



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.

**Pentecost Sunday – 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024 –Year B**

**Responsorial Psalm**

Lord send out your spirit and  
 renew the face of the earth.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
 and kindle in them the fire of your love.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia

**THIS WEEK**

**Pentecost Sunday**

Acts 2:1-11. Galatians 5:16-25.

John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

**Trinity Sunday**

Deut. 4:32-34.39-40. Romans

8:14-17. Matthew 28:16-20.



SOUTHERN AURORA

**Deaths:** Mons. Frank Hickey (Bendigo), James McKee (Berwick), Kath Scott (Koroit),

**Anniversaries:** Veronica Mary Mathews, Agnes (Tine) Paatsch, Jack Paatsch, Mary (Carey) Prime, Henry McMinn, Fr Frank Madden, Tel Hannah.

MASS TIMES - COLAC, CRESSY, BIRREGURRA.		
Tuesday	5.00pm	St Mary's
Wednesday	10.00am	St Mary's
Thursday	10.00am	St Mary's
Friday	10.00am	St Mary's
Saturday	6.00pm	St Mary's
Sunday	9.00am 11.00am	St Mary's
St Mary's: Holy Hour- 1st Tuesday of the month: 4-5pm Rosary - each Thursday: 9.30am St Mary's Church		
STAR OF THE SEA - APOLLO BAY		
Tuesday	5.30pm	
Wed, Thurs, Friday	10.00am	
Sunday	11.00am	
OUR LADY OF FATIMA – LORNE		
Sunday	9.00am	

**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat**

Diocesan 150<sup>th</sup> Bishop Paul will attend:

**\*St. Brendan's Cororooke  
 May 26<sup>th</sup> Mass 10.30am.**

**Next Sunday Lorne & Apollo Bay**

**-Disruptions: Marathon Races.**

**\*Lorne Mass: Our Lady of Fatima 9am**  
 (Celebration of Baptisms, Confirmations, and 1<sup>st</sup> Communion -Entry from Deans Marsh).

**\*Apollo Bay Mass: 5pm (Road closed all morning).**

**FEAST DAYS**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May:** Mary Mother of the Church

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May:** Our Lady, Help of Christians

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** @ "Parishioners, on the weekend of May 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, our Parish Priest Fr Michael marks his 50<sup>th</sup> year of dedicated service to the Church and our Diocese, as well as to our Parish of St Mary's.

All parishioners are invited to bring a plate along to any of the 3 Masses and enjoy a cup of tea and each other's company to demonstrate our sincere thanks and deep respect for our Parish Priest, Fr Michael O'Toole."

**(Parish Leadership Team)**

**@ Mass 10am - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May.**

**All Primary Students - St Mary's, Sacred Heart, St Brendan's plus Leaders from Trinity College to Attend. (approx. 800 + Students & Staff)**

**MASS COUNTS:** 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> May & continues each weekend until the end of May. (We ask the counters at each Mass to count)

**Congratulations -Sacramental Celebrations this weekend at Our Lady of Fatima ~ Lorne:**

**\*Baptism:** Archie McLaren

**Reconciliation:** Oscar Clarke

**\*Baptism, Reconciliation, Confirmation**

**Eucharist:** Jack & Jesse Shannon, Eli Clarke, Grace Rey, Reuben & Elsie Crawford.

**St Mary's Church ~ Colac**

**Baptism:** Tully, Locki & Remi Arnold.  
 Isla & Michael Hanify.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Lord send out your spirit and  
renew the face of the earth..**

Bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are,  
how many are your works, O Lord!

The earth is full of your riches.

You take back your spirit, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.

You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!

May the Lord rejoice in his works!

May my thoughts be pleasing to him.

I find my joy in the Lord.

**Lord send out your spirit and  
renew the face of the earth.**

## APOLLO BAY & LORNE

### FIRST COLLECTION

BSB: 083585 Acc: 810967715

### SECOND COLLECTION

BSB: 033600 ACCOUNT: 230038

## GLEESON FAMILY GROUP

Our next outing is Sunday 19th May with lunch at the Gellibrand Hotel at 12.30 pm. Meet in the Church yard at 12.00 pm. Please RSVP to Len and Mary. Phone 5231 6848.

### ATTENTION CRAWFORD

**FAMILY GROUP** Change of Venue \*Café Nu Deli - Thurs.

23<sup>rd</sup> May -12 noon. RSVP:

Ph Mary 52312107

**150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY: FORMATION:** Sessions to be held around the diocese with a focus on leadership & governance in preparation for the Diocesan Assembly in November 2024. The Assembly with representatives of leadership teams: parishes, schools, Catholic Organisations to consider leadership & governance in the future.

**Fr. Justin Driscoll to facilitate the formation Sessions: Colac July 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**PWMU** – Ladies Guild (Presbyterian):2pm Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May:

Guest Speaker from the Colac Otway Shire: Aged Care & Packages  
Entrance Fee: \$5 to support Christian Mission Work.

**Corpus Christi Seminary:** Enquiry Day: Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 10.45 am for those thinking about the priesthood. Contact: Fr. Ed Moloney: [ed.moloney@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:ed.moloney@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: (Ascension to Pentecost).**

“You Shall love the Lord your God – and your neighbour as yourself!”

The Group which gathered in St Mary’s last Wednesday.

## St Joseph’s School

### Reunion Class of 1975

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June Between 1 & 5pm at St Marys’ Church Foyer Bring a plate

to share with a cuppa. Contact:

Ann McCarthy 0402869243.

Phyllis McDonald 0400309878



## WHAT A BEAUTIFUL “Lesson” for all of Us!!

AFL legend Gary Ablett and wife Jordan have shared a happy update after six months as a family of “We’re in a really good place,” Jordan told “When I think of this year, I just think of three children and they’re very young, a lot of family time.” The couple this week celebrated Levi’s fifth birthday Gary Ablett pictured with newborn son Ezra in July last year.

The couple continues to share snapshots from Levi’s journey navigating a rare degenerative disease that has affected his ability to talk. They marked his birthday with a day out at the beach, sharing images of Levi smiling happily in his father’s arms and on the water. “Our biggest boy turned FIVE today!”

“Happy Birthday Levi! We love you and are so proud of you.

Late last year Jordan opened up on her mixed emotions seeing their friends’ children planning to start primary school where Levi will not. “Although I’m really happy for them ... my heart feels heavy,” she said. “Some thoughts have been quite negative with a ‘why us’ attitude, whereas others have been positive and hopeful. “I’d like to think that the latter ones are the most dominant, but it does take some serious effort.” Jordan said she felt sad that her “little man” wouldn’t have a “first day at school moment nor any of all the other school days that follow” but that it was “okay”.

“One of the lessons that I’ve learnt over the past couple of years is that I need to let go of the things that were never promised to me but only presumed by me,” she wrote. “Letting go of what I thought would be and embracing what’s meant to be. “Nothing in this world is guaranteed! “If something good happens in our lives (even the smallest and most ‘normal’ thing) it’s a blessing not a promise fulfilled. “This is definitely not a lesson I’ve mastered and to be honest, it feels like I’m forever reminding myself of it.”

