

Emmaus Catholic Parish ~ Colac, Lakes to Coast
Apollo Bay, Birregurra, Colac, Coragulac, Lorne, Pirron Yallock.
We honour and respect the Gulidjan people of lakes and plains
and the Gadubanud people of mountains, coast and sea.

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Sacred Heart Primary School

Trinity College

Saints College

St Brendan's Catholic Primary School

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www.shcolac.catholic.edu.au

www.tcc.vic.edu.au

saintscollege.vic.edu.au/colac

www.sbcoragulac.catholic.edu.au



24th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading

Ecclesiasticus 27:33-28:9

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,
and both are found with the sinner.

He who exacts vengeance will experience the
vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin.

Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

If a man nurses anger against another,
can he then demand compassion from the Lord?

Showing no pity for a man like himself,
can he then plead for his own sins?

Remember the last things, and stop hating,
remember dissolution and death, and live by the
commandments.

Remember the commandments, and do not bear your
neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most
High and overlook the offence.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102(103):1-4,9-12

**The Lord is kind and merciful;
slow to anger, and rich in compassion.**

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.

Response.

It is he who forgives all you guilt,
Who heals every one of your ills,
Who redeems your life from the grave,
Who crowns you with love and compassion. **Response.**

His wrath will come to an end;
He will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
Nor repay us according to our faults. **Response.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth
So strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
So far does he remove our sins. **Response.**

Second Reading

Romans 14:7-9

The life and death of each of us has its influence on
others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we
die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the
Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life:
it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of
the living.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

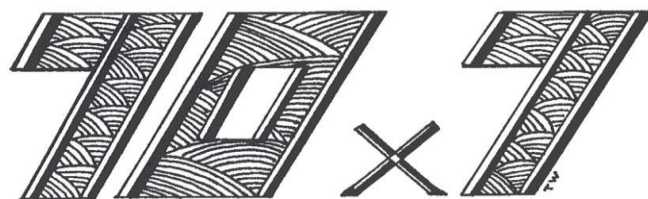
I give you a new commandment:
love one another just as I have loved you,
says the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I
forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven
times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-
seven times.

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king
who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When
the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed
ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so
his master gave orders that he should be sold, together
with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet
the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his
master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the
whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him
that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this
servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant
who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by
the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe
me" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored
him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the
other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown
into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants
were deeply distressed when they saw what had
happened, and they went to their master and reported the
whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You
wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours
when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to
have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?"
And in his anger the master handed him over to the
torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my
heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive
your brother from your heart.'



HOW OFTEN SHOULD I FORGIVE?

Mt 18:21

Next Week's Readings

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:6-9 Philippians 1:20-24.27 Matthew 20:1-16

Sunday Mass & Assembly Times

Colac	6pm Saturday Vigil Mass 11am Sunday Mass
Birregurra	2 nd Sunday only 9am Mass
Apollo Bay	11am Sunday Mass
Lorne	9am Sunday Mass
Pirron Yallock	1 st Sunday only 9am Mass
Coragulac	1 st Sunday 10.30am – Lay-led Assembly 2 nd & 3 rd Sunday 9.30am – Lay-led Assembly 4 th & 5 th Sunday 9am – Mass

Colac this Week

Tuesday	15 th	4pm note change of time
Wednesday	16 th	10am Mass
Thursday	17 th	10am (Presbytery)
Friday	18 th	10am Mass

St Mary's: Rosary - each Thursday: 9.30am

Apollo Bay this Week

Tuesday	15 th	5.30pm
Wednesday	16 th	10am
Thursday	17 th	10am
Friday	18 th	10am

Recent Deaths: Joyce Kerr (sister of Dulcie Cavalieri).

Anniversaries: Josephine Veronica Foley, Archie Lang, Graeme Carmody, Bill Page, Vera Milligan, Johanna Page, Sr Eileen Ryan, Rosemary Oliveri, Giuseppe Oliveri.

