



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.*

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time – 16<sup>th</sup> February 2025 – Year C**

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Happy are they who hope in the Lord.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Rejoice and be glad;  
 Your reward is great in heaven.  
 Alleluia!

**This Week's Readings**

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Jeremiah 17:5-8. Corinthians 15:12. 16-20. Luke 6:17.20-26*

**Next Week's Readings**

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Samuel 26:2.7-9. 12-13. 22-23. Corinthians 15:45-49. Luke 6:27-38.*

**Deaths:** Steven Stahl (Son of Brendan & Maureen Stahl), Neil Conway, Alan Mason,

**Anniversaries:** Francisco Mangawang, James Carew, Kathlyn Gallagher, Graham Webster, Tom Shannon, Ambrose McNamara

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
<b>SACRAMENTAL OF RECONCILIATION</b>		
**Anytime by appointment		
**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, Friday	10.00am	
Sunday	11am	
OUR LADY OF FATIMA – LORNE		
Sunday	9.00am	

**Mass Roster**

Thanks to everyone who has been able to attend our leadership meetings in Apollo Bay and Coragulac. While there are always lots of things to talk about, there have been two items in particular. Along with most parishes in the diocese Colac parish have been asked to work towards merging with neighbouring parishes of Cororooke and Apollo Bay. The merger won't be this year. We'll need some good thinking and planning to ensure that what we do together going forward is beneficial to all communities and exemplifies the realm of God in our district. More to come, but we've started.

The second and more immediately pressing matter is that of a new Mass roster with Fr Kevin soon to retire. It has become very clear that all of the smaller communities will continue to have a Sunday Mass each month. What remains is to decide whether Colac will have 6pm Saturday night and 9am Sunday or 6pm Saturday night and 11am Sunday.

My proposal is that 11am be the Mass that continues. A couple of thoughts: 11am is likely to be more helpful to families celebrating baptisms and negotiating with children and teenagers to get them to Mass. It will also allow me to celebrate Mass on some Sundays in Lorne at 9am. I'm not seeing a way to celebrate Mass in Apollo Bay on Sundays (11am) but they have weekday Masses. I can be there for some of those. This is the **draft** 9am Mass roster. Happy to hear feedback.

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday | St Joseph's Pirron Yallock 9am |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday | St Peter's Birregurra 9am      |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday | (Our Lady of Fatima Lorne 9am) |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday | St Brendan's Coragulac 9am     |
- Fr Andrew H

**Welcome:** Sr Cathy Solano, R.S.M. To "Star of the Sea" Hostel: Apollo Bay who joins Sr Margaret McGrath, R.S.M. in providing "Ministry" in and through: "Star of the Sea."

**Assistance required** The Sacristy, Flower and Tea Ladies need assistance to keep up the work that they do to support our Parish. Come, work with us and share your time while developing new friendships. Enquires: Colleen O'Shannassy 0407951576 / Shirley Smith 0409334086

**Lenten Discussion Groups**

We have ordered the booklets for a couple of Lenten discussion groups. Fr Andrew thinks they are a great thing. More information to come.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Happy indeed is the man  
who follows not the counsel of the wicked;  
nor lingers in the way of sinners  
not sits in the company of scorners,  
but whose delight is the law of the Lord  
and who ponders his law day and night.  
He is like a tree that is planted  
beside the flowing waters,  
that yields its fruit in due season  
and whose leaves shall never fade;  
and all that he does shall prosper.  
Not so are the wicked, not so!  
For they like winnowed chaff  
shall be driven away by the wind.  
For the Lord guards the way of the just  
but the way of the wicked leads to doom.

### Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

## APOLLO BAY & LORNE

### FIRST COLLECTION

BSB: 083585 Acc: 810967715

### SECOND COLLECTION

BSB: 033600 ACCOUNT: 230038

## ST MARY'S PARISH GRIEVING SUPPORT GROUP:

If interested in coming together over a cup of tea,  
please contact. Anne 0488225188

## Music At the Basilica

### Geelong Concerts

January to June  
Journey to Easter Seasons  
Series ~

Windfire Music Festival

Enquires: 0447 238 432

[www.musicatthebasilica.org.au](http://www.musicatthebasilica.org.au)

**CRAWFORD FAMILY GROUP** lunch at the Colac East Hotel on the 20<sup>th</sup> Feb. at 12 noon RSPV Catherine 0499022644.

**PARISH FAMILY GROUP** provide an opportunity to come together and enjoy some company and hospitality; to share a meal or a cuppa; some time together for a chat! Each of our groups meet once a month for a social gathering and if you would like to join in now is the time!! Please reach out to any of the family -Croft, Gleeson or Crawford- [groups](#) or [leave a message with Linda - 0448 314 774](#)

### *Catholics are being urged to reflect during this year's World Day of the Sick on the "grace-filled encounters" that can emerge at times of adversity.*

In his message to mark the 33rd World Day of the Sick, celebrated this week, Pope Francis reflected on this year's theme "Hope does not disappoint", taken from St Paul's letter to the Romans. "How can we be strong, for example, when our bodies are prey to severe, debilitating illnesses that require costly treatment that we may not be able to afford?" Pope Francis wrote in his message.

"How can we show strength when, in addition to our own sufferings, we see those of our loved ones who support us yet feel powerless to help us? "In these situations, we sense our need for a strength greater than our own. We realise that we need God's help, his grace, his Providence, and the strength that is the gift of his Spirit." World Day of the Sick, established by St John Paul II, is held each year on February 11, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. It is an opportunity to devote special attention to the sick and to those who provide them with assistance and care, both in health care institutions and within families and communities. Archbishop Julian Porteous, the Bishop Delegate for Health for the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, said hope lay at the heart of Catholic healthcare services.

"As we celebrate the World Day of the Sick in this Jubilee year – which has the theme 'Pilgrims of Hope' – we reflect on the hope that strengthens us in times of sickness," Archbishop Porteous said.

"As the Holy Father writes, 'God does not abandon us and often amazes us by granting us a strength that we never expected and would never have found on our own.'" "He highlights the importance of the healing ministry, especially in the 'dark night of adversity' which we all face at different times of our lives.



# Laudato Si'



"Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience" (Laudato Si', 217).

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