



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.*

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent– 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 – Year C**

**Responsorial Psalm**

*The Lord is Kind and merciful.*



**Gospel Acclamation**

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory.  
 Repent, say the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand.  
 Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory.*

**This Week's Readings**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

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

**Next Week's Readings**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

*Joshua 5:9-12. Corinthians 5:17-21. Luke 15:1-3.11-32.*

**Deaths:** Annam Thomas (Jiju's mother – India), Teresa Horan, Geoffrey Borrack, Edward 'Ted' Hinkley.

**Anniversaries:** Patricia Barrett, Wendy Hynes, Kerin Glennen, Chris Burrow, Francesco Zaia, Margaret Delahunty, Jack Delahunty, Bernie McGrath, Ann Melville, Terry Patterson, Annie Patterson.

MASS TIMES - COLAC, CRESSY, BIRREGURRA.		
Tuesday	3.00pm	Calvary Barongarook Gardens
Tuesday	5.00pm	St Mary's
Wednesday	10.00am	St Mary's
Wednesday	2.30pm	Mercy Place
Thursday	10.30am	Requiem Mass Geoffrey Borrack St Peters at Birregurra
Thursday	3.00pm	Corangamarah
Friday	10.00am	St Mary's
Saturday	6.00pm	St Mary's
Sunday	9.00am 11.00am	St Mary's
<b>SACRAMENTAL OF RECONCILIATION*</b> 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	

**24 Hours for the Lord: March 28, 2025**  
 The "24 Hours for the Lord" was introduced by Pope Francis in 2014 and has been held every year since. It is a Lenten initiative of prayer and reconciliation. It is celebrated on the eve of the Fourth Sunday of Lent each year. Its intention is to put the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the centre of the pastoral life of the Church. Further resources for 24 Hours for the Lord is available from the diocesan website [Link](#)

**Holy Ground**

I'm quite taken by "Take off your shoes. This is holy ground." Although I wear sandals because Jesus did, I'm not so excited about coming to Mass in bare feet but I love the Holy Ground bit. How do we live the holiness of the church? Perhaps it's in the quiet dignity. Perhaps it's in the wide-open spaces. Space to breathe. That is why we put away the things we are not using. It is even why the little table that my missal sits on is hidden behind my chair. Less clutter. Now we might think about how to bring the same shoes-off dignified simplicity to our liturgy. Can we declutter the Masses? What would that look like? What this space.

Fr Andrew Hayes

**CHOIR PRACTICE: For Lent and Easter,**

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March commencing at 5.30pm

**New Members Welcome!**

**C.W.L. Afternoon Tea:** On the Lane Café - Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 2pm.

**C.W.L. Meeting:** St Mary's Church 8<sup>th</sup> April at 1.30pm

**Prayer for 24 Hours for the Lord:** *Gracious God, we come before you with open hearts to be healed by your love and mercy. Look with compassion on us as we acknowledge our failures; heal our wounds and stretch out your hand of love to save us and raise us up. Keep us free from harm as members of Christ's body, as sheep of your flock, as children of your family. Hear the prayer we offer you O God. Lead us back to the way of holiness and protect us now and always. May we ever keep safe in all its fullness the gift your love once gave us and your mercy now restores. We pray in Jesus' name, he who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.*

## 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 does deeds of justice, gives judgement for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses and his deeds to Israel's sons. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him.

### *The Lord is Kind and merciful.*

## APOLLO BAY & LORNE

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

**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.

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



**PROJECT  
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## Third Sunday of Lent 22nd and 23rd of March 2025

**Lam** is 27 years old from a small village in rural Vietnam who faced significant challenges due to his short stature. Through the I-SHINE program Lam completed a six-month course developing his graphic design skills. He now runs a successful freelance graphic design business from home, serving clients worldwide and earning a steady income.



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## 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 29<sup>th</sup> March and Saturday**

**14<sup>th</sup> June from 5.00 – 6.00pm**

**Please RSVP [apollobay@mcauleyministries.org.au](mailto:apollobay@mcauleyministries.org.au)**

### ***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.