



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.

2ND Sunday of Lent- 16th March 2025 – Year C

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my light and my salvation.



Gospel Acclamation

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory.
 From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
 this is by beloved Son, hear him.
 Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory.*

This Week's Readings

Second Sunday of Lent

Deuteronomy 26:4-10. Romans 10:8-13. Luke 4:1-13

Next Week's Readings

Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 3:1-8.13-15. Corinthians 10:1-6.10-12. Luke 13:1-9.

Deaths: James Millar, Leonard 'Len' Melville, Cornelia Adams.

Anniversaries: Margaret Monica Klein, Dorothy Cuolahan, Sr Marion McDonald, Jacinta Baum, Shirley Wheeler.

MASS TIMES - COLAC, CRESSY, BIRREGURRA.		
Tuesday	1.00pm	Funeral - Prayers Len Melville St Mary's Colac
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
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	

New Sacrament Program in Colac

This week a new batch of families came together to begin their sacrament preparation for the year. This is a good time to explain the new program we'll be using. The "Live Your Christian Life" program was developed by a group of parents in Casterton many years ago when I was there. It is an experience-based program. It comes from an assertion that children experience well the sacraments of the Church when the encounter with God comes through encounter with the Christian community. So, there are no after school or weekend lessons. Rather, families are asked to experience the sacramental life of the Church by attending a minimum of ten Sunday Masses, as well as prayer at home. Children will also be looking to take up the offertory, or the collection. If they ask, be helpful. Do it with them if they are not sure. There are more activities, but they are the headlines. A change parishioners will notice is that we will have Confirmation / Eucharist Masses at least four times per year. When the bishop isn't the celebrant, why do we still have Confirmation once a year, whether children and families are ready or not? Families will be asked to complete the program in their own time, and book in for the next Sacrament Day. It may be six months or twelve or more until children and families feel they are ready. Watch this space.

Fr Andrew Hayes

CHOIR PRACTICE: For Lent and Easter,

Wednesday 19th & 26th March commencing at 5.30pm
New Members Welcome!

Help Required: If anyone is available to help an elderly gentleman to attend Mass each Saturday Evening, he lives in Ball St Colac, please contact the Parish Office. 52312177.

Crawford Family Group lunch at Cafe Nu Deli on Thurs. 20th March at 12 o'clock RSVP Catherine 0499022644.

Harmony Week: March 17-23, 2025

Prayer for Harmony Week: Lord, give us courage to follow your ways. Help us to make thoughtful decisions and kind actions, so that we may live in loving harmony with others. We ask this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen



Taizé at Star of the Sea, Apollo Bay

You are warmly welcome to join us for Taizé-style prayer

Please note corrected dates and time:

Saturday 29th March and Saturday 14th June from 5.00 – 6.00pm

Please rsvp apollobay@mcauleyministries.org.au

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink?

O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer.

Of you my heart has spoken: 'Seek his face'.

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face.

Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.

Hope in the Lord!

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

APOLLO BAY & LORNE

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BSB: 083585 ACC: 810967715

SECOND COLLECTION

BSB: 033600 ACCOUNT: 230038

RED CROSS ~ COLAC LAKE

RED CROSS UNIT

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AFTERNOON TEA

SUNDAY 16TH MARCH - 2PM

AT SS JOHN HALL \$10 P.P.

ALL WELCOME!!

**New Liturgy Roster: Please contact Parish Office with your availability for our next Liturgy Roster.*

**All Welcome to gather for a cuppa to Farewell our 9am Masses and Fr Kevin Arundell, after 9am Mass ONLY on the 30th March . (Due to Fr Kevin's availability).*



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Second Sunday of Lent

15th and 16th of March 2025

Toefuata'iga - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) a primary school student from Samoa faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas Australia and the generosity of supporters like you, her primary school now has a 10,000 L water tank. Teachers and students now have access to clean drinking water at their school and are able to focus on education.



Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion

POPES INTENTION FOR MARCH 2025

For families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth,

when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

Pope Francis



Pope Francis Lenten Message "Let Us Journey Together in Hope" is Pope Francis' message for Lent 2025.

He reminds us that we cannot stay where it is comfortable, that we must always accompany others, and that we must always do everything with the hope that never disappoints. The Dicastery for Integral Human Development have provided resources for Lent. To read the Pope's message and access the recourses, scan or click the QR code.