



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.

First Sunday of Advent – 1st December 2024 –Year C



Responsorial Psalm

To you O Lord, I lift my soul.

Gospel Acclamation

How Beautiful on the mountain top are the feet of those who bring Your word.

This Week's Readings

1st Sunday of Advent—Year C

Jeremiah 33:14-16, Thes. 3:12-4:2, Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Next Week's Readings

2nd Sunday of Advent—Year C

Baruch 5:1-9, Philippians 1:4-6,8-1, Luke 3:1-6.

Deaths: Fr Terry Bowman M.S.C, John Aisbett, Teresa Monaco, Kathy Leslie, David Ballagh.

Anniversaries: Wendy Darcy, Laurie Xuereb, Josephine & George Galea, Jim Simpson, Frank Virgona, Robert Krall, Peter Daffy, Don LoRicco, Tony LoRicco (Jnr), Giuseppina Zaia.

MASS TIMES - COLAC, CRESSY, BIRREGURRA.		
Tuesday	5.00pm	St Mary's
Wednesday	10.00am	St Mary's
Thursday	10.00am	**Requiem Mass John Aisbett 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		
Sunday	11am	
OUR LADY OF FATIMA – LORNE		
Sunday	9.00am	

Apollo Bay / Lorne: Leadership Group Meeting

Thursday 5th Dec – 5pm in Pacific Hotel Lorne

Vinnies Christmas Appeal

We wish to acknowledge the generous donations we have received over the years. This year we are looking for items for our Christmas hampers which will be given out from the 15th December onwards. These items include Christmas puddings, Long life custard, Jelly, Lemonade/Cordial/Orange Juice, Canned fruit, Canned vegetables, Mayo or salad dressing, Mince Pies, Christmas cake Christmas Lollie's or biscuits. These items can be left under our Christmas tree from Sunday 1st December. Many thanks Colac Conference

THIS WEEK NOTICES

Requiem Mass: Teresa Monaco: Monday 2nd Dec, 11am - St Brendan's Coragulac.

*John Aisbett -Thursday 5th Dec at 10am St Mary's Colac.

Sacrament of Baptism: We welcome this weekend into our Parish: **Hugo Ryan, Jesse & Taylor Grimmer, Aurora & Emmett Stephens.**

40 Days Memorial Prayer: Mary Arackal: Prayers at the Colac Cemetery 4pm; Mass 6pm, Saturday 7th Dec. St Mary's Colac.

Mass Tuesday 3rd Dec. Knights of Southern Cross

– with light supper afterwards: Guest Speaker: Pat Walsh: Topic – East Timor: reflecting on recent Vist of Pope Francis to Timor Leste, Constant Challenge to the East Timor citizens – reflecting on their growth as a Nation and as a Church after Persecution. All Welcome!

Colac Ministers Association: Dec Meeting 12 noon.

GLEESON FAMILY GROUP Christmas Lunch Farmers Arms Hotel Beeac 1st Dec at 12.30 pm. Meet in the Church car park at 12 pm. RSVP by 26th Nov to Winsome 0427353203.

CRAWFORD FAMILY GROUP Christmas lunch at City Bowls Club on 12th December at 12oclock RSVP Catherine.

TIME TO REMEMBER - Monday 2nd December

St Mary's Church 7pm. – Sponsored by Palliative Care Group: Colac Area Health: All Family and Friends of Deceased: 2024 – Are Welcome. Guest Speaker: Time for Reflection – Lighting of individual candles.

POPE INTENTION DECEMBER 2024

For pilgrims of hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

To you O Lord, I lift my soul.

Lord, make me know your ways.
 Lord, teach me your paths.
 Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
 for you are God my saviour.
 The Lord is good and upright.
 He shows the path to those who stray,
 he guides the humble in the right path;
 he teaches his way to the poor.
 His ways are faithfulness and love
 for those who keep his covenant and will.
 The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him;
 to them he reveals his covenant.

To you O Lord, I lift my soul.

APOLLO BAY & LORNE

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SECOND COLLECTION

BSB: 033600 ACCOUNT: 230038

CENTACARE

Family Counsellor
For an appointment
Please contact:
Wendy Garner
0409192480

***Columban Calendar 2025**

Available at St Mary's
 Piety Store \$12 each.

***Christmas Cards & gifts**
Are also available!!

Beeac Community
Christmas Carols

Featuring Colac City Band
Sunday 8th @7pm December
Venue: Beeac Community
Centre

Trinity College Colac
Annual Car Raffle

Thank You for your Support

Trinity College Colac's
 Raffle Winners

To view all winners:

<https://www.rafflelink.com.au/tcc-car-raffle-2024>

St Joseph Community: Cressy After "Discussion" the remaining 'Core Group' have decided that Mass: Friday 13th December: 6.30pm will be their last Mass. All Welcome to attend! (If attending please Notify Parish Office: Mandy 9am – 12noon). Bishop Paul has been informed and has replied:

"Hello Michael, Thank you for your message. It was good to hear of the Mass that has been celebrated regularly with the Cressy Community. At the same time, it is understandable that, with the declining numbers, the community would come to the decision to make December's gathering the last one. Unfortunately, in view of other commitments, I would not be able to join you for that occasion. However, I would like to offer my best wishes to all who are able to gather. Congratulations to you and the community members on arranging the Masses and dinners over the years. May the December gathering bring special blessings to you all.

God bless you, Michael.

Paul Bird CSsR - Bishop of the Diocese of Ballarat.



ADVENT COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION

Sunday 8th Dec. – 9am Birregurra

Sunday 15th Dec – 9am Lorne

Sunday 15th Dec – Apollo Bay

Sunday 21st Dec – Vigil 6pm St Mary's Colac

Sunday 22nd Dec – 9am & 11am St Mary's Colac

Sunday 22nd Dec – 5.00pm St Brendan's

ANOINTING MASSES

Sunday 8th Dec. – 9am Birregurra

Sunday 15th Dec – 9am Lorne

Sunday 15th Dec – Apollo Bay

Sunday 17th to 20th Dec - Colac each weekday Mass.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES
COLAC PARISHES.

24 th Dec	6pm & 8pm	St Mary' Church
24 th Dec	6pm	St Peter's Birregurra
25 th Dec	*8am & *10am	St Mary' Church
31 st Dec	6pm	St Mary' Church
1 st Jan 2025	9am	St Peter's Birregurra
1 st Jan 2025	9am	St Mary' Church

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES – Apollo Bay

24 th Dec - OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA – A' BAY	6pm
25 th Dec - OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA – A' BAY	10am
31 st Dec - OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA – A' BAY	6pm

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES. - LORNE

24 th Dec - OUR LADY OF FATIMA - LORNE	6pm
25 th Dec - OUR LADY OF FATIMA - LORNE	10am
1 st Jan 2025 - OUR LADY OF FATIMA - LORNE	9am