



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.

The Ascension of the Lord – 12th May 2024 –Year B

Responsorial Psalm

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy a
 blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Go and teach all people my gospel.
 I am with you always, until the end of the world.
 Alleluia! Alleluia



THIS WEEK

The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11. Ephesians 1:17-23. Mark 16:15-20.

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11. Galatians 5:16-25. John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Deaths: Elizabeth Jane "Liz" Brown. Callum & Jake Robinson (Perth /Mexico).

Anniversaries: Joe Harty, Margaret O'Shea, Donna Maree Marshall (nee O'Sullivan), Eileen Morrissy, Jenny (Russell) Waddell, Emma Waddell,

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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	5.00pm	
OUR LADY OF FATIMA – LORNE		
Sunday	9.00am	

GOLDEN JUBILEE: "Parishioners, on the weekend of May 25th & 26th, our Parish Priest Fr Michael marks his 50th 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)

- *Parish Finance Meeting Thurs May 16 – 5.30pm.
- *Southern Zone Meeting: Priest and Parish Leaders – This Tuesday 14 May 10am St Joseph's Parish Warrnambool.
- *CWL Meeting Tuesday 14 May 1.30pm (Meeting Room).

BAPTISM We welcome into our Parish Community this weekend:
 Parker Lee Williamson & Marlie Lovel.

MASS COUNTS: 11th & 12th May & continues each weekend until the end of May. (We ask the counters at each Mass to count)

Corpus Christi Seminary: Enquiry Day: Sunday, May 19th at 10.45 am for those thinking about the priesthood. Contact: Fr. Ed Moloney: ed.moloney@ballarat.catholic.org.au

A MERCY ASSOCIATE : This group seeks to "Preserve, Nurture & Re-image the Mercy charism", established by Catherine McAuley and the Sisters of Mercy. Email: mercyassociates@ismapng.org.au

150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat
 "Our Lady of Fatima" Community: Lorne and "Our Lady Star of the Sea" Apollo Bay Community – Welcome Bishop Paul this weekend to be the Celebrant at Mass in acknowledgement of the Diocesan 150th Anniversary. Bishop Paul will also attend:
 *St. Brendan's Cororooke - May 26th Mass 10.30am.

Next Sunday Lorne & Apollo Bay
-Disruptions: Marathon Races.
 *Lorne Mass: Our Lady of Fatima 9am (Celebration of Baptisms, Confirmations, and 1st Communion -Entry from Deans Marsh).
 *Apollo Bay Mass: 5pm (Road closed all morning).

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth.
God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our King, sing praise.
God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne.

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy a blare of trumpets for the Lord.



At our **Catholic Education – Week Mass** Last Wednesday – 2 Preps from St Brendan’s StMary’s & Sacred Heart with the 4 Leaders from trinity College. From **Little Things – BIG things Grow.”**



Lesley (Sacred Heart School)

Having received an award from DOBCEL to recognize her 30 years contribution to the Sacred Heart Community & To Catholic Education.

150TH 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 30th

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: May 12-19 (Ascension – Pentecost)

This Ecumenical Prayer hosted by St Mary’s: Wednesday 4pm 15th May
Theme this Year: “You shall love the Lord your God.”

All Welcome to Attend.

PWMU – Ladies Guild (Presbyterian): 2pm Wednesday 29th May:
Guest Speaker from the Colac Otway Shire: Aged Care & Packages
Entrance Fee: \$5 to support Christian Mission Work.

SAD REFLECTION: Poem: ANZAC Day: Author Brenda Carew:

First Verse:

So dear to our hearts are the graves where they sleep,
In Lands far away, with the secrets they keep.
Resting places unknown in ground reeked with blood,
In deserts and woods, fields, beaches and mud.

Last Verse:

So today we must pause - recall and reflect,
Remember the Fallen with total respect.
For our Freedom today has been so hard won,
Be at Peace. Be at Peace. Every daughter and son.

LEST WE FORGET.

*Copies Full Poem ~ printed on the table in St Mary’s Gathering space.

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 12.30 pm. Please RSVP to Len and Mary. Phone 5231 6848.

CRAWFORD FAMILY GROUP

Lunch Nook Café Cororooke Thurs. 23rd May 12.30pm.

Meet at Church car park 12 noon. Ph Mary 52312107

Celebrating the Light of Motherhood: Gratitude, Prayer.

Mothers are indeed a wonderful embodiment of strength, wisdom, kindness, and unwavering love. They are the nurturing bonds that hold our families together, the enduring light that guides us through life's darkest hours. Therefore, it is only fitting that we honour them, not just today on Mother's Day, but every day, for their boundless sacrifices and ceaseless love. As we celebrate Mother's Day, let us remember that every day is a day to honour, respect, and cherish our mothers. Let us pray for them, express our love for them, and thank them for being the beautiful, loving, and nurturing souls that they are. For as the scripture rightly concludes, "Charm is deceptive, and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised." May God's blessings be upon all mothers

Take home a Bottle of Blessed Easter Water and sprinkle over our Gardens Homes & Farms.