



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.*

**Feast of Christ the King – 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024 –Year B**

**Responsorial Psalm**

*The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!*

**This Week's Readings**

**FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING**

*Daniel 7:13-14, Apocalypse 1:5-8, John 18:33-37*

**Next Week's Readings**

**1st Sunday of Advent—Year C**

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

**Deaths:** Shirley Smith (Cororooke), Betty Arnold, Teresa Monaco, Susan Cooke (nee Ditty), Bernard Mathieson.

**Anniversaries:** Jillian Hannah, Bernie O'Shannassy, Rita & Bernardo Honrada, Anthony Couch, Betty Nolan, Jenny Paatsch,

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	

**World Day of Prayer AGM:** is at St. Mary's on Friday 29th November at 1.30pm.

**Sacrament of Baptism:** We welcome this weekend into our Parish: **Ted Ellis Gabb.**

**Sympathy To:**

- \* Anne Ditty on the death of her sister, Susan Cooke this week.
- \* Monaco Family – on death of Mother & Nona: Teresa.
- \* Elizabeth Punton (Lorne) on death of her brother Bernard Mathieson.

**TRINITY COLLEGE CAR RAFFLE** – Drawn Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7.30pm.

**Congratulations:** to our 135 Year 12 Trinity College Students on their Graduation last Thursday. A wonderful celebration bringing much delight and pride to: Family, College, & Parish.

**Passionist Family Group Cluster meeting:** Recently the Parish co-ordinators from Surf Coast, Bellarine and Colac met for dinner with the Southern Team Co-ordinators. Together we shared ideas and experiences. Everyone agreed that the groups play an important role within the parish, providing pastoral care, hospitality and social interaction with fellow parishioners and families. All parishioners welcome to join family group events. Enquiries Linda 0448 314774.

**\*\*Tuesday November 26 - As Gilbert prepares to return to Vanuatu,** and acknowledging his contribution to our parish community, **Croft family Group** invite parishioners to join them and Gilbert for dinner at RSL after 5 pm Mass. please RSVP Linda - 0448 314774 (leave message) for booking numbers.

**\*\*Also, a Cuppa Tea will be held this weekend after the 9am Mass – For Parishioners to farewell Gilbert.**

**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.

**PRAYERS DURING NOVEMBER  
 MONTH OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED.**

**1. Prayer At the Colac Cemetery:** On Tuesday: November 26<sup>th</sup> after 5pm Mass we proceed to the Colac Cemetery where we gather for a prayer. The families are invited to take Holy Water and bless family graves, before gathering for a final prayer and blessing.

**Prayer for November: For those who have lost a child:** Let us pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation. **Lord, hear us.**

**Christmas Dinner:** - Chef Kaye asks that a Meeting to co-ordinate Preparation for the Dinner & Delivery of Meals etc: Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 9.30am. St Mary's Gathering Space.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

#### The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;  
the Lord has robed himself with might,  
he has girded himself with power.  
The world you made firm, not to be moved;  
your throne has stood firm from of old.  
From all eternity, O Lord, you are.  
Truly your decrees are to be trusted.  
Holiness is fitting to your house,  
O Lord, until the end of time.

#### The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

### APOLLO BAY & LORNE

#### FIRST COLLECTION

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#### SECOND COLLECTION

BSB: 033600 ACCOUNT: 230038

### CENTACARE

Family Counsellor  
For an appointment

Please contact:

**Wendy Garner**

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**St Joseph Community: Cressy** After “Discussion” the remaining ‘Core Group’ have decided that Mass: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.**



**Pope Francis has called attention to the scandal of world hunger, worsened by armed conflicts and the huge amounts of money spent on weapons rather than helping to feed three billion people without access to food or adequate nutrition.**

The Pope’s words came in a message read by Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican Secretary of State, addressed to Brazil’s President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva. Brazil is hosted the two-day G20 Leaders’ Summit that opened yesterday in Rio de Janeiro with the presence of the leaders of the 19 member countries, plus the African Union and the European Union. In congratulating President Lula da Silva for facilitating the meeting in its role as current chair of the Group of 20, the Pope expressed his greetings and hope to all those participating so that their discussions and the outcomes will truly contribute to making a better world and a prosperous future for the generations to come. The Pope underscored the immediate and primary necessity of eliminating hunger in the world as many millions continue to suffer and die from hunger, while tons of food are thrown away. He quoted from his encyclical Fratelli Tutti, saying this “constitutes a genuine scandal” and stressing that “hunger is criminal; food is an inalienable right”. Acknowledging the problems caused by wars, conflicts, and the persistence of injustices, the Pope underscored the importance in finding new ways to achieve “a stable and lasting peace in all conflict-related areas, with the objective of restoring the dignity of those affected.”

The death and destruction caused by these wars is also contributing to worsening famine and poverty, he pointed out, affecting places even far away from the conflicts through the disruption of supply chains and huge amounts of money spent for weapons and armaments as a result. Of great concern today, the Pope writes, is how the world has still not found ways to deal with the tragedy of starvation, and this “silent acceptance” by society is “a scandalous injustice and a grave offence.” “No effort should be spared to lift people out of poverty and hunger.”

**\*\*Our prayerful support to Deacon Cay Trinh who was ordained a Priest for the Ballarat diocese:**

– Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, by Bishop Paul Bird in St Patrick’s Cathedral, Ballarat.



### Newly appointed Parish Priest of Colac and Apollo Bay:

Ararat’s Catholic Priest Father Andrew Hayes is preparing to bid farewell to the Gariwerd Parish after ten years old dedicated service and community. Reflecting on his tenure, Father Andrew said after a decade in Ararat it was time for a change. “Ten years is enough. People benefit from having a range of priests teaching them. It’s good to have new ideas and new places. The people here get to hear from someone else.” Having also served in Swan Hill for nine years and Casterton for another nine before arriving in Ararat, Father Andrew feels it’s the right moment for a change.