



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 Lent – 5th March 2023 –Year A



Responsorial Psalm

Lord Let your mercy be on us as we place out trust in you.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and Praise Lord Jesus Christ; Glory and Praise to you.
 From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
 This is my beloved Son, hear him.
 Glory and Praise Lord Jesus Christ; Glory and Praise to you.

This Week's Readings

Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12:1-4. Timothy 1:8-10. Matthew 17:1-9

Next Week's Readings

Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17:3-7. Romans 5:1-2.5-8. John 4:5-42

Deaths: Sr Kathleen Eveston, S.G.S., Frank Chamberlin, Len Green Rita Winter, Brian Jeffrey.

Anniversaries: Ted McGuane, Patricia Mary Heath, John Arundell, Jack Darmody, Mary Brown, Des Rea, St Therese Parish, O.L.M. Josie Lamanna, Eileen Dooley, Marie O'Brien, Leon Heath, Peter Huggins.

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
Friday	6.30pm	St Joseph- Cressy
Saturday	6.00pm	St Mary' Church
Sunday	9am & 11am	St Mary' Church
Sunday	9.00am	Anglican Hall - Birregurra
Reconciliation: Each Friday after 10am Mass. Anytime by Appointment.		
St Mary's: Holy Hour- Every 1 st Tuesday of Month: 4-5pm		
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	

Apollo Bay & Lorne Leadership Meeting Thu 9th Mar 5.30pm

Caritas Australia Prayer for International Women's Day – March 8, 2023

God, whose love and goodness gathers us in:
 we pray for women all over the world,
 especially those challenged by poverty and other
 injustice. Stir us to know women's dignity.
 Quieten us to listen to women's voices.
 Awaken us to see women's realities.
 Strengthen us to stand for women's rights.
 Fill us with hope to make a better future
 together. Amen.

Vinnies Colac - need Volunteers just a few hours any day especially Monday and Saturdays. Call in and see Kerry or phone 52312738.

Scripture Reflections: Lenten Program - Year A

"God Is on the Journey Too"- Booklets available today @ \$ 10.00 each (For personal use and /or Group Reflection).

* **Project Compassion** – Envelopes & Boxes available

GLEESON FAMILY GROUP activity for March 2023 . Lunch at Babil Restaurant (ex Oddfellows) Sunday 19 March 12.30pm. Please Contact Pat 0413081617 for booking numbers.

CRAWFORD FAMILY GROUP – Luncheon Thursday 16th March. Gellibrand Hotel . Meet at carpark @11.45am. Ring Anne Zucal 0409 120 255.

SYMPATHY – * To Trish & Family & the Carew family on the death of Rita Winter this week.

* To Green & Doran families on the death of Len Green this week.

Scots Presbyterian Church P.W.M.U.

Invite you to play 'HOY' **Wednesday 15th March** at 1.30pm. In Everett Hall Armstrong St Colac. Admission \$5. Afternoon Tea.

Diocesan e-News The latest edition of the diocesan e-News has been published with stories of news and events in the diocese <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/e-news/>. You can also subscribe to receive e-News directly to your inbox on this same page

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord Let your mercy be on us as we place out trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love.
The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.
Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

Lord Let your mercy be on us as we place out trust in you.

Pope Francis

March Intention

For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

APOLLO BAY & LORNE

FIRST COLLECTION:

BSB: 083585

ACCOUNT: 810967715

SECOND COLLECTION

BSB: 033600 ACCOUNT: 230038

Pope Francis has dedicated this month to praying for victims of abuse, saying simply asking forgiveness is not enough, but the Church must put victims first and avoid cover-up. Pope Francis said that in response to abuse cases, specifically abuse committed by members and representatives of the Church, "it's not enough to ask for forgiveness".



"Asking for forgiveness is necessary, but it is not enough. Asking for forgiveness is good for the victims, but they are the ones who have to be at the centre of everything," he said, saying victims' pain and psychological trauma can only heal "if they find answers – if there are concrete actions to repair the horrors they have suffered and to prevent them from happening again." "The Church cannot try to hide the tragedy of abuse of any kind." This also goes for abuse that happens "in families, in clubs, or in other types of institutions", he said, saying the Church must set an example in helping to solve the problem and "bring it to light in society and in families". "The Church must offer safe spaces for victims to be heard, supported psychologically, and protected," he said, asking faithful to join him in praying "for those who have suffered because of the wrongs done to them from members of the Church." "May they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering," he said.



Project Compassion Second Sunday of Lent – March 4 & 5, 2023

Thu lost his leg after stepping on a land mine in Vietnam. With the support of the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development, Thu can now earn extra income and care for his wife as she recovers from a stroke.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion> or by calling 1800 024 413.



**Principal Paul Clohesy (Trinity).
Br John Hagan.
Br Frank Hennessy:
at Memorial Mass
for Fr Bernie
Adams – last
Tuesday. Br Bernie
lived the last 27
years of his Mission**

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