



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.

The Presentation of the Lord – 2nd February 2025 – Year C

Responsorial Psalm

Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
 This is the light of revelation to the nations,
 and the glory of your people, Israel.
 Alleluia!

This Week's Readings

The Presentation of the Lord

Malachi 3:1-4, Hebrew 2:14-18, Luke 2:32.

Next Week's Readings

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 6:1-8. Corinthians 15:1-11. Luke 5:1-11.

Deaths: Tony Jones, Michael Harrison, John Scarrott, Ian Thomson, Monica Matthews.

Anniversaries: Bevan, Ann and Robert Davies, John Cass, Veronica Garner, James Morrissy, Georgett Reitz, William Torpy.

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		
Wed, Thurs, Friday	10.00am	
Sunday	11am	
OUR LADY OF FATIMA – LORNE		
Sunday	9.00am	

Change to Mass Roster

Fr Kevin Arundel has shared that he will be retiring "for good" at Easter. We had better have a cuppa to thank him for his help over the years since he retired the first time. The immediate effect of his stepping back will be that we will be three Masses short every month in our roster. The Leadership Teams in both Colac and Cororooke are discussing the options. There is merit in accommodating the greater number of people (keep all three Masses in Colac) but there is also merit in respecting the importance of the smaller communities (drop a Mass in Colac so the smaller places can continue to have Sunday Masses.) Easter Sunday will be the last of our current arrangement. Happy to hear your ideas.

Option I Cut out one of the Masses in Colac and use that time slot for Masses in Coragulac, Pirron Yallock and Birregurra.

Option II Have Masses in C, PY & B on weekdays.

Option III Any other ideas?

Other thought: If we drop a Colac Mass, which one might it be?

Fr Andrew H

GLEESON FAMILY GROUP

Our Planning Meeting for our activities and outings for this year is on Sunday Feb 9th at 2 pm at Winsome and Jos's home. Phone Winsome on 0427353203.

Parish Grieving Support Group: If interested in coming together over a cup of tea please contact. Anne 0488225188.

Popes Intentions February 2025

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

EFTPOS: We at St Mary's have EFTPOS facilities in our 'gathering space' for those that do not carry cash and would like to contribute to our Parish.

Every donation is very much appreciated,

– St Mary's Finance Team.

YOU ARE ABLE TO SELECT DONATION

AMOUNT: \$2.00 \$5.00, \$10.00, & \$20.00.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

Lift up, O gates, your lintels;
reach up, you ancient portals,
that the king of glory may come in!
Who is this king of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle.
Lift up, O gates, your lintels;
reach up, you ancient portals,
that the king of glory may come in!
Who is this king of glory?
The LORD of hosts; he is the king of glory.

Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

PIETY STORE
2025 CALENDARS
AVAILABLE
@ \$10 EACH.

APOLLO BAY & LORNE

FIRST COLLECTION

BSB: 083585 Acc: 810967715

SECOND COLLECTION

BSB: 033600 ACCOUNT: 230038

NEW Liturgy Roster

Now Available

In St Mary's

Gathering Space

ACU Centre for Liturgy

The ACU Centre for Liturgy provides specialist expertise, teaching and research formation in liturgical studies, sacramental theology and the sacred arts. Further information is available at <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/institutes-academies-and-centres/acu-centre-for-liturgy>

Saint Mary MacKillop's 30th Anniversary of Beatification

Celebrate the 30th Anniversary of St Mary MacKillop's beatification with a free commemorative prayer book, "Flourish with Mary's Heart", written by the Sisters of St Joseph. The book is available at

<https://www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/for-churches/prayer-book>

Mission One Heart Many Voices Conference 2025

The MOHMY 2025 conference will be informed and enlivened by and contribute to the ongoing journey of the Plenary Council, the Synod on Synodality and the celebration of the Jubilee Year with "deep faith, lively hope and active charity". Inspired by Jesus and mindful of this time of critical choices, this conference will focus on themes of encounter, inclusion, reconciliation, ecology, governance, justice, formation, celebration, synodality and challenge participants to consider, discern and choose a path to be agents of hope and mission. The conference will be held in Sydney from May 19-21, 2025. More information available at <https://2025.mohmy.com.au/>

Pope Francis: Suffering becomes 'occasion for transformative encounter' with God

Pope Francis emphasized how suffering can become "an occasion for a transformative encounter" with God in a new message released Monday, describing three distinct ways the divine draws close to those experiencing illness and hardship. In his message for the 2025 World Day of the Sick — signed Jan. 14 at the Archbasilica of St. John Lateran — the pontiff pointed to presence, gift, and sharing as profound paths of providential companionship during times of trial. He also addressed all those "who are ill or who care for the suffering," telling them: "Your journey together is a sign for everyone: 'a hymn to human dignity, a song of hope.'" The 88-year-old pope wrote from personal experience, having faced several health challenges in recent years, including knee problems requiring a wheelchair, respiratory infections, and, most recently, a fall resulting in [a forearm contusion](#) "In times of illness, we sense our human frailty on the physical, psychological, and spiritual levels," the pope wrote. "Yet we also experience the closeness and compassion of God, who, in Jesus, shared in our human suffering." Francis emphasized that God's first way of being close is through presence, noting that suffering "becomes an occasion for a transformative encounter, the discovery of a solid rock to which we can hold fast amid the tempests of life."

Addressing the second aspect — gift — Francis cited Venerable Madeleine Delbr el, emphasizing that hope comes primarily from the Lord as "a gift to be received and cultivated." The pontiff has previously pointed to the prayerful witness of the French writer, poet, essayist, social worker, and mystic.

In the message released Monday, the Pope explained that the third dimension of divine closeness manifests through sharing, particularly in health care settings where mutual enrichment often occurs between patients, medical staff, and family members.

The Pope concluded his message with a special word of gratitude to health care workers and those who care for the sick, calling their shared journey "a hymn to human dignity, a song of hope."

He entrusted all who are ill to the intercession of Mary, Health of the Sick, and asked for prayers for himself.

The World Day of the Sick is traditionally celebrated on Feb. 11, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes