



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 First nations Peoples of these lands, seas and waterway on which we gather. The First Nations peoples of these places were the first to dance stories and remember times of healing and hurt. We acknowledge the elders past and present, and future.*

### Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time – 5<sup>th</sup> February 2023 –Year A

#### Responsorial Psalm

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
 I am the light of the world says the Lord;  
 The man who follows me will have the light of life.  
 Alleluia!

#### This Week's Readings

##### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

Isaiah 58:7-10, St Paul 2:1-5, Matt:5:13-16

#### Next Week's Readings

##### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

Eccl: 15:15-20 Cor: 2:6-10 Matt: 5:17-37

**Deaths:** Des Lloyd (B'rat), Shirley Shackleton (Human Rights; Campaigner for Timor Leste); Maria Antonia (East Timor) John Devine, Peter Brennan, James Leonard (Dunstown), Leslie "Maxine" Nott, Ian Peel, Benjamin Monydum Kuany Dau.

**Anniversaries:** Kath McGillivray (Kearns), Lucy O'Toole.

MASS TIMES - COLAC, CRESSY, BIRREGURRA.		
Tuesday	5.00pm	St Mary's- Colac St John Bosco
Wednesday	10.00am	St Mary's- Colac
Thursday	8.00am	St Mary's- Colac
Friday	10.00am	St Mary's- Colac
Saturday	6.00pm	St Mary' Church
Sunday	9am & 11am	St Mary' Church
Reconciliation: Each Friday after 10am Mass. Anytime by Appointment.		
St Mary's: Holy Hour- Every 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of Month: 4-5pm		
MASS TIMES OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA – APOLLO BAY		
Tuesday	5.30pm	
Thursday & Friday	10.00am	
Sunday	11.00am	
OUR LADY OF FATIMA - LORNE		
Sunday	9.00am	
<b>Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes</b>		
World Day of Prayer for the Sick: Anointing Mass's St Mary's Colac: Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 10am.		

**Sr Margaret Malone: S.G.S.:** Sister of Trish (John Hutchinson), and John (Robyn) Malone: Cousin of Malone's & Darcy's Etc!); has moved into Colac and our Parish Community. Welcome Margaret! Wonderful to have 3 Good Samaritan Sisters: So Gerri Boylan, Marg Carmody and now Margaret with us. (Each of them former students of St Brendan's Cororooke: School, College and Parish). Now 'at home': have worked and ministered in QLD., W.A., N.S.W., various Ministries in Schools, Colleges, Parishes and & University. How blessed we are at St Brendan's & St Mary's. To have their "ministry of witness and prayer" in our communities.

**Sympathy:** Pat O'Meara, Peter & Lisa on the death of Merv. (husband, father & Pop: Apollo Bay).

**ASH Wednesday:** February 22<sup>nd</sup> Louise Hall (Leadership Team member) has accepted the role as project Compassion Co-Ordinator, The Diocesan Director 'Jillian' will make direct contact with Louise.

**Crawford Family Group:** Lunch at Café Nu Deli; Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February, 12 noon bookings: Mary 52312107 (PLANNING FOR THE Year).

**Croft Family Group:** Lunch 25 Talbot St Elliminyt: Today Sunday at 12.30pm.

**Leaders from Colac's Catholic, Anglican and Presbyterian Churches have come together to echo Pope Francis and other churches' pilgrimage of peace in South Sudan.** Father Michael O'Toole of Saint Mary's Catholic Church, of



*Ss Johns' Anglican Church and Elder Neil Stewart of Scots Presbyterian Church met on Wednesday to light candles to use in their church services later this week in support of the Pope's journey. Pope Francis began his visit to South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo on Tuesday alongside by Anglican Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby and Rev Dr Iain Greenshields of the Church of Scotland. The pilgrimage will support the peace process occurring in the African countries that face civil wars and horrific acts of violence that resulted in large-scale displacement of communities and continuing poverty. Father Michel, Father Jeremy and Mr Stewart will lead prayers in their Sunday church services to pray for the Apostolic journey.*

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

***A light rises in the darkness for the upright.***

Light shines through the darkness for the upright;  
he is gracious and merciful and just.

Well for the man who is gracious and lends,  
who conducts his affairs with justice.

He shall never be moved;  
the just one shall be in everlasting remembrance.

An evil report he shall not fear;

his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD.

His heart is steadfast; he shall not fear.

Lavishly he gives to the poor;

His justice shall endure forever;

his horn shall be exalted in glory.

***A light rises in the darkness for the upright.***

### **Pope Francis**

#### **February Intention For Parishes**

*We pray that parishes,  
placing communion at the  
centre, may increasingly  
become communities of  
faith, compassion and  
welcome towards those  
most in need.*

#### **APOLLO BAY & LORNE**

##### **FIRST COLLECTION:**

BSB: 083585

ACCOUNT: 810967715

##### **SECOND COLLECTION**

BSB: 033600 ACCOUNT: 230038

### **Pope urges prayers for 'pilgrimage of peace' to South Sudan and Congo**

Pope Francis has invited Christians to pray for his papal visit to the Democratic Republic of Congo and South Sudan this week, saying the African nations have suffered greatly from lengthy conflicts.

Source: *Vatican News*. Pope Francis sets off tomorrow as a "pilgrim of peace" to the Democratic Republic of Congo and South Sudan, January 31 to February 5.

The Pope also offered a heartfelt greeting to "those beloved peoples who await me". "These lands have suffered greatly from lengthy conflicts." Pope Francis noted that the DRC "suffers from armed clashes and exploitation", especially in the east of the country. South Sudan, he said, has been "wracked by years of war" and "longs for an end to the constant violence that forces many people to be displaced and to live in conditions of great hardship."

In his message, the Pope recalled that he will arrive in South Sudan accompanied by Anglican Archbishop Justin Welby and Rev Dr Iain Greenshields. "In South Sudan, I will arrive together with the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. Together, as brothers, we will make an ecumenical pilgrimage of peace." Pope Francis wrapped up his message with an appeal for everyone to accompany his Apostolic Journey with their prayers.

### **Assembly of the Federation of Catholic Bishops Conferences of Oceania 2023**

Liturgical resources are available in preparation for the Assembly of the Federation of Catholic Bishops Conferences of Oceania in Fiji from February 5-10, 2023. The prayer for the assembly and prayers of the faithful for Sundays leading up to the assembly are available from the diocesan website

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/federation-of-catholic-bishops-conferences-of-oceania/>

**Word of God Sunday – February 5, 2023** The Church in Australia marks Word of God Sunday on February 5 this year. Several resources have been prepared to assist with the promotion and commemoration of the day. Resources available at <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Word-of-God-Sunday>

### **Project Compassion Sunday: February 19, 2023**

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR will launch Project Compassion on Sunday, February 19, 2023 during Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat.



#### **At the Mass with Staff from Our Four School:**

(After Mass with Fr Michael:  
Dobcel Zone Consultant: Leigh  
Schlotz, Michael Mahoney, Paul  
Clohesy, Leanne Eastman, Jack  
Lenaghan,



#### **After Mass:**

*Thursday this  
week Lil Wheeler  
celebrating her  
80<sup>th</sup> Birthday!!*