Coragulac & Pirron Yallock News

St Brendan's 20th Sept Lay led @9:30

Communion Minister: L McGuane **Commentator:** V Roache
Leaders: M Gorwell, M Finn **Counters:** 6th - 13th Sept:

Reader: C Finlay
A McCarthy

Altar Duties: St Brendan's -September: A Bayne & M McGee

St Joseph's -September: Sherman

News:

St Brendan's Primary School is open for enrolments. Please call and organise a tour 52331464.

St Brendan's Primary School REVEAL! Our renovations are almost done so we warmly invite you to come to walk through our school at our open day Sat. October 10th, 10-12.00 noon. More details to come.

We keep in our thoughts and prayers all those who seek healing and wellness. May they feel valued and supported especially... Kerryn Williams, Simon Hickman, Claire Ryan, Doreen Brumby, Nola McGuane, Peter Convery

*With the financial support from our church communities, Ano (in the middle) recently completed a St John's Level 2 First Aid course and CPR course in Dili, Timor Leste. Ano will now be able to train remote Timorese communities using the stackable CPR Kit, generously donated by St Brendan's PS.



Leadership Team Meeting St Brendan's and St Joseph's 15 Sept at 5pm.

Colac News

Leadership Meeting Wednesday 16 September at 5.30pm.

Piety Stall has Columbian Calendars are available. \$10.

New Liturgy Rosters: Are available in the *Gathering Space* on the table in the foyer.

Caritas Australia's Women for the World Appeal

Safe childbirth shouldn't depend on luck. But in Papua New Guinea, many women still face pregnancy and childbirth without access to the care, equipment and support they need. Health centres are often under-resourced, and distance, cost and extreme weather can make reaching care a challenge. By supporting Caritas Australia's Women for the World appeal, you can help upgrade rural health centres, giving women a safer chance to bring new life into the world. Your gift today can help support safer pregnancies, safer births and healthier futures for mothers and babies. Learn more or donate today at www.caritas.org.au/wftw



Emmaus Parish News

Parish Website link and QR code: <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/parish/colac/>

Parish Banking Details:

Emmaus Presbytery Account 1st Collection BSB: 083585 Account: 810967715

Emmaus Parish Account 2nd Collection BSB: 083585 Account: 811051426 - Planned Giving Account



Retreat: Eating with Jesus

This Ignatian Retreat will invite participants to prayerfully experience selected Gospel meal stories where Jesus gathered with friends and strangers alike. Led by Spiritual Director Anna Schlooz, meals and materials are provided. BYO journal and bible. The retreat is funded by the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat Foundation - no cost for participants. For more information and to register, please email Anna: ecomyriad@gmail.com This retreat is being offered in eight centres around the diocese, including: **November 28 at Colac, 10am – 5pm. RSVP by November 23.**

BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND

Collection for Retired Priests



The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund relies on your generosity to enable it to continue supporting our sick and retired priests. You are still able to contribute, by using the special envelope provided, or in an envelope marked "Ballarat Clergy Support Fund".

A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.

CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US – THE CHURCH COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY

CatholicCare Victoria Winter Appeal

This winter, your kindness can help someone rebuild their life. Across Victoria, many people are just one crisis away from homelessness. Your donation to CatholicCare Victoria provides safe housing, practical assistance and ongoing support. Donate at <https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/winter-appeal/>

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Season of Creation

The celebration of the *Season of Creation* began on 1st September with the World Day of Prayer for Creation and extends through to October 4th (the feast of St Francis).

"Swarms of living creatures will live wherever the river flows.
There will be large numbers of fish,
because this water flows there and makes the salt water fresh; so
where the river flows everything will live." Ezek 47:9

"Fruit trees of all kinds will grow on both banks of the river.
Their leaves will not wither,
nor will their fruit fail.
Every month they will bear fruit,
because the water from the sanctuary flows to them.
Their fruit will serve for food and their leaves for healing." Ezek 47:12

This year's theme, "Living Water", explores Ezekiel as a powerful biblical vision of hope and ecological healing. Set amid exile and loss, the image of living water flowing from God's sanctuary reveals divine healing that renews land, water, biodiversity, and human responsibility towards the whole creation.



Pope Leo XIV re Season of Creation: "Pray with the Pope, video of his prayer intention for the month of September, which is "For the care of water." [Click Here](#)