



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.

Baptism of the Lord – 12th January 2025–Year C

Responsorial Psalm

Oh, bless the Lord my soul!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
 John said: He who is mightier than I;
 He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.
 Alleluia!

This Week's Readings

Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 Titus 2:11-14 3:4-7 Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Next Week's Readings

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 62:1-5, Corinthians 12:4-11, John 2:1-11

Deaths: Cornelius Van Es, Gavan Stephens, Victor 'Vic' Argento, Bill McMaster (Lake Bolac, Mortlake, Geelong), Fr Tom Cleary, S.S.C.

Anniversaries: Mary & Anne Moloney, Tony Shelton, Annie Sexton, John Denis Foley, Joad Antoinio De Santa Lopes (Timor Leste).

MASS TIMES - COLAC, CRESSY, BIRREGURRA.

Tuesday	10.30am	Requiem Mass Cornelius 'Kees' Van Es St Mary's
Wednesday	10.00am	St Mary's
Thursday	1.30pm	Requiem Mass Victor 'Vic' Argento St Mary's
Friday	10.00am	St Mary's
Saturday	6.00pm	St Mary's
Sunday	9.00am 11.00am	St Mary's

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

Wed, Thurs, Friday	10.00am
Sunday	11am

OUR LADY OF FATIMA – LORNE

Sunday	9.00am
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Popes Intentions January 2025

For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

RAR Community Picnic for Sunday 12th January. At 12pm – 2pm. The idea is for a relaxed gathering of our multicultural communities, around the rotunda area at the Lake Colac foreshore. See the flyer in the Gathering Space for details.

THIS WEEK:

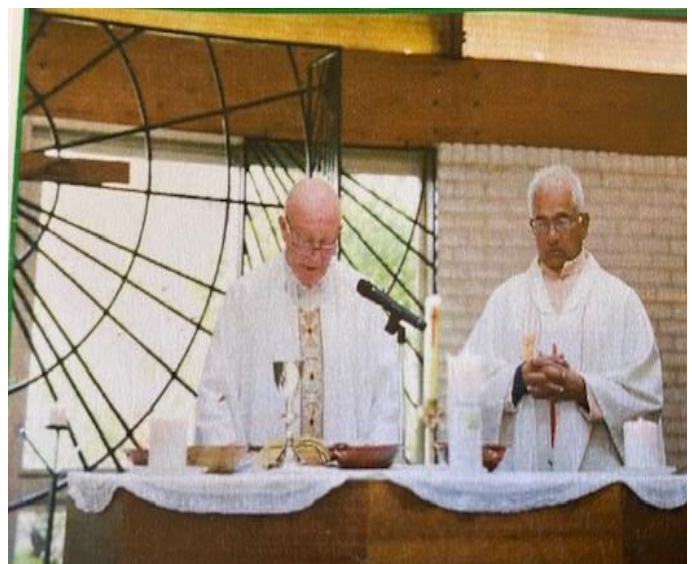
St Mary's Colac - Tuesday 2pm (Requiem Mass: "Kees" Cornelius Van Es).

Thursday 1.30pm (Requiem Mass: Vic Argento).

Sympathy To:

- Harry Van Es & Extended family on their father, grandfather & great grandfather: Cornelius.
- To Argento Family on death of Vic Argento this week. Vic one of Br. Tuck's initial students at Trinity College and Apprentice Mechanic in Elliminyt and what a successful businessman. 'Argento Panels'.

"Fr John & Fr Michael – say farewell to the Parishioners of Colac, (Apollo Bay & Lorne) today. We are grateful for the support, friendship and generosity of Parishioners and for looking after us – over these years. Every blessing to you and all families of the Parish."



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Oh, bless the Lord my soul!

Lord God, how great you are,
clothed in majesty and glory,
wrapped in light as in a robe!
You stretch out the heavens like a tent.
Above the rains you build your dwelling
You make the clouds your chariot,
you walk on the wings of the wind,
you make the winds your messengers
and flashing fire your servants.
How many are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all.
The earth is full of your riches.
There is the sea, vast and wide,
with its moving swarms past counting,
living things great and small.
All of these look to you
to give them their food in due season.
You give it, they gather it up:
you open your hand, they have their fill.
You take your spirit back, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and renew the face of the earth

Oh, bless the Lord my soul!

APOLLO BAY & LORNE

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EFTPOS: *We at St Mary's have EFTPOS facilities in our 'gathering space' for those that do not carry cash and would like to contribute to our Parish. Every donation is very much appreciated – St Mary's Finance Team.*

YOU ARE ABLE TO SELECT DONATION AMOUNT: \$2.00 \$5.00, \$10.00, & \$20.00.

Baptism of the Lord

"John answered them all, 'I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...'"

(Luke 3:16)

Following consultations over the past few weeks, I am pleased to announce an appointment to the parishes of Camperdown, Timboon and Hampden. This appointment is in view of Fr Neville Stanislaus' forthcoming move to Gariwerd, (Ararat). **From March 1, 2025, Fr George Kuruvila Koorumullumpurayidam MST, currently Co-Pastor of the Western Border Parish, will become Parish Priest of Camperdown, Timboon and Hampden.**

I thank Fr George for his current service and his willingness to take up the new assignment.

God bless you all.

Bishop Paul



St Mary's Parish Colac and Our Lady Star of the Sea (Apollo Bay) along with Our Lady of Fatima (Lorne) welcome Fr Andrew Hayes as a new Parish Priest. Every Good Wishes, Blessing & Happiness to him as we move forward as a Parish Community. Fr Andrew Hayes arrives on Wednesday 15th to celebrate the 10am Mass.