



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.

The Epiphany of the Lord – 8th January 2023 –Year A



Responsorial Psalm

Lord every nation on earth will adore you

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
 We have seen his star in the East;
 and have come to adore the Lord.
 Alleluia!

**This Week's Readings
 Feast of the Epiphany**

Isaiah 60:1-6. Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6. Matthew 2:1-12

**Next Week's Readings
 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time**
 Isaiah 49:3,5-6. Corinthians 1:1-3. John 1:29-3

Deaths: Pope Benedict XVI, Ian 'Cindy' Maguire, Robert Bethune, Glenn Searle (Beac), Paul Ewing (Caramut).
Anniversaries: Ursula Carew, Noel Paatsch, Carl Paatsch, Mervyn Prime, Brendan Prime, Ed Carmody (Jnr), Marjory Bennett, Lindsay Bennett, Ron Parker, Mary Hammett, Dr Bernard Longano, Sr Gertrude Keeley O.L.M., Ben Johnston, Nell Vivian, Sr M. Emmanuel O.L.M., Therese Rushford, Ettie Lanphier, Reg Crawley, James Hall,

| MASS TIMES - COLAC, CRESSY, BIRREGURRA. | | |
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| Tuesday | 5.00pm | Baptism of the Lord 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 |
| Saturday | 6.00pm | St Mary' Church |
| Sunday | 9am & 11am | St Mary' Church |
| Reconciliation: Each Friday after 10am Mass. Anytime by Appointment. | | |
| MASS TIMES OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA – APOLLO BAY | | |
| Tuesday | 5.30pm | |
| Wednesday, Thursday & Friday | 10.00am | |
| Sunday | 11.00am | |
| OUR LADY OF FATIMA - LORNE | | |
| Sunday | 9.00am | |

Last Sunday: St Mary's Colac

- hosted 40 Members of the Sth Sudanese Community Union Church – They come to join local members: Nymbol, Maria & David in the New Year Day of Prayer, Reflection and Celebration.



The Christmas Season Concludes with - The Epiphany of the Lord (8th Jan); The Baptism of the Lord (9th Jan).

Message from Shirley Smith - Co-Ordinator of "Flower Ladies" Invitation to a 'Get-Together' a "Get to Know You" Morning Tea, Monday 16th January in St Mary's Gathering Space: Monday 16th January at 10 am. This Invitation is to Sacristy ladies, Flower Ladies, "Tea" Ladies, C.W.L. Ladies, and all who would appreciate this 'Social - Get -Together.' Shirley Smith 0409334086

BAPTISM: Congratulations to Rubi Joyce O'Connell/ Arceri.
CONGRATULATIONS:

*50th Wedding Anniversary Helen & Tim Gibson

On behalf of the Anglican Parish of the Otway's
 I would like to extend our sincere condolences to you and your people on the passing of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. His wisdom and humility served the church well and his example will continue to serve the church well into the future. We offered prayers of thanksgiving for his life and his service to the church at our mass on Sunday. With our love and blessings
**Rev'd Jenny Brandon - Parish Priest
 Anglican Parish of the Otway's.**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! "Our Thanks to our generous Parishioners who continue their wonderful support to our Parish in these Covid Effectuated" Mass Attendance days.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

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| July to December 2021 | \$73,976.00 |
| July to December 2022 | \$60,014.00 |

"Again - Our Parishioners Giving to the Presbytery Account continues to be outstanding. Truly humbling! As good as any in the Diocese as we support our 'local' priests, our Retired priests, Bishop Paul, with assistance through (Quarterly Levies) to Priests in the smaller parishes, also to Missionary Priests in W.A. & N.T. This generous giving to the Ballarat Clergy Assistance Fund (plus personal gifts): Truly Appreciated! 'M'OT.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord every nation on earth will adore you

O God, with your judgment endow the king,

and with your justice, the king's son;

He shall govern your people with justice

and your afflicted ones with judgment.

Justice shall flower in his days,

and profound peace, till the moon be no more.

May he rule from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts;

the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute.

All kings shall pay him homage,

all nations shall serve him.

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out,

and the afflicted when he has no one to help him.

He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor;

the lives of the poor he shall save

Lord every nation on earth will adore you

APOLLO BAY/ LORNE

First Collection

National Bank

BSB 083585

Acct 810967715

Second Collection

Westpac Bank

BSB 033600

Acct 230038

Pope Francis

January Intention

For educators

We pray that educators

may be credible

witnesses, teaching

Sisterhood

/Brotherhood rather

than competition and

helping the

youngest

and most vulnerable

above all.

Spiritual Testament of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, written on 29 August 2006.

When, at this late hour of my life, I look back on the decades I have wandered through, I see first of all how much reason I have to give thanks. Above all, I thank God Himself, the giver of all good gifts, who has given me life and guided me through all kinds of confusion; who has always picked me up when I began to slip.

I thank my parents, who gave me life in difficult times and prepared a wonderful home for me with their love, which shines through all my days as a bright light until today.

My father's clear-sighted faith taught us brothers and sisters to believe and stood firm as a guide in the midst of all my scientific knowledge; my mother's heartfelt piety and great kindness remain a legacy for which I cannot thank her enough. My sister has served me selflessly and full of kind concern for decades; my brother has always paved the way for me with the clear-sightedness of his judgements, with his powerful determination, and with the cheerfulness of his heart..

I thank God from the bottom of my heart for the many friends, men and women, whom He has always placed at my side; for the co-workers at all stages of my path; for the teachers and students He has given me. I gratefully entrust them all to His goodness.

And I would like to thank the Lord for my beautiful home in the Bavarian foothills of the Alps, in which I was able to see the splendour of the Creator Himself shining through time and again. I thank the people of my homeland for allowing me to experience the beauty of faith time and again. Finally, I thank God for all the beauty I was able to experience during the various stages of my journey, but especially in Rome and in Italy, which has become my second home.

I ask for forgiveness from the bottom of my heart from all those whom I have wronged in some way. What I said earlier of my compatriots, I now say to all who were entrusted to my service in the Church: Stand firm in the faith! Jesus Christ is truly the Way, the Truth, and the Life – and the Church, in all her shortcomings, is truly His Body.

Benedictus PP XVI

Prayer for Pope Benedict XVI ~ Almighty ever-living God, who made Pope Benedict XVI a wise teacher of your people, a gentle shepherd of your flock, and a faithful pastor of your Church, grant in your kindness that your humble servant, who in this life believed in you and loved you, may now receive your mercy and rejoice in your presence for ever in the glory of the Saints. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

