



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.*

**Second Sunday of Advent – 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024 –Year C**



**Responsorial Psalm**

*The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

*How Beautiful on the mountain top are the feet of those who bring Your word. X 2*

**This Week's Readings**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent—Year C**

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

**Next Week's Readings**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent—Year C**

Zephaniah 3:14-18, Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:10-18

**Deaths:** Fr John Prenderville, S.J., Maree Brady (Sheila & Don Brady), Sporting Icons: Neil Fraser: Tennis & Ian Redpath (Cricket), Alex Osborne, Eileen Hounslow.

**Anniversaries:** Bernice Graham (nee Cuolahan), Jim Taylor, Jack Mulheron.

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
Friday	6.30pm	St Joseph's Cressy
Saturday	6.00pm	St Mary's
Sunday	9.00am	St Peter's Birregurra
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, Friday	10.00am	
Sunday	11am	
OUR LADY OF FATIMA – LORNE		
Sunday	9.00am	

**Sacrament of Baptism:** We welcome this weekend into our Parish: **Piper McGuane, Willow McGuane & Sadie O'Brien.**

**40 Days Memorial Prayer:** Mary Arackal: Prayers Mass 6pm, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec. St Mary's Colac. (Welcome to Family).

**CRAWFORD FAMILY GROUP** Christmas lunch at City Bowls Club on 12<sup>th</sup> December at 12oclock RSVP Catherine.

**Greg Chappell's Tribute: To Teammate Ian Redpath:**  
*Born on May 11, 1941, in Geelong, he epitomized everything one could wish for in a cricketer: resilience, humility, and an unwavering commitment to the team. Ian's contributions were not always measured in centuries or averages. He was the embodiment of selflessness. Ian's life was the masterclass in humility, resilience and quiet excellence. I consider it a privilege to have share the same dressing room for so many years. The word legend is used too liberally. Redders was the quite one.*

**Diocesan Appointment:** Fr Neville Stanislaus (Camperdown to **Ararat – Parish of Gariwerd**).



**Dear People of the Diocese,**

You may have seen media coverage a recent judgement of the High Court of Australia that involved the Diocese of Ballarat. This judgement has prompted renewed discussion about liability. I appreciate people's concern for those who have suffered abuse and people's questions about organisations accepting responsibility. I offer the following notes in response to people's concern and questions. In cases where there is evidence that the Diocese of Ballarat has been negligent in the duty of safeguarding children, the Diocese accepts liability and provides compensation to victims. In the case considered by the High Court, Victorian courts had found that the Diocese of Ballarat was not negligent but still held that the Diocese was liable – vicariously. The High Court set aside this decision of the Victorian courts. I would like to make it clear that the Diocese of Ballarat will continue to accept liability and provide compensation in cases where there is evidence that the Diocese has been negligent in safeguarding. In addition, the Diocese will continue to provide compensation through the Federal Government's Redress Scheme and through the state-wide Church process called Pathways Victoria. As well as providing compensation in these ways, the Diocese will continue to provide assistance to those who have suffered abuse by funding counselling and other pastoral help. *God bless you all.* **Bishop Paul**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,  
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs.

The heathens themselves said: "What marvels  
the Lord worked for them!"

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed, we were  
glad. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will  
sing when they reap.

They go out, they go out, full of tears carrying seed for the  
sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song,  
carrying their sheaves. They go out, they go out, full of  
years, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they  
come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves.

*The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

## APOLLO BAY & LORNE

### FIRST COLLECTION

BSB: 083585 ACC: 810967715

### SECOND COLLECTION

BSB: 033600 ACCOUNT: 230038

## Handcrafts from Holy Land - Gifts

A request from - Lubna Kok, a Palestine Christian (Geelong Parish) has requested to display & sell: Handcrafted olive wood from the Holy Land In St Mary's Gathering Space this weekend - Proceeds to support Christians this Christmas in Bethlehem

## \* CHOIR PRACTICE

commencing after 5pm Mass  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. -  
All very welcome

**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.*



**Beac Community Christmas Carols**  
Featuring Colac City Band  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm December  
At Beac Community Centre

**REMINDER:  
WORKING BEE  
ST MARY'S CHURCH  
MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> DEC.  
AT 10.00AM  
ALL WELCOME  
MEN & WOMEN  
REQUIRED.**

**Vinnies Christmas Appeal** This year we are looking for items for our Christmas hampers which will be given out from the 15<sup>th</sup> December onwards. These include Christmas groceries. These items can be left under our Christmas tree from Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

## ADVENT COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. – 9am Birregurra

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec – 9am Lorne

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec – Apollo Bay

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec – Vigil 6pm St Mary's Colac

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec – 9am & 11am St Mary's Colac

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec – 5.00pm St Brendan's

## ANointing Masses

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. – 9am Birregurra

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec – 9am Lorne

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec – Apollo Bay

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Colac weekday

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES COLAC PARISHES.

24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6pm & 8pm	St Mary' Church
24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6pm	St Peter's Birregurra
25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	*8am & *10am	St Mary' Church
31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	6pm	St Mary' Church
1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2025	9am	St Peter's Birregurra
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## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES – Apollo Bay

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

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES. - LORNE

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