



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.

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 6th October 2024 –Year B

Responsorial Psalm

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
 If we love one another,
 God will live in us in perfect love.
 Alleluia!

This Week's Readings

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 2:18-24. Hebrews 2:9-11. Mark 10:2-16.

Next Week's Readings

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 7:7-11, Hebrews 4:12-13, Mark 10:17-30

Deaths: Dick Lee, Brad Herbertson (Portland), Fr Michael John Morgan (Camberwell), Sheila White (101yrs. -Gordon),
Anniversaries: Sam Testa, Gerry Mahoney, Antoinio Lo Ricco, Tom Johnson, Czeslaw Holoda, Margaret O'Donnell, Aleixo Da Cruz, Poncialito Da Cruz, Maria Lourdes de Araujo,

MASS TIMES - COLAC, CRESSY, BIRREGURRA.		
Tuesday	5.00pm	St Mary's
Wednesday	10.00am	St Mary's
Thursday	10.00am	St Mary's
Friday	*8.00am	St Mary's
Friday	6.30pm	St Joseph's - Cressy
Saturday	6.00pm	St Mary's
Sunday	9.00am	St Peter's – Birregurra
Sunday	10.30am	Uniting Church -Beeac Ecumenical Service 'Cuppa to follow – All Welcome.'
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	

Attention Apollo Bay Parishioners: Mass Weekend 19th/20th October – Will be a Vigil Mass: Saturday 19th October at 6pm. (This is due to the Sacraments of Initiation at Our Lady of Fatima, Lorne at 9am).

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE
Ballarat Diocesan Reflection Day

St Mary's Colac Wednesday 23rd October 2024 All Women in the Parish Welcome! \$15: Registration inc. Lunch. R.S.V.P: 16th October
 Winsome: 0427353203 OR Lynne: 0409197237

THIS WEEKS MEETING

CWL Meeting Wed 9th Oct at 1.30 in the meeting room *Note change of Date.

Colac Ministers Association: Wednesday 9th Oct - 12.30pm – Anglican Church.

Congratulations To:

Baptism: * Hugo Louis Beau Colla: who will celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, this Saturday.

***Marriage:** * Dana Sier & Alex Bergantino ~ At Our Lady of Fatima Lorne, this Saturday.

Funeral Prayers: * Tuesday – 1pm – Dick Lee: Sympathy to Wife Jean and Lee family.

Feast Day:

- * October 7th – Our Lady of the Rosary
- *October 11th - St (Pope) John XXIII

Retired Priest Fund: Total so Far: \$700.00
 Last Year: \$1.160.00
 Envelopes still accepted.

CRAWFORD FAMILY GROUP: LUNCH AT MANGO THAI – 17TH OCTOBER – 12 NOON. R.S.V.P: CATHERINE 0499022644

GLEESON FAMILY GROUP: COMBINED – ALL WELCOME
 TOUR OF COLAC CEMETERY: ENTRY GATE: GRAVESEND ST HEARN ST. 1.30PM ON SUNDAY 13TH OCT. AFTERNOON TEA AFTERWARD AT CAFÉ NU DELI: ROBERT 52312126/0407523121
 LINDA: 0448314774

Remembrance Wall Applications

St. Mary's Parish Colac has a Remembrance Wall near the entrance to the church. Parishioners are invited to put forth and pay for names to be placed there. Application Forms are available in the Foyer or at Presbytery Office.

Applications close Friday 25th October.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives..

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!
by the labour of your hands you shall eat.

You will be happy and prosper.

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive, around your table.

Indeed thus shall be blessed the one who fears the Lord.

May the Lord bless you from Zion

in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life!

May you see your children's children. On Israel, peace

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

APOLLO BAY & LORNE

FIRST COLLECTION

BSB: 083585 ACC: 810967715

SECOND COLLECTION

BSB: 033600 ACCOUNT: 230038

CENTACARE

Family Counsellor

Wendy Garner

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News In Brief: Synod in Rome: Every Christian, whether a layperson or member of the clergy, has a vital role to play in advancing the mission of the Church through collaboration, Pope Francis said. We priests are not the bosses of the laity, but their pastors,' he said in a video message for his October prayer intention: 'For a shared mission. 'Christians are called to follow Jesus not with 'some people above others or some to one side and the rest to another side, but by complementing each other,' 'We are community. That is why we must walk together on the path of synodality.'

- As the first gathering of Pope Francis' Synod of Bishops is set to begin on Oct. 4, Latin American and U.S. Latino theologians are recognizing influences from the pope's Latin American roots in the theology and methodology.
- The second session of the Synod of Bishops on synodality, set to bring 368 bishops, priests, religious and laypeople to the Vatican, will begin by asking forgiveness for various sins on behalf of all the baptized.
- As synod members did before last year's session, they will spend two days on retreat before beginning work; that period of reflection will conclude Oct. 1 with a penitential liturgy presided over by Pope Francis in St. Peter's Basilica, the Vatican announced.
- The liturgy will include time to listen to the testimonies of three people: one who suffered from the sin of abuse, one from the sin of war and third from the sin of indifference to the plight of migrants.
- Seattle Archbishop Paul Etienne will take part in the Oct. 4-29 Synod of Bishops in Rome. "I have spent the past several weeks renewing my prayer life, longing for greater receptivity to the voice of the Holy Spirit."
- The Vatican is asking all baptized people, regardless of whether they will be in Rome to participate in October's assembly of the Synod of Bishops with their prayers.

Bishop Paul Birds'

Letter to Priests of the Diocese: Sat 28th Sept.

Dear Father,

Fr Michael O'Toole will soon be coming to his 75th birthday, the usual time for retirement from the responsibilities of Parish Priest. Father Michael is currently Parish Priest of Colac, Parish Priest of Apollo Bay and Supervising Priest of Cororooke. I have asked Father Michael to continue in his present roles till the end of this year and Father Michael has generously agreed to this. In view of Father Michael's retirement at the end of the year, I would like to invite expressions of interest in taking up the combined roles of Parish Priest of Colac, Parish Priest of Apollo Bay and Supervising Priest of Cororooke. Mark Bromley has prepared profiles of each of these parishes. If you would be interested in being considered for appointment to these parishes, please send your expression of interest to me by email by Friday October 18. In consultation with our Diocesan Personnel Board, I will consider the expressions of interest with a view to making an appointment to take effect in January 2025. Blessings to you and to all your parishioners.
Kind regards. Bishop Paul

Bishop Paul Birds'

Communion from the Chalice ~ Sat 28th Sept.

Dear People of the Diocese,

In the early days of the Covid pandemic, one of the adjustments made was suspending the practice of sharing communion from the chalice. As Covid restrictions have been lifted, some have asked me about reintroducing the option of Communion from the chalice in our diocese of Ballarat. In the diocese of Ballarat, communities may reintroduce the option of communion from the chalice from November 1st this year. From All Saints Day, local communities will be free to offer communion from the chalice to any of the faithful who wish to take this option. However, the common aim is to allow the faithful to receive Christ under the appearance of wine as well as under the appearance of bread, following the words of Jesus "Take and eat" and "Take and drink". In this way, communion is more clearly a sign of sharing in Christ's heavenly banquet. In making the chalice available, care should be taken to follow good hygiene practices. May the revival of this practice enrich our celebration of communion with Christ and with one another.
God bless you all. Bishop Paul