



Our Lady Star of the Sea Apollo Bay
 Our Lady of Fatima Lorne
 St Mary's Colac
 St Peter's Birregurra



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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.

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time – 8th September 2024 –Year B



Responsorial Psalm

Praise the Lord my soul!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.
 Alleluia!

This Week's Readings

23 Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 35:4-7, 6-8 St James 2:1-5:27 Mark 7:31-37

Next Week's Readings

24 Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 50:5-9, St James 2:14-18, Mark 8:27-35

Deaths: Veronica Edna Rose, Sr Margaret Manion I.B.V.M. Margaret Bloom(nee Copeland), Ponzalito Dos Santos Da Cruz (Timor Leste),

Anniversaries: Ian Weller, John Daffy, Dennis & Lyla Ryan, Anastasia Gleeson, Ursula & Ed Carmody, James Carew, Ettie McKinnon, Margaret Britt, John Pitcher, Cath Crawley, Tim Fisher M.P., Tess McDougall, John I. Al Carew, Myra Attwood, Sr Winifred Murray, Peter McIntyre, Ruth Doupe, Sr Anne McMillan, William Jackman, Valerie Roberts, Moira Coakley.

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
Rosary - each Thursday: 9.30am St Mary's Church		
St Mary's: Holy Hour- 1st Tuesday of the month: 4-5pm		
STAR OF THE SEA - APOLLO BAY		
Tuesday	5.30pm	
Wed, Thurs., Fri.	10am	
Sunday	5.00pm	
OUR LADY OF FATIMA – LORNE		
Saturday	6.00pm	

Apollo Bay: Lorne Communities: Masses Next Weekend. Sept. 14th/15th. Due to the 'Amy Gillett Bike Race' on this weekend: Roads in/out both Lorne & Apollo Bay Closed: Therefore:
Our Lady of Fatima Lorne: Mass Sat 14th – 6pm.
Our Lady Star of the Sea Apollo Bay – Sunday 5pm

PARISH FAMILY GROUPS: Crawford Group – Family lunch on Thursday 19th at Future Bakery at 12oclock
 RSVP Catherine 0499022644

Gleeson Group Trip to Cressy & Lismore Water towers. Luch in Lismore Sunday 15th Sept. Meet Church Carpark: 10.45am Contact Len & Mary - 52316848

Memorial Service & Afternoon Tea: Father's Day:
 Sept 15th 2pm. "The Chapel' at Wesley Place, Colac. R.S.V.P.
 (for Catering) Wednesday 11th September: 52312052

THIS WEEK NOTICES

C.W.L. Meeting: Tuesday 10th September 1.30pm in Meeting Room. -----

Sympathy To:* Kath Arundell on the death of her sister Margaret Bloom.

***Maria** Da Cruz on the death of her brother Pancialito.

Catholic Religious Australia:

Congratulations To: Br Gerard Brady, CFC – (former Principal of Trinity College, Colac) who was recently appointed President of the Religious Council of Australia: The Council includes all Orders of Sisters, Brother & Religious Priests of Australia. Br Gerard Brady is currently Province Leader of the Christian Brother (Oceania Province).



****Retiring president Fr Jones** expressed gratitude and offered his good wishes to the incoming president.

"I am confident that Br Gerard Brady's gifts of enthusiasm and wisdom will bring renewed energy to the work of CRA in his role as president." Br Brady said he was "buoyed by the expansive influence religious" have across Australia.

"No matter our age profile, our key focus has to be prophetic in all the places we are called to minister. May CRA faithfully represent that prophetic influence in society and the Church."

Parish Leadership Team Meeting:

@ Diocesan Assembly (Ballarat 15th/16th Nov): It was discerned that Anne Picard-Drew & Kevin Robarts be asked to be the 2 St Mary's Parish Delegates. They generously accepted the invitation.

@Communion To the Sick & Housebound: This Ministry for so long a 'shining light' in our Parish. Due to Covid it had to be curtailed. Now is the time for the Ministry to be offered again. Parishioners and their families who request this Ministry can contact Mandy at the Parish Office: 52312177 (Mon to Fri 9am – 12 noon). Special Minister of the Eucharist who wish to partake in this Ministry – May also contact Mandy.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Praise the Lord my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free.
It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger.
The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age.

Praise the Lord my soul!

APOLLO BAY & LORNE

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Safeguarding Sunday – This Sunday

The Catholic Church in Australia will mark Safeguarding Sunday 2024 on September 8 -**THIS SUNDAY** - at the conclusion of National Child Protection Week. Safeguarding Sunday seeks to acknowledge the immense damage caused by the sexual abuse of children and adults at risk, including by priests, religious and lay people within Catholic contexts. It makes a commitment to practices and protocols that create and maintain safe environments for all people. It invites people to pray for those harmed by abuse directly and indirectly. This year Safeguarding Sunday has adopted the theme of National Child Protection Week - "Every conversation matters". A bulletin notice and the prayer for Safeguarding Sunday is included below. Other resources available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/safeguarding-sunday-september-8-2024/>



Ballarat Clergy Support Fund - Collection for Retired Priests

The 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, by using the special envelope provided, or in an envelope marked "Ballarat Clergy Support Fund". A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible. **Caring for those who cared for us - the Church community's responsibility.**

****The 87-year-old Pope** is expected to cover more than 32,000 kms during his September 2-13 visit to Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste, and Singapore. The Pope said subjecting himself too the rigours of such a long trip "is an act of humility before the Lord who calls us – an act of humility and obedience to the mission." Pope Francis "wants to encourage Catholics in all the contexts in which they find themselves." "Asia is home to two-thirds of the world's population. The majority of these people are poor. And there are many baptisms among the poor. Pope Francis knows that there are many poor in those areas, and among the poor there is an attraction to the figure of Jesus and to the Gospel, even in the midst of war, persecution and conflict."



Praying with Pope Francis For the cry of the earth: *Let us pray that each of us listen with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world, we inhabit. Lord, hear us.*



SEASON OF CREATION

Season of Creation 2024

The Season of Creation runs from September 1 – October 4, with the theme for 2024, "To Hope and Act with Creation". Resources are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/catholic-earthcare-ballarat-diocese/season-of-creation-2024/>.