LORNE		
Sunday	9am	

**THIS WEEKS MEETING**

**Parish Finance Committee:** \* Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept. 5.30pm

**Sympathy To:** \* Maureen Carmody & Family, Sister Margaret & Marie McGuane on death of Graeme: Husband Father Pa & Brother. of Pa.

- Paula Deaven & Family on death of her mother Lucia.

**@Communion To the Sick & Housebound:** This Ministry for so long a 'shining light' in our Parish. Due to Covid it had to be curtailed. Now is the time for the Ministry to be offered again. Parishioners and their families who request this Ministry can contact Mandy at the Parish Office: 52312177 (Mon to Fri 9am – 12 noon). Special Ministers of the Eucharist who wish to partake in this Ministry – May also contact Mandy.

**BAPTISMS: CONGRATULATIONS: WELCOME INTO OUR FAMILY OF FAITH – Greg Jackson, George, Thomas & Frederick Webb.**

**ST PETER'S COMMUNITY: BIRREGURRA:** With their 'Thank You' in the 'Birregurra Mail' this week. **Thank you to James Gannon** – The St Peter's Church community want to express their gratitude to James Gannon, who made time in his busy schedule to rehang the Stations of the Cross free of charge after they were removed prior to the church's recent renovations. Thank you so much James, we really appreciate your efforts and know that it was not an easy task. Everyone agrees that you did an amazing job, and the church looks fantastic with them back in place. Thanks also to Sue, John, Pat and Joe for their efforts to clean and repair the Stations, so they were ready to be rehung.

**FEAST DAY:**

- **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept. St Vincent de Paul.**

**Congratulations To:** Our Parish Teachers:

gaining significant appointments:

@Julie Leonard (Religious & Sacramental

Co-Ordinator): Principal 2025.

St Mary's Warracknabeal.

@Patrick Seal (Trinity: Year 9 Co-Ordinator) Vice

Principal – Mercy College Camperdown:

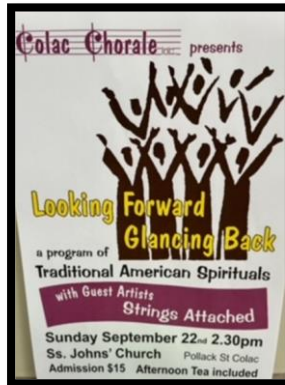
@Gavan Lang: (Trinity College) Senior Teacher:

MacKillop College Werribee.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### *The Lord upholds my life.*

O God, save me by your name;  
by your power, uphold my cause.  
O God, hear my prayer;  
listen to the words of my mouth.  
For proud men have risen against me  
ruthless men seek my life.  
They have no regard for God.  
But I have God for my help.  
The Lord upholds my life.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart  
and praise your name for it is good  
*The Lord upholds my life.*



## APOLLO BAY & LORNE

### FIRST COLLECTION

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### SECOND COLLECTION

BSB: 033600 ACCOUNT: 230038

## CENTACARE Family Counsellor Appointments

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## *Pope Francis – reflects on his 12 Day Mission to Indonesia Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste & Singapore.*

*The Catholic Church is “more alive” outside of Europe, Pope Francis said yesterday as he reflected on his recent apostolic journey to Southeast Asia and Oceania. Source: CNA.*

*“A first reflection that comes spontaneously after this trip is that in thinking about the Church, we are still too Eurocentric, or, as they say, ‘Western,’ the Pope said in St Peter’s Square.*

*“But in reality, the Church is much bigger, much bigger than Rome and Europe ... and may I say much more alive in these countries,” Pope expressed gratitude to God for his experiences in Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, East Timor, and Singapore.*

*“I thank the Lord who allowed me to do as an elderly Pope what I would have liked to do as a young Jesuit,” Francis said.*

*The Pope, who turns 88 in December, expressed his enthusiasm for the “missionary, outgoing Church” he encountered on his visit to the four island nations in Asia and Oceania.*

*In Indonesia, where only 3 per cent of the Muslim-majority country’s population is Catholic, Pope Francis said that he encountered “a lively, dynamic Church, capable of living and transmitting the Gospel.”*

*Pope Francis said the missionaries and catechists were the “protagonists” of his visit to Papua New Guinea, where the Pope was welcomed by the beating drums of some of the country’s Indigenous tribes who have accepted the Catholic faith.*

*He added that he has “a beautiful memory” from traveling to the remote coastal town of Vanimo, a jungle outpost where he said Argentine missionaries “go into the jungle in search of the most hidden tribes”.*

*Pope Francis said that he experienced the “air of springtime” in East Timor, a small Catholic country that gained its independence from Indonesia in 2002.*

*He praised the Catholic country for its many large families and many religious vocations.*

## **World Day of Migrants & Refugees – Sunday, September 29, 2024**

The Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office have provided resources for the 110<sup>th</sup> World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2024. <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/110th-world-day-of-migrants-refugees-sunday-september-29-2024/>

**FOR THE CRY OF THE EARTH:** *Let us pray that each of us listen with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit. Lord, hear us.*



## **Season of Creation 2024**

The Season of Creation runs from September 1 – October 4, with the theme for 2024, “To Hope and Act with Creation”. Resources are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/catholic-earthcare-ballarat-diocese/season-of-creation-2024/>.