30th Sunday of Ordinary Time ~ 25th October 2026 ~ YEAR A

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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Committee Contacts	John Higgins, Paula Hayden	

Parish Schools

St Mary's Catholic Primary School	www.smcolac.catholic.edu.au
Sacred Heart Primary School	www.shcolac.catholic.edu.au
Trinity College	www.tcc.vic.edu.au
Saints College	saintscollege.vic.edu.au/colac
St Brendan's Catholic Primary School	www.sbcoragulac.catholic.edu.au



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First Reading Exodus 22:20-26

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans. "If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him. "If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. (R.)

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. (R.)



Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Acclamation John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 22:34-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

Next Week's Readings

Feast of All Saints

Rev 7:2-4, 9-14. 1John 3:1-3. Matt 5:1-12a

Sunday Mass & Assembly Times

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

Colac this Week

Tuesday	27th	5pm Mass
	3pm Barongarook	
Wednesday	28th	10am Mass
	2.30pm Mercy Place	
Thursday	29th	10am Mass
Friday	30th	No Mass

St Mary's Rosary - each Thursday: 9.30am

Apollo Bay this Week

Tuesday	27th	5.30pm
Wednesday	28th	10am
Thursday	29th	10am
Friday	30th	10am

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Margaret Gleeson, William Gleeson, Janelle Goonan, Monica McCarthy, Jack McGuane, Valerie Jenkins, Bill Koegh, Irma Delahunty, Pattie Ryan, Richard Flynn, Nellie Finn

Coragulac & Pirron Yallock News

St Brendan's Lay led@9:30 1st Nov
Communion Minister: M Gorwell Commentator: M Finn
Reader: Dignan Family Leader: M O'Shea /Dignan Family

St Joseph's Mass@9 1st Nov
Family: Sherman Communion Minister: J Sherman

Counter:1-8 November: C Finlay

Church Cleaning: November St Joseph's: Convery Oborne Family St Brendan's: J O'Dowd/ H Holland

Congratulations to Natalie and Alex on the safe arrival of their son, Jack Richard Riordan, another grandson for Maryanne and Bill McGuane.

Happy 21st birthday to Genevieve McGuane!

Dates to Remember:
Nov 1st: St Joseph's 9am Mass incorporating Sherman celebration
St Brendan's 10:30 Liturgy of the Word with Communion incorporating the Dignan family, gathering to celebrate 100yrs since Ambrose and Mary Dignan were married at St Brendan's
Nov 10th Parish Leadership Meeting@5pm
Nov 19th Mission Day @ St Brendan's School

Colac News

More to come regarding parishioner involvement in: setting up for Mass, welcoming, offertory, sacristy cleaning, flowers, computer, funeral ministry, funeral hospitality.

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

Pope Leo Intention October — Mental Health Ministry
For the establishment of mental health ministry throughout the Church to overcome stigma and discrimination.

Mass to Celebrate Clergy Jubilees of Ordination
Mass to acknowledge priests celebrating a Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood this year will be held on Tuesday, November 10, 2026 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 5.00pm. Clergy Jubilarians this year are: Frs Dan Arundell & Damien Heath – 70 years; Fr Denis Ryan – 40 years; Fr Marcello Colasante – 25 years. Bishop Mark will be the main celebrant and con-celebrants will be priests celebrating a jubilee. All are welcome to attend.

Choir for the Mass to Celebrate Clergy Jubilees of Ordination
Members of the parishes of the Diocese of Ballarat are welcome to join the choir for the Clergy Jubilarians Mass. Choir rehearsal will be held on Sunday, November 8, 2026 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 6.15pm (following 5.00pm Mass).

Christmas Masses - Emmaus Parish
Christmas Eve: 6 pm and 9 pm St Mary's Colac; 7:30 pm St Brendan's Coragulac
Christmas Eve: 6 pm Vigils: Our Lady of Fatima Lorne & Our Lady Star of the Sea Apollo Bay
Christmas Day: Our Lady of Fatima Lorne 9 am; Our Lady Star of the Sea Apollo Bay 11 am
Christmas Day: 9 am St Peter's Birregurra; 11 am St Mary's Colac
Pirron Yallock parishioners are invited to travel to Coragulac for 7.30pm

Retreat in Colac: 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.

World Mission Sunday

