



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.

7th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 23rd February 2025 – Year C

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
 I give you a new commandment:
 Love one another as I have loved you..
 Alleluia!

This Week's Readings
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Samuel 26:2.7-9. 12-13. 22-23. Corinthians 15:45-49. Luke 6:27-38.

Next Week's Readings
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7, Corinthians 15:54-58, Luke 6:39-45

Deaths: Keith McCoombe, Ray Gamble,

Anniversaries: Bill and Pat (Morrissy) Heath, Kevin Daffy, Maria Bonfante, Wallace King, Frank Murnane, Eileen Fry.

| MASS TIMES - COLAC, CRESSY, BIRREGURRA. | | |
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| Friday | 10.00am | St Mary's |
| Saturday | 6.00pm | St Mary's |
| Sunday | 9.00am 11.00am | St Mary's |
| SACRAMENTAL OF RECONCILIATION **Anytime by appointment **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 |

LENT BEGINS WITH ASH WEDNESDAY
5TH MARCH 2025.
PROJECT COMPASSION KITS
ARE AVAILABLE IN THE GATHERING SPACE

EARLY NOTICE: LENT MASS TIMES
Ash Wednesday (March 5)
Ashes will be distributed on
Tues 4th at Mercy Place 2.30pm Mass Colac
Wed 5th at 10am Mass St Mary's- Colac
Wed 5th at 6pm Mass St Brendan – Coragulac
Thurs 6th at 10am Mass St Mary's- Colac

Lenten Discussion Groups
 We have ordered the booklets for a couple of Lenten discussion groups. Fr Andrew thinks they are a great thing. More information to come.

CHANGES TO MASSES THIS WEEK

This week Fr Andrew will be away for the priests' retreat. There will be Mass on Friday 28th at 10am (St Mary's School Opening Mass)

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SACRAMENTS OF PENANCE, CONFIRMATION AND EUCHARIST
 Parents of Children in Year 2 and above who are preparing for the Sacraments of Penance (Confession), Confirmation and Eucharist are invited to attend one of two meetings at St Mary's Church on Thursday March 13. The meetings will be offered at 4pm and 7pm. The meetings are not for children, but if you need to bring them that will be ok. It is expected that the meetings will be finished in under an hour. Please let us know you are coming via email: colac@ballarat.catholic.org.au

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Croft Family Group. March cuppa after 9am Mass. Sunday March 2nd at Shannons Cafe. All parishioners welcome to join us. RSVP Linda. 0448 314774.

PARISH FAMILY GROUP provide an opportunity to come together and enjoy some company and hospitality; to share a meal or a cuppa; some time together for a chat! Each of our groups meet once a month for a social gathering and if you would like to join in now is the time!! Please reach out to any of the family -Croft, Gleeson or Crawford- groups or leave a message with Linda - 0448 314 774

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.
It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion.
The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him.

The Lord is kind and merciful.

APOLLO BAY & LORNE

FIRST COLLECTION

BSB: 083585 ACC: 810967715

SECOND COLLECTION

BSB: 033600 ACCOUNT: 230038

ST MARY'S PARISH GRIEVING

SUPPORT GROUP:

If interested in coming together
over a cup of tea, please contact.

Anne 0488225188



Commemorative Liturgy held for Cardinal Bychok

Civic and religious leaders from across Australia gathered with the faithful for a Divine Liturgy to commemorate the elevation to cardinal of His Eminence Bishop Mykola Bychok CSsR.

The Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, held at the Ukrainian Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul in Melbourne on Friday, was a solemn and uplifting celebration in honour of the cardinal.

Cardinal Bychok, 45, Eparch of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church in Australia and Oceania, was made the Church's youngest cardinal by Pope Francis in a ceremony held in Rome on December 7. Present for the celebration in Melbourne was the Apostolic Nuncio Charles Balvo and many of the cardinal's Australian brother bishops, Eastern Catholic bishops, priests and deacons of the Eparchy, the cardinal's fellow Redemptorists and members of other religious orders, along with representatives of other Christian communities including the Ukrainian Orthodox and Anglican churches. Also present were civic leaders, including the ambassador of Ukraine to Australia, Vasy Myroshnychenko.

"Today I give thanks to God for all the benefits and gifts he has bestowed upon me which is truly beyond any merits of mine," Cardinal Bychok said in his homily.

"But as the Holy Father often reminds us, we have a God of surprises.

"It was unimaginable a few months ago that I would be standing before you as a cardinal of the Holy Church, with all the responsibilities this high office brings.

"I have been greatly strengthened by the prayers and support of my brother bishops in Australia and Ukraine as well as thousands of well-wishers from around the world whose prayers have accompanied me." Earlier in a statement the new cardinal thanked the members of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference for their support and prayers. "Since my arrival in Australia in 2021, I have found your personal support and friendship to be one of the greatest gifts I have received in my life. My words cannot fully express how much I have come to rely on your wisdom, friendship, and love," he said.



Laudato Si'



"Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience" (Laudato Si', 217).

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