



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.

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time – 1st September 2024 –Year B



Responsorial Psalm

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.

Alleluia!

This Week's Readings

22 Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deut 4:1-2, 6-8 St James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15,

Next Week's Readings

23 Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Deaths: Fr Gerald O'Collins, S. J.,

Anniversaries: William Daffy, Frs Bob Markey, John Russell & Peter Taffe, Eileen Devine, Peter Riordan Thomas Halon, Jessica McGuane

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	11.00am	
OUR LADY OF FATIMA – LORNE		
Sunday	9.00am	

A PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN FATHERS

Heavenly Father,

*you entrusted your Son Jesus the child of Mary,
to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.*

Bless all father as they care for their families.

*Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and
patience; support them in the work they have to do,
protecting those who look to them ,as we look to you
for love and salvation, through Jesus Christ our rock
and defender. Amen*

THIS WEEK NOTICES

Leadership Team Meeting: Wed 4th Sept 5.30pm.

***Apollo Bay/Lorne Parishioners:** To Meet at a later date (TBA). A 'Sub-Committee' of the Parish Leadership Committee to meet the Diocesan Personnel on Sept 5th.

**The Business Manager (Ross Wheatland) expressed to the Apollo Bay Leadership committee that the purpose of the meetings is to present the work of the Pastoral Planning Panel and a document described as the "Looking Forward Proposition", which seeks to determine what parishes will look like going forward, and the formation of parish districts as a precursor to parish mergers. In this regard he mentioned Colac, Apollo Bay/Lorne & Coragulac.*

Parish Sacrament Celebrations: What a joyous occasion last Weekend: 49 children – completing their Initiation into our Fathi Community – through the Sacraments of (Baptism) confirmation & 1 Communion, "Thank You" to Parishioners who were able to share the "Pride & Joy" with the students and their families. The Celebrations continue: this Tuesday, Sept, 3rd: 5pm Mass:

Confirmation/1st Communion: Thomas McCarthy, Oliver Betts & Tye Lamanna.

Croft Family Group: Sunday Sept. 1 at 10am (after 9am Mass) Coffee / Brunch at Lake View Café.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

@ Marriage: Vincent Panares & Mildred Madrid

Memorial Service & Afternoon Tea: Father's Day:

**Sept 15th 2pm. "The Chapel" at Wesley Place,
15 Skenes St Colac. R.S.V.P. (for Catering)**

Wednesday 11th September: 52312052:

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?

He who walks without fault;

he who acts with justice

and speaks the truth from his heart.

He who does no wrong to his brother,

who casts no slur on his neighbour,

who holds the godless in disdain,

but honours those who fear the Lord.

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;

who takes no interest on a loan

and accepts no bribes against the innocent.

Such a man will stand firm for ever.

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

APOLLO BAY & LORNE

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Vale Fr Gerald O' Collins S.J. AC (*nephew of Bishop O' Collins R.I.P., and 1st Cousin of Dr Jim McCarthy R.I.P.*) “I was privileged to be a student at Corpus Christi College: Glen Waverley

& Clayton when Fr Gerry lectured us in Theology (Christology – Ecclesiology Christ Church)

Foundations of Theology specializing in the ‘The Resurrection’. We were in that era of the early 1970’s were graced, honored & spiritually enriched by magnificent lecturers, spirited guides & graced men of the church (MO’T).

1: The recent death of Fr Gerald O’Collins SJ brings to a conclusion a remarkable life, marked by faithful and faith-filled service to the Catholic Church in Australia and around the world and indeed, through his teaching and scholarship, to the wider Christian family in Australia and beyond. As a Jesuit priest, teacher and scholar, Fr O’Collins’ constant focus was to share his faith in Jesus, crucified and risen, as the fulness of God’s self-revelation. His skills as a writer and communicator enabled him to express this powerful synthesis in an attractive and accessible way. As we bid farewell to Fr Gerald O’Collins SJ, we give thanks for his life and witness. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. (A statement from Archbishop Timothy Costelloe, President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.)

2: Catholic Theological College and the University of Divinity mourn the passing of our esteemed colleague, Professor Gerald O’Collins SJ AC. Fr Gerald was a churchman and scholar of international and national significance, and his great capacities for scholarship, friendship, networking and supporting future generations of theologians