



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.

4th Sunday of Lent – 30th March 2025 – Year C

Responsorial Psalm

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.



Gospel Acclamation

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory.
 I will rise and go to my father and tell him:
 Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.
 Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory.*

This Week's Readings

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Joshua 5:9-12. Corinthians 5:17-21. Luke 15:1-3, 11-32.

Next Week's Readings

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21. Philippians 3:8-14. John 8:1-11

Deaths: Sr Joan Ryan (formally Sr Reginald many years at Coragulac), Danielle Daffy.

Anniversaries: Melissa Murray, Margaret Lyons, John Damian Paatsch, Ray Everett, Lance Ryan,

MASS TIMES - COLAC, CRESSY, BIRREGURRA.		
Tuesday	5.00pm	St Mary's
Wednesday	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 Liturgy Roster: Please contact Parish Office with your availability for our next Liturgy Roster.

CWL - Social Gathering has been postponed from Tuesday the 25th March at On Lane Café due to renovations; it will now be Tuesday 1st April at 2pm On the Lane Café Also our CWL Meeting will be Tues. 8th April at 1.30 in St Mary's Meeting Room.
9am Mass in Colac *This Sunday we have a farewell cuppa for the 9 o'clockers in Colac. I understand the upheaval for you. I'm interested to see where you go next for Mass - Saturday night, 11am, or joining a caravan of people attending the outer churches at 9am. On April 27 the first of the 9am Masses in the outer churches will be at Coragulac. I will be parking in Cororooke and walking to Mass at St Brendan's. Time to reflect on our new reality. You're welcome to join me. (2km walk).*
 Fr Andrew Hayes

Reconciliation Prayer Next Sunday, April 5/6 in Colac we will have a prayer of reconciliation in readiness for Easter. This will take place during Mass.
Confession Rooms and Transparency For many years we have been required to have glass in confession rooms so that people can see in, for the protection of everyone who uses the confessional. In Colac we meet that requirement to the letter, in that there is glass in the door. I wonder whether we meet the spirit of it. The door is over against the wall where no one can see in anyway. What happens in the confessional isn't visible to people in the church. I wonder whether we can find a more transparent place for confession. Thoughts?
 Engaging Your Faith Online Series
Mass of the Oils
 Monday April 14, 1pm, St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat. Each year Bishop Paul blesses the holy oils, and then our parishes will be called one by one to receive the oils from the Bishop. Looking for a volunteer to be at the Mass and collect the oils when called forward
Projector Globes
 People who get to Mass early in Colac might have noticed the warning messages on the screens, that the globes need replacing. This week we replaced one with a spare from the cupboard, and have ordered a new globe for the other. Note: the globes are approaching \$1,000 each! One day we'll put in TV screens, which will be cheaper and better, but for now we'll use the globes we have. And the projectors still have plenty of life in them. There's a question about putting a screen in at Lorne. Thoughts?

Fr Andrew Hayes

CHOIR PRACTICE: For Lent and Easter,
 Wednesday 2nd & 9th April commencing at 5.30pm
New Members Welcome

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praises always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.

The humble shall hear and be glad.

Glorify the Lord with me.

Together let us praise his name.

I sought the Lord and he answered me;

from all my terrors he set me free.

Look towards him and be radiant;

let your faces not be abashed.

This poor man called; the Lord heard him

and rescued him from all his distress

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

APOLLO BAY & LORNE

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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 29th March and Saturday

14th June from 5.00 – 6.00pm

Please RSVP apollobay@mcauleyministries.org.au



PROJECT COMPASSION

Fourth Sunday of Lent

29th and 30th of March 2025

Irene lives in the Kongolo Region in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and faced immense challenges after losing her father to war and raising her children in poverty. With support from Caritas Australia, Irene received vocational training in sewing and farming and can now support her whole family.



Please donate today.

Refugee Rally

This year's Melbourne Palm Sunday Rally, "Kindness and Justice, and a Fair Go for Refugees", will be held around the Southbank precinct on Sunday 13 April 2025. Organised by the Refugee Advocacy Network.

Catholic Theological College, Melbourne, have a series of online events to further our thinking about what it means to be people of faith in the modern world. Info: <https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/engaging-your-faith/>



Pilgrimage with St Paul - Missionary of Hope

In this Jubilee year, dedicated to becoming Pilgrims of Hope, pilgrims are invited to experience the world of the early Christian communities. The Acts of the Apostles will come alive as we go out with St Paul and his companions to rediscover the faith and struggles of the early Christian communities. The proposed itinerary departs Melbourne on Sunday, September 21st 2025 with the pilgrims arriving in Istanbul and proceeding to Adana, Tarsus, Antioch, Ephesus, Troas, Kavala, Philippi, Thessalonica and Athens with the possibility of an extension to Rome. For further information please contact Lifestyle Travel, 11 Armstrong Street North (PO Box 740), Ballarat, 3350, ph. 03 5331 8077, email info@lifestyletravel.com.au or Fr Justin Driscoll justin.driscoll@ballarat.catholic.org.au

St Mary's Parish Family Groups

would like to acknowledge Fr Kevin Arundell for his vision and initiative in establishing family groups over 30 years ago. The Passionist family group movement aims to build Christian community through the development of extended families. With loneliness and isolation so prevalent in our society there is a genuine need to know and support each other.

Family groups create an extended family atmosphere within the community and are open to everyone. St Mary's Parish Family groups welcome parishioners to share a cuppa after mass today as we thank Fr Kevin for his foresight in bringing this valuable resource to our Parish.

**Easter Mass Times 2025
Will be in Next Weeks
Parish Bulletin.**

WANTED: A Room to Rent: We have a Parishioner who is looking to rent a room please contact Parish Office if you are able to help.

Car Wanted: We have a Parishioner looking to buy a used car - please contact Parish Office if you are able to help. Ph: 52312177