



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.

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time – 15th January 2023 –Year A

Responsorial Psalm

Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
 The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.
 He enabled those who accepted him
 to become the children of God.
 Alleluia!



This Week's Readings

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Isaiah 49:3.5-6. Corinthians 1:1-3. John 1:29-3

Next Week's Readings

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Isaiah 8:23-9:3. Corinthians 1:10-13.17. Matthew 4:12-23

Deaths: Cardinal George Pell, Shirley Bowen, Sheila (O'Grady) Paton, Margaret Dunn, Dom Placid Lawson O.S.B (Anglican Benedictive Monk: Camperdown), Alice Walker, Robert Crabbe, Ian Durstan, Rita Johnston, Bruno Schwaerzler.
Anniversaries: Aidan Joseph Mathews, Anicia Rubante Dormeindo, Gerard Aloysious McMahon, Murray Casey, Lindsay Bennett, Derek Ryan, William Thomas (Bill) O'Dowd, Murray Howard, Milan Maglica, Rosalia LoRicco.

MASS TIMES - COLAC, CRESSY, BIRREGURRA.		
Tuesday	5.00pm	St Mary's- Colac
Wednesday	*5.00pm	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	

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.' Also could those attending bring a small plate to share. Thanks - Shirley Smith 0409334086

BAPTISM: We welcome into our Parish this weekend:
 'Max Harvey Dalton.'

Dom Placid Lawson O.S. B (Anglican Benedictive Monastery, Camperdown): Wonderful that Good Samaritan Sisters (Benedictive Rule): Srs., Margaret Carmody, Gerri Boylan, Margaret Malone, Jill O'Brien were present at the funeral also Abbot from New Norcia, W.A.; 2 Monks from Tarrawarra Monastery as well as Fr Neville Stanislaus, P.P. Camperdown – all attend the funeral.



Fr George (P.P Casterton); With 2 young Priest: Fr Jeorie & Fr Robert part of his Order. Jeorie & Robert study Psychology in the Philippines. Our Filipino Community (30) attended Thursday Mass and afterwards provided a "Filipino Morning Tea" to welcome the visitors before their return to the Philippines on Saturday 14th January.

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

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

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.

FEAST DAYS 22ND January St Vincent Pallotti

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

I have waited, waited for the LORD,
and he stooped toward me and heard my cry.
And he put a new song into my mouth,
a hymn to our God.

Sacrifice or offering you wished not,
but ears open to obedience you gave me.
Holocausts or sin-offerings you sought not;
then said I, "Behold I come."

"In the written scroll it is prescribed for me,
to do your will, O my God, is my delight,
and your law is within my heart!"

I announced your justice in the vast assembly;
I did not restrain my lips, as you, O LORD, know.

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

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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.

Wednesday 11 2023 – Geelong Advertiser - *From a young age, James Carew dedicated his life to helping others. As a frontline paramedic, lifeguard and volunteer lifesaver he attended to the safety of thousands of people at some of Victoria’s biggest events, as well as pioneering training at the Lorne Surf Life Saving Club for 23 years. But now it is Mr Carew who needs help. A freak ski accident at Mt Hotham in August left the Colac man paralysed from the waist down after he crashed in man – made snow. Four months ago, Mr Carew’s cousin launched a fundraising campaign that has raised \$130,000. Another fundraiser has been organised by Lorne Life Saving Club of the Australia Day weekend. Money raised will help Mr Carew restart his life, including setting him up with somewhere to live. “We want to see James get back to living the fulfilling life he is destined for, while removing son of his financial burden. After several months of rehabilitation, Mr Carew is set on “getting back” to the beach and to work with Ambulance Vitoria in a new capacity. He is also keen to continue working with the Lorne IRB Racing Team and Life Saving Victoria when the season starts in April.(James, son of Shirley & John Carew, Beeac). Club life member Richard Knight said Mr Carew had been “amazing servant” and continued to do “a heap of work” after the accident. The club is also hosting an open fundraiser for Mr Carew on January 28th. (Link for Donations: click here [GO FUND ME](#) .*

Pope Francis pays tribute to cardinal George Pell



Pope Francis has praised George Pell for his “determination and wisdom”, in a statement dedicated to the controversial cardinal after his death at the age of 81.

In a statement addressed to Giovanni Battista Re, the dean of the college of cardinals, Francis expressed his condolences while remembering “a grateful soul” and “committed witness to the gospel and church”, who also laid the foundations for changes now under way at the holy see’s secretariat for the economy, which Pell led between 2014 and 2019 with “determination and wisdom”.

The pope said he was praying that “this faithful servant, who unwaveringly followed his Lord with perseverance even in the hour of trial, may be received into the joy of heaven and receive the reward of eternal peace”.

Archbishop Anthony Fisher of Sydney said Jan. 11 his predecessor “will be remembered as a courageous leader who inspired so many around the world to proclaim Christ crucified, risen and with us still.”

“Cardinal Pell’s episcopal motto was ‘Be Not Afraid’ and through good days and bad, he lived up to these words as a man of courage and with a big heart, who trusted in divine providence,” Fisher said.

The former archbishop of Sydney “fearlessly proclaimed the Gospel and worked to explain the teachings of the Church,” Fisher said. “He spoke truth as he found it, however difficult or unpopular. He was also a man of prayer, of deep Christian faith and a loving shepherd to his flock in parishes, schools, hospitals, and throughout his dioceses.