



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.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Times – 24th September 2023 – Year A



Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is near to all who call him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Open our hearts, O Lord,
 to listen to the words of your Son.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

This Week's Readings

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Isaiah 55:6-9 Philippians 1:20-24.27 Matthew 20:1-16

Next Week's Readings
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Ezekiel 18:25-28 Philippians 2:1-11 Matthew 21:28-32

Deaths: Sr. Toni Matha, I.B.V.M., Ron Barassi, Kevin Neale, Victims of Floods (Libya); Earthquake (Colombia).

Anniversaries: Joe Harty, Ella Harty, Agnes O'Shannassy, Dave Clancy, Ted Parker, Joseph Quigley, Mary Curwood, Michael 'Mick' Ryan, Walter Macintyre, Stephen Xerri, Fr John Keane, Joan Heath, Ruth Doupe, Norma Henriksen, Dora Phillips.

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
Saturday	6.00pm	St Mary's- Colac
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- 1 st Tuesday October: 4-5pm		
Rosary - each Friday: 9.30am St Mary's Church		
Masses - Apollo Bay		
Tuesday	5.30pm	
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	10.00am	
Sunday	11.00am	
OUR LADY OF FATIMA - LORNE		
Sunday	9.00am	

FEAST DAY: *SEPT 26TH ST COSMAS & DAMIAN.

*SEPT 27TH .ST VINCENT DE PAUL.

*SEPT 29TH MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL

. *SEPT 30TH ST JERMONE.



TRINITY COLLEGE 2024 LEADERS

College Captains: Brady Hall & Paige Compton

College Vice Captains: Amber Cain & Aalin Cheeran

College Prefects: Matilda Bannan, Will McGlynn, Toby Monaco, Tilly O'Brien, Alexis Phillips & Kohima Sprant.

Performing Arts: Jorja Parson.

House Captains: Glowrey: Lily Gibson & Aidan Kelly.

McAuley: Maggie Hart & Zac McCarthy. **Rice:** Abby Hay & Glynn Darroch.

MacKillop: Remy Duynhoven & George Melville

**WELCOME TO: LIAM BUTTERWORTH SPEAKER:
 WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 LISBON**

MEMORIAL MASS

ST BRENDAN'S CORAGULAC: 5PM SUNDAY 24TH SEPT:

***FR BRIAN GLEESON C.P. & *LEO EMBERY.**

SUPPER TO FOLLOW IN PARISH HALL.

CWL Afternoon Tea Tues 26th Sept at 2pm On The Lane Café.

**Croft and Gleeson Family Group have a weekend booked at
 Star of the Sea Apollo Bay 13-15 October.**

There are still some spots available in this lovely, refurbished building in the heart of the town. This is an affordable way to spend a weekend relaxing in Apollo Bay with other members of the parish community, sharing some hospitality, conversation and company. Everyone is free to complete their own activities or join in and we share a meal Saturday night.

COST Per Adult: \$72 per person per night; secondary student: \$43; younger children 0. Bed linen & Towels is \$15 per person per stay. You may bring your own linen if you wish.

Please contact Linda if you are interested or would like further information. 0448314774.

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

So the last will be first and the first last" - MATTHEW 20:16

You've heard the saying "it's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our gratitude and generosity helps us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is near to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured.
The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.
The Lord is just in all his ways
And loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
Who call on him from their hearts.

The Lord is near to all who call him.

**Columbian Calendar
2024**
Available at St Mary's
Piety Store
\$10 each.

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5231 2177.



In the footsteps of Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage: October 17-28, 2023

This unique Australian Pilgrimage will take you on a journey to places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry in Victoria, South Australia and New South Wales. The pilgrimage is operated by the Sisters of Saint Joseph and Mary MacKillop Place. It will be led by Sr Anne Bond rsj, a Sister of Saint Joseph and Mr Garry McLean, the inaugural Director of the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre. The pilgrimage will begin in East Melbourne on October 17 and conclude at Mary MacKillop Place in North Sydney on October 28. Along the way pilgrims will visit historic sites and towns including Portland, Penola, Robe and the Mary MacKillop Chapel in North Sydney. For more information and to register scan or click on the QR code.



Collection for Sick and Retired Priests - Ballarat Clergy Support Fund relies on your generosity to enable it to continue supporting our sick and retired priests. You are still able to contribute in an envelope marked "Ballarat Clergy Support Fund". *Caring for those who care for us – the Church community's responsibility. 'Thank you' for generous giving so far.*

Faithful invited to pray for Synod of Bishops

The Vatican is asking all baptised people, regardless of whether they will be in Rome, to participate in October's assembly of the Synod of Bishops with their prayers. More information available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/for-a-synodal-church-communion-participation-and-mission/>

Migrant & Refugee Sunday – September 24, 2023

This Sunday is Migrant & Refugee Sunday. Pope Francis' message for this year is, "Freedom to choose whether to migrate or stay." The Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office (ACMRO) has created online resources which are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/109th-world-day-of-migrants-refugees-sunday-september-24-2023/>

Prayer for Migrant & Refugee Sunday 2023

God, Father Almighty, grant us the grace to work tirelessly for justice, solidarity and peace, so that all your children may enjoy the freedom to choose whether to migrate or to stay.

Grant us the courage to denounce all the horrors of our world,

and to combat every injustice that mars the beauty of your children and the harmony of our common home.

Sustain us by the power of your Spirit, so that we can reflect your tender love to every migrant whom you place in our path, and to spread in hearts and in every situation the culture of encounter and of care. Amen



2023 Theme, "Let Justice and Peace Flow"

The Season of Creation runs from September 1 – October 4. The following resources are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/catholic-earthcare-ballarat-diocese/season-of-creation-2023/>

Prayers for the Season of 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.

In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus Christ. Amen