



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.

31st Sunday of Ordinary Time – 3rd November 2024 –Year B

Responsorial Psalm

I love you, Lord my strength.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my father will love them, and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

This Week's Readings

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 6:2-6. Hebrews 7:23-28. Mark 12:28-34.

Next Week's Readings

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Kings 17:10-16. Hebrews 9:24-28. Mark 12:38-44.

Deaths: Brian Bowtell, Mary Arackal, John Ryan (Q'took), Colin McKenna, (W'bool), Theresa Milverton, Jim & Carmel Madden (Koroit), Jack Davey (child Auburn Sth. School), Anne Carey (Gordon).

Anniversaries: Francis Hanlon, Laura, Pedro & Imelda Rante, Bernadette Roukema; Arie Roukema, Chris Garner, Michelle Garner, Ellen Frauenfelder, Kath Chapman, Mary O'Brien, Betty Nolan, Ellen Finn.

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		
Sunday	11am	
OUR LADY OF FATIMA – LORNE		
Sunday	9.00am	

Requiem Mass: Mary Arackal -Wed 1.30pm: Vigil Prayer (In Malayalam: Mary's Native Prayer) – near Our Lady Statue: 12.45pm – 1.20pm

Acknowledgement: Mr Mark Bromley – 36 years: Diocesan Finance Office – Assisting Parishes in Financial Matters – Retirement Dinner November 7th. We appreciate Mark's support and many visits to our Parish over the years.

K.S.C.: Mass for Deceased Members & Family of Members: Tuesday 5th November at 5pm – followed by dinner

TRINITY COLLEGE CAR RAFFLE You could win a car! The annual Trinity raffle is on again and you could win this fantastic Suzuki Swift Hatch or one of our other great prizes! purchase 15 tickets by 1 November. Contact Jenny at College.

Communion From the Chalice: On September 28, Bishop Paul advised that the option of communion from the chalice may be reintroduced in the diocese of Ballarat from November 1. "All Saints Day. The reintroduction of the option of communion from the chalice provides us with an opportunity to consider the significance of this practice as an important element in our celebration of the Eucharist".

**Our Parish Leadership Committee accepted Bishop Paul's invitation: the OPTION of Communion from the Chalice MAY be introduced in the Diocese of Ballarat from Nov 1st, All Saints Day. Emphasis will be on special Ministers to be especially diligent in 'cleaning', 'wiping' 'preparing: the Chalice before / after each Person has received from the Chalice – This Remains An Option for each person.

Croft Family Group: Afternoon Tea in the garden at Drews', Sunday Nov 10th, 3pm. All welcome. Enquiries: Anne 0428 327535

Crawford Family Group – Café Nu Deli – Lunch: Thursday, 14th November 12 noon.

Gleeson Family Group – BBQ at Len & Mary's – Sunday 17th November 12.30pm – BYO Meat, drinks and salad or desert to share. RSVP 523 16848

Welcome: Fr. Val Maglica assisting us this weekend (in Lorne & Apollo Bay), with Fr John in Kerala/India celebrating with his brother & a nephew both celebrating 50th Anniversary of Priesthood on Nov 3rd.

Sacrament of Initiation: We welcome this weekend through the **Sacrament of Baptism:**

Scarlett & Sienna Wemyss

Sacrament of Initiation:

Coen & Frankie Richardson.

"The Church gives the faith to your children through the Sacraments and you have the task to make it grow" - Pope Francis.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I love you, Lord my strength.

I love you, LORD, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is my rock where I take refuge,
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold!
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes.
Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praise be the God who saves me,
He has given great victories to his king
And shown his love for his anointed.

I love you, Lord my strength.

APOLLO BAY & LORNE

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Hello Everyone,

Following consultations over the past few weeks, I am pleased to announce an appointment to the parishes of Colac, Apollo Bay and Cororooke.

From January 15, 2025, Fr Andrew Hayes, currently Parish Priest of Gariwerd (Ararat and Stawell), will become Parish Priest of Colac, Parish Priest of Apollo Bay and Supervising Priest of Cororooke. I thank Fr Andrew for his current service and his willingness to take up the new assignment.

This appointment is in view of the coming retirement of Fr Michael O'Toole from these three roles in the new year. As he comes towards his retirement from parish responsibilities, I thank Fr Michael for his years of service to the communities of Colac, Apollo Bay and Cororooke and all the communities he has served in our diocese.

From January 15, 2025, Fr Michael will be Priest in Residence in Apollo Bay, helping Fr Andrew Hayes in the care of the communities of Apollo Bay and Lorne. I thank Fr Michael for his offer to help in this way.

God bless you all.

Bishop Paul

EMAIL FROM: FR MICHAEL ~ TO: Fr ANDREW HAYES (Ararat).

Andrew - yes email out! Congratulations on your appointment today. Best wishes to you as you prepare for 15th January 2025! We hope for a smooth transition. You have many gifts to share with the parishioners now in your care. You have much to offer them and the time is right for your appointment. The people will give you a grand welcome in January 2025. We look forward to a catch up at some stage. Peace. Michael O'Toole

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY POPE Francis called on the faithful to yearn to serve, not thirst for power, as he proclaimed 14 new saints.

"Those who dominate do not win, only those who serve out of love,"

"When we learn to serve, our every gesture of attention and care, every expression of tenderness, every work of mercy becomes a reflection of God's love," he said. "And so, we continue Jesus' work in the world."

The Pope said the new saints lived Jesus' way of service.

"The faith and the apostolate they carried out did not feed their worldly desires and hunger for power but, on the contrary, they made themselves servants of their brothers and sisters, creative in doing the good, steadfast in difficulties and generous to the end."

Tens of thousands of people attended the Mass, including the more than 300 cardinals, bishops and others taking part in the synod on synodality, between 2 & 27 October.

In his homily, the Pope pointed to the new saints as inspiring examples of "men and women who served in martyrdom and in joy" and who remained faithful servants "throughout the troubled history of humanity."

"This is what we should yearn for: not power, but service. Service is the Christian way of life,".

Before leading the recitation of the Angelus after Mass, the pope urged Catholics to support the world's missionaries with their prayers and concrete assistance. These men and women bring the Gospel message "often with great sacrifice."

And, he said, every Christian is called to take part in this mission by being courageous and joyful witnesses to the Gospel in every aspect of their life.

"We continue to pray for people who suffer because of war," he said, such as "martyred Palestine, Israel, Lebanon, martyred Ukraine, Sudan, Myanmar and all the others."

Thank you To Generous Contribution To: World Mission ~ Envelope can still be returned this week!

