



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 Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years.*

**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Times – 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023 – Year A**



**Responsorial Psalm**

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**This Week's Readings**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jeremiah 20:7-9 Romans 12:1-2 Matthew 16:21-27

**Next Week's Readings**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

Ezek 33:7-9 Romans 13:8-10 Matt 18:15-20

**Deaths:** Anthony Charleston (Apollo Bay), Geoffrey Sullivan (Torquay),

**Anniversaries:** Jessica McGuane, Bill & John Daffy, James Carew, Dennis & Lyla Ryan, Edna Margaret Scanlon, Joan Casey, Mr Tim Fisher MP., John I. A. Carew, Myria Attwood, Jack Bourke, Margaret O'Sullivan, Our Deceased Fathers & Grandfathers.

**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's - Cressy
Saturday	6.00pm	St Mary's- Colac
Sunday	9.00am	St Peter's - Birregurra
Sunday	9.00am 11.00am	St Mary's- Colac St Mary's- Colac
RECONCILIATION: Each Friday after 10am Mass. Anytime by Appointment.		
St Mary's: Holy Hour- Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept: 4-5pm		
Rosary - each Friday: 9.30am St Mary's Church		
Masses - Apollo Bay		
Tuesday	5.30pm	
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	10.00am	
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	5.00pm	
OUR LADY OF FATIMA - LORNE		
Sunday – 9 <sup>th</sup> September	5.00pm	

**FEAST DAY:** \*SEPT 8<sup>TH</sup>: THE BIRTH OF BLESSED

VIRGIN MARY. (ROSARY – 9.30AM ST MARYS).

**WEEKEND SEPT 9<sup>TH</sup>/10<sup>TH</sup> APOLLO BAY & LORNE**

- DUE to 'Great Ocean Road Bike Race' – no Masses possible on Sunday Morning.
- \* Mass: Lorne. Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Sept 5.00pm
- \* Apollo Bay: Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Sept. 5.00pm.

*If disappointed, don't say hard things. Only think a little, pray a little, and try to remember that God will bring about what is best in God's own time, - and 'God's ways are not our ways'. Pilgrimage to Paray-le-Monial, France, 1873*

**THIS WEEK – MEETINGS:**

- TUE – CWL Meeting 1.30pm Church Meeting Room
- Wed – Christian Minister Association – 1.30pm
- Wed – Dobcel (Trinity College – 2.30pm)
- Parish Leadership Team Sept 6 at 5:30

**Good Samaritan Sisters: 100 years in Cororooke:**

St Brendan's Parish. St Brendan's School & Thomas Carr College invite all "friend" to Sunday Mass 11am Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>. A light lunch to follow and tours over the School & Convent. For catering purposes please RSVP: Marg – 0419419584 or Maureen - 0428329231

**GLEESON FAMILY GROUP:** La Porchetta, Thurs. 7<sup>th</sup> Sept. at 6.30 pm. Please RSVP to Mary and Len on 5231 6848.

**CROFT FAMILY GROUP:** Sept 10<sup>th</sup> after 12 midday: Lunch at Denise Connor's 110 Mariners St Colac. RSVP: 52313158- Please bring a casserole or dessert.

**CRAWFORD FAMILY GROUP: Luncheon \* Change of venue:** Shannon Café in Woollies Complex 15<sup>th</sup> Sept: 12 noon.

**POPE'S FRANCIS INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER**

**For people living on the margins -** We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

**Ballarat Clergy Support Fund: Collection for Sick and Retired Priests – this weekend**

Creating a secure retirement future for the priests of the diocese is a duty and care in which we can all participate.

A credit card facility is available at Parish Office for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.

**CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US – THE CHURCH COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY**



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### *My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God*

O God, you are my God whom I seek;  
for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts  
like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary  
to see your power and your glory,  
for your kindness is a greater good than life;  
my lips shall glorify you.

Thus will I bless you while I live;  
lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name.  
As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied,  
and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.  
You are my help, and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.  
My soul clings fast to you; your right hand upholds me.

*My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God..*

### APOLLO BAY & LORNE

#### FIRST COLLECTION:

BSB: 083585 ACC: 810967715

### APOLLO BAY & LORNE

#### SECOND COLLECTION

BSB: 033600 ACCOUNT: 230038

### Parish Account Colac

\* For Direct Giving Details:

BSB: 083 585 Account:

811051426 Planned Giving:

REF: Envelope no. / surname:

Or phone the Parish Office

5231 2177.

### CENTACARE

COUNSELLOR

FROM WARRNAMBOOL

VISITS COLAC EVERY

FORTNIGHT

PH: Wendy 0409 192 480



**FR STEPHEN THOMAS BOHAN ~ 05.07.1948 – 22.08.2023**

**THANKSGIVING MASS WAS CELEBRATED ON THURSDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2023**

**AT SACRED HEART CHURCH YARRAWONGA**

**ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE** – *'I was very saddened this evening to learn of the death of Fr Steve Bohan, priest of Sandhurst and long-term pastor of Yarrowonga. He was a year mate of mine ordained in 1974 and a great guy. We played a lot of football and cricket together (he was good at both...a fierce competitor but always somehow a gentleman). I remember visiting his family in Benalla when we were in the seminary. His mother was a classic. She taught Steve at school, so she was Mum at home and Mrs Bohan at School. Goodbye, Steve, and thanks for many things. Our ways parted long ago, but I've always thought of you as one of the best: rest in peace, brother, and rise in glory. Until next time...'*

*\*Sacred Heart Parish, Yarrowonga, is mourning the death last week of our much loved and highly respected parish priest, Fr Steve Bohan. Many Sisters will have memories of Steve as an extraordinarily pastoral and inclusive priest of the Sandhurst Diocese, and Scripture scholar, and a storyteller par excellence. Sr Helen Glasheer, R.S.M.*



### FATHERS DAY PRAYER

God our Father, you govern and protect your people  
and shepherd them with a father's love.

May fathers everywhere be faithful to the example shown in  
Scriptures: Steadfast in love, sustaining the family, caring for  
those in need. Give wisdom to fathers that they may encourage  
and guide their children. Guide every father with the Spirit of  
your love that they may grow in holiness and draw their family  
ever closer to you. Amen.



**SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> TO OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup> 2023**

Open our ears to your creative, reconciling and sustaining Word that calls to us through the book of Scripture and the book of creation. Bless us once again with your life-giving waters so that the Creator Spirit may let justice and peace flow in our hearts and overflow into all creation. Open our hearts to receive the living waters of God's justice and peace, and to share it with our suffering brothers and sisters, all creatures around us, and all creation. Bless us to walk together with all people of good will so that the many streams of the living waters of God's justice and peace may become a mighty river all over the Earth.

**LISTEN, LEARN, LOVE ~ SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2023-2024**

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