



Our Lady Star of the Sea Apollo Bay
 Our Lady of Fatima Lorne
 St Mary's Colac
 St Peter's Birregurra
 St Joseph's Cressy



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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 First nations Peoples of these lands, seas and waterway on which we gather. The First Nations peoples of these places were the first to dance stories and remember times of healing and hurt. We acknowledge the elders past and present, and future.

3rd Sunday of Advent – 11th December 2022 Year A

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, come and save us.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
 He sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
 Alleluia!



THIS WEEK

3rd Sunday of Advent - Year A

Isaiah 35:1-6.10. James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11

NEXT WEEK

4th Sunday of Advent - Year A

Isaiah 7:10-14, Romans 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-24.

Deaths: Doug Swanson, Peter Beechey, Bernadette Glennen, Bill McDowlie.

Anniversaries: David Widdicombe, Darryl Scott, Mary Greene, Christopher Fay (20yrs), Jim Taylor, Brian Galligan, Amada Buaya (Philippines), Col & Elizabeth McKay, Leonard & Catherine Murnane.

MASS TIMES - COLAC, CRESSY, BIRREGURRA.		
Tuesday	5.00pm	St Mary's- Colac
Wednesday	10.00am	St Mary's- Colac
Thursday	10.00am	St Mary's- Colac
Friday	10.00am	St Mary's- Colac
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Saturday	6.00pm	St Mary's- Colac
Sunday	9.00am	St Mary's- Colac
	11.00am	St Mary's- Colac
CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES.		
24 th Dec	6pm & 8pm	St Mary' Church
24 th Dec	6pm	Christ Church Hall Birregurra
24 th Dec	8pm	St Joseph's Cressy
25 th Dec	8am & 10am	St Mary' Church
MASS TIMES OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA – APOLLO BAY		
Sunday		11.00am
CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES.		
24 th Dec - OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA – APOLLO BAY		8pm
25 th Dec - OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA – APOLLO BAY		9am
OUR LADY OF FATIMA - LORNE		
Sunday		9.00am
CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES.		
24 th Dec - OUR LADY OF FATIMA - LORNE		6pm & 8pm
25 th Dec - OUR LADY OF FATIMA - LORNE		9am

RECONCILIATION MASSES

Next Week Lorne 9am / Apollo Bay 11am Dec 13th

Apollo Bay Community Christmas Carols Sunday 18th Dec.

Apollo Bay Rosary: Each Thursday 5.30pm -7 Scott Place

This Week Notices

@Tuesday: 11.15am Trinity Staff (Mass & Lunch).

@ Wednesday 14th Dec: *6.00PM – St Mary's Primary School Graduation & Liturgy

@Thursday 15th Dec, 5.30pm Finance Committee Meeting.

BAPTISMS: Saturday 12pm Sienna & Harper Brown:
 Saturday 11am Katarina Sahyoune-Locke.

Crawford Family Group – Christmas Lunch at Colac East Hotel 12 noon on Wednesday 14th December. RSVP 11.12.22 – Mary 52312107

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

Congratulations To Michael McGannon who in company with Clare & family, District Members received his 60th Anniversary Certificate as a member of the Knights of the Southern Cross. Victorian, State Chairman Mr Paul Mitchell presented the Certificate.



Michael & Claire McGannon with their grandchildren who celebrated the occasion of Michaels 60th Anniversary Wednesday evening.



Top L to R Gerard Gleeson – District Chairman; Paul Mitchell State Chairman; John Miller State Councillor. Front: Michael & Claire McGannon.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, come and save us.

The LORD God keeps faith forever,
secures justice for the oppressed,
gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets captives free.

The LORD gives sight to the blind;
the LORD raises up those who were bowed down.

The LORD loves the just;

the LORD protects strangers.

The fatherless and the widow he sustains,
but the way of the wicked he thwarts.

The LORD shall reign forever;
your God, O Zion, through all generations

.Lord, come and save us.

**REMINDER:
WORKING BEE
ST MARY'S CHURCH
MONDAY 19TH DEC.
AT 9.30AM
ALL WELCOME
MEN & WOMEN
REQUIRED.**

APOLLO BAY/ LORNE
First Collection
National Bank
BSB 083585
Acct 810967715

Second Collection
Westpac Bank
BSB 033600
Acct 230038

CENTACARE

FAMILY COUNSELLING

St Mary's Presbytery Colac
Appointment's contact
Wendy 5559 3006

**Beac Community
Christmas Carols
Sunday 11th 8pm
Beac Community**

VINNES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Over the past 12 months the society has provided over \$11 million in material assistance including food, clothing, furniture and financial support to Victorian families in need. With the current cost of living crisis, the assistance we provide for the people experiencing hardship this Christmas will be needed more than ever. In Colac this year we are holding our annual Christmas Hammer Appeal. Parishioners are encouraged to donate non-perishable items of Christmas style Food: tinned ham, Christmas pudding, Christmas Cake, canned fruit, canned vegetables, shortbread and long-life custard are just a few suggestions. Items such as bon bons, serviettes and Christmas lollies would also add cheer to the tables of those in need. Donations can be placed under the Christmas Tree in the Gathering Space at St Marys church and will be distributed by our volunteers prior to Christmas Day. Your generosity could make someone's Christmas a happier time so please consider supporting our efforts. Thank You.



POPE'S INTENTION FOR DECEMBER:

Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation

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ADVENT BOOKLETS

"Incarnate" Advent & Christmas - daily Reflections 2022
Costs - \$5.00 each
Available in your Church Foyer



Visitors To Apollo Bay this Week!!
Olesya;(Russia)
Evgueni;(Wife- Siberia)
Lioudmila:'Mother' Ukraine.
A Joy to meet them!
Welcome Them! Assure them of our good Wishes and Prayers for their countries.



St Mary's Parish will again host 'An Open Christmas Dinner'

in St Mary's School Hall – 25th Dec. 12pm for 12.30pm.

Call for volunteers: helpers, supporters, givers, etc.

Any offers/donors etc. - contact Presbytery Office 9am – 1pm phone 5331 2177
(The dinner is 'An Open Invitation' to the wider community). Spread the Word!!

Initial Preparation Meeting: This Wednesday 14th Dec – 11am in the Gathering Space!!

St Mary's Piety Store ~ Christmas Items Available, Cards 'on special', 2023 Columbian Calendars \$10.