



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.

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 4th February 2024 –Year B

Responsorial Psalm

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia
 He bore our sickness and
 endured our suffering.
 Alleluia, alleluia!

This Week's Readings

5th Sunday in Ord Time Year B

Job 7:1-4. 6-7 Cori 9:16-19. 22-23 Mark 1:29-39

Next Week's Readings

6th Sunday in Ord Time Year B

Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46 Cor 10:31-11:1 Mk1:40-45

Deaths: Margaret Lucas (C'down), Janet Clarke (Mercy), Br Peter Clinch, cfs., Fr Kevin Bates,S.M., Anthony Watt (Balmoral).

Anniversaries: Jim & Monica Martin, Robert Davies, Lucy O'Toole.

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- Colac
Saturday	6.00pm	St Mary's- Colac
Sunday	9.00am 11.00am	St Mary's- Colac St Mary's- Colac
St Mary's: Holy Hour: 1st Tuesday of the month: 4-5pm		
Rosary - each Friday: 9.30am St Mary's Church		
STAR OF THE SEA - APOLLO BAY		
Wednesday	5.30pm	
Sunday	11.00am	
OUR LADY OF FATIMA – LORNE		
Sunday	9.00am	

Sympathy To: Christian Brothers on the death of their former Provincial Leader (Australia/ and current Superior General of Christian Brother): Br. Peter Clinch – who died unexpectedly in Rome this week.
 *Death of Fr Kevin Bates, S.M.: A Geelong Boy – Composer of well-known Church Music.

FEAST DAYS

5th February / St Agatha

6th February / St Paul Miki (Japanese Saints)

8th February / St Josephine Bakhita (South Sudan)

POPE FRANCIS INTENTIONS

February 2024: For the Terminally Ill

The Holy Father encourages prayers "so that terminally ill patients and their families always receive necessary medical and human care and support.

GLEESON FAMILY GROUP Planning Day: Sunday 4th February at 1.30 pm at Winsome and Jos's home. Looking forward to hearing your ideas for our 2024 social gatherings. Phone Winsome on 0427 353203

CROFT FAMILY GROUP Planning Day: Sunday Feb 11 at 12.30 a Linda's. Please bring a picnic lunch to share, your diary and ideas for activities or venues to explore in 2024.
If you have ever thought about trying Family Group out, this is a great day to come along to and enjoy some lunch and laughter. 25 Talbot St, Elliminyt (off Pound rd). RSVP Linda 0448 314774

****ASH WEDNESDAY 14th February 2024.**

****Information Evening – for interested persons' – at St Mary's Gathering Space – Thursday 8th Feb. at 7pm (Contact parish Office: 52312177).**

The Rite of Election is an important part of the process of a person's journey to full membership in the Catholic Church community. The Rite of Election for catechumens and candidates will take place on **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2024 at 12.30pm** in **St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat.**

MASS OF THE OILS: 25th March 2024.

Enquires for R.C.I.A. To Parish Office: (Adult Baptism & etc.). Ph:5231 2177.

Word of God Sunday – February 4, 2024

Pope Francis instituted the celebration of **Word of God Sunday** when issuing the apostolic letter. The letter encouraged the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God. More info: <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Word-of-God-Sunday>

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving;
to him our praise is due.
The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted,
he binds up all their wounds.
He fixes the number of the stars;
He calls each one by its name.
Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust.'

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted

MARY GLOWREY MUSEUM It was wonderful to host Trinity college Colac Staff members at the Mary Glowrey Museum in December.



The staff professional learning day included a session at the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, as well as the Mary Glowrey Museum. Trinity College has a schoolhouse named after Mary Glowrey's maternal grandparents, the Danaher's and a place she visited as a child and when living in Melbourne. Mary Glowrey's birth and baptism were in Birregurra, in the Parish of Colac.

BISHOP PAUL BIRD: Bishop Paul issued the following information for people of the diocese last year and this is still relevant:

Over the past few weeks, I have consulted various people about this, the members of our Diocesan Liturgical Commission. I have also received advice from a medical point of view. I have concluded that it is not yet time to reintroduce the sharing of the chalice. In regard to the way of receiving the host, recognising the continuing risks of the pandemic, and out of consideration for the health of all parishioners, I recommend reverent reception of the host in the hand rather than reception on the tongue. (Our local suggestion – People still requesting to come last at Communion – Fr Michael).

I was asked about restoring Holy Water to fonts in our churches. While we did empty fonts at the height of the Covid pandemic, this restriction seems unnecessary now. Some parishes restored Holy Water to fonts quite some time ago and I fully support this. This makes Holy Water readily available for those who wish to use it. Of course, any parishioner who has concerns need not use the Holy Water from a font.

CDF would like to inform you of the following changes to Term Investment rates, which are effective today, Thursday 1 February 2024: There have also been some increases to Savings Account rates. To view all current rates, visit the [CDF website](#). For individuals looking to save for a greater reward, through a personal account with CDF Community Fund, you can open a **12-month fixed Term Investment for a special rate of 5.55% p.a.*** Not only will you earn a great interest rate on your investment, you will also help to fund the development of Catholic works such as schools, hospitals, aged care, and social housing that impact the lives of many people, every day.

**Feast of Presentation
2nd February 2024
@ Blessing of Candles
Church & Home Use**

**Foundation Day of
The Good
Samaritan Sisters:**

(LtoR) Srs Margaret Carmody, Margaret Malone, Geri Boylan.



**APOLLO BAY & LORNE
FIRST COLLECTION**
BSB: 083585 Acc: 810967715

SECOND COLLECTION
BSB: 033600 ACCOUNT: 230038

Parish Account Colac

* For Direct Giving Details:
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Planned Giving: REF:

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Next visit 05/02/2024

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