



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.

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Times – 19th November 2023 – Year A

Responsorial Psalm

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Live in me and let me live in you says the Lord;
 my branches bear much fruit.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

This Week's Readings

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Proverbs 31:10-13, St Paul 5:1-6, Matthew 25:14-30

**Next Week's Readings
 Feast of Christ the King**

Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28 Matt 25: 31-46

Deaths: Stan Rodgers, Paul Sharkey (Koroit), Euclid Cuizon Igot (The Philippines), Leslie Trigg, Gavan Bramley.
Anniversaries: Robert Krall, Sr. Stella Gleeson, S.G.S., Sean Doran, John Monaghan,

MASS TIMES - COLAC, CRESSY, BIRREGURRA.

Tuesday	5.00pm	St Mary's
Wednesday	10.00am	St Mary's
Thursday	*8.00am	St Mary's
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.
 Or Anytime by Appointment.

St Mary's: Holy Hour- 1st Tuesday of the month: 4-5pm

Rosary - each Friday: 9.30am St Mary's Church

Masses - Apollo Bay

Tuesday	5.30pm
Wed, Thurs, Friday	10.00am
Sunday	11.00am

OUR LADY OF FATIMA - LORNE

Sunday	9.00am
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Visitation: To Colac Cemetery: Tuesday 21st November (After 5pm Mass-Approx. 5.45pm common Prayers & Visitation to Family Graves).

Vicar General: Bishop Paul announced in October that due to health concerns Fr Kevin Maloney will be concluding his responsibilities as Vicar General. This week he announced that Fr Marcello Colasante will take up the position on November 20th. Fr Marcello will continue as Parish Priest of Ballarat North and Wendouree.

Caritas Australia: End Poverty, Promote Justice, Uphold Dignity: You can purchase a Global Gift Christmas Card and bring hope and joy to the world's most vulnerable people. Order online at www.globalgifts.org.au or phone 1800 024 413.

Bishop Paul Visit: *Thanks to all@ Birregurra
 A) Colac (Vigil Mass) who did much to welcome Bishop Paul. Congratulations to Birregurra Parishioners for preparation of the Church (inside & outside): Also for the hospitality to all afterwards:
 B) To families able to present the Confirmation Students for the Bishops' Blessing.

Parish Finance Meeting: Thursday 30th Nov. 5.30pm

GLEESON FAMILY GROUP Our next outing is a BBQ at Mary and Len's Home, Sunday 19th at 12.30 pm. BYO meat and drink and a salad/dessert to share. RSVP to Mary and Len 5231 6848

Congratulations to 9 Children: Celebrating Baptisms, Confirmation & 1st Communion at today's Mass in Lorne: Mia & Owen Lester, Winch San Lorenzo, Emily & Grace Wakeman, Ned & Bill Davies, Olivia & Charlie Thompson.

SYMPATHY TO: Cleofe Gorwell on the death of her brother Euclid, this week in the Philippines. Mass next Sunday 26th I I am: To be offered for 'Euclid'.

Catholic Women: Invitation to all re- **Women's Advent Retreat**, Saturday 2nd December 10.00am to 4.00pm at St Joseph's. The day will begin with Mass at 10.00am followed by reflections and discussion and shared lunch. Cost \$10. More information or to book 5562 2231

St. Mary's Parish Remembrance Wall- This Remembrance Wall celebrates people who have been part of the story and history of St Mary's Parish. Parishioners are invited to put forth and pay for names to be placed there. Forms in Gathering Space at St Mary's - Names to be submitted by 20th November. It is hoped these will be printed by Christmas.

RCIA (Rite for the Christian Initiation of Adults) Adults interested in Baptism or membership in the Catholic Church are welcome to see Fr Michael. Ph: 52312177.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Happy are those who fear the Lord...

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper
Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table.
Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life.

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

***Columbian
Calendar 2024
Available at
St Mary's
Piety Store
\$10 each.
*Christmas Cards
are also available!!**

Trinity College Colac is once again conducting our annual major raffle and we are seeking your support. The proceeds from our community raffle goes towards our Bursary program that provides an avenue for families in need to seek support for the full or partial costs of an education at Trinity College Colac. **Tickets are \$10 each, 5 tickets for \$40, 6 tickets for \$50 and 15 tickets for \$100!** To purchase tickets, visit the Trinity College website at www.tcc.vic.edu.au or www.raffleink.com.au/tcc-car-raffle-2023.

Also St Mary's Parish: 25th & 26th November

APOLLO BAY & LORNE

FIRST COLLECTION

BSB: 083585 Acc: 810967715

SECOND COLLECTION

BSB: 033600 ACCOUNT: 230038

Parish Account Colac

* For Direct Giving Details:

BSB: 083 585

Account: 811051426

Planned Giving: REF:

**CENTACARE COUNSELLOR
FROM WARRNAMBOOL
VISITS COLAC -Weekly
PH: Wendy 0409 192 480**

Christmas Crib: Now to be hosted by Rev. Susan in the Uniting Church, Hesse St Colac. Monday 27th November to Sunday 3rd December. 200 Christmas Nativity Scenes for 60 Countries: Contact Rev. Susan: 0438452445.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS DAILY

REFLECTION:

'The Sign': \$7.00 ea.

POPE INTENTION

NOVEMBER 2023

For the Pope We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

**Beaac Community
Christmas Carols
Featuring Colac City Band
Sunday 10th @7pm December
Venue: Beaac Community
Centre**

World Day of the Poor – Sunday, November 19, 2023

The call to serve the poor has been greatly emphasised under the papacy of Pope Francis, who established the World Day of the Poor in 2017. The Holy Father's message for 2023 is "Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor" (Tob 4:7). Read the Pope's message on the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Prayer for World Day of the Poor

Loving Father

*your risen Son sent us out into the world
as ambassadors for the kingdom of God;
inspire us with your Spirit of compassion, justice and truth
to declare the Good News to those who are poor,
to work for the relief, defence and liberation
of all who are trapped in oppressive circumstances.
We make this our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen*



Photos Bishop Pauls visit: L to R: St Mary Colac, St Peter's Birregurra Student & Parishioners and Flower displays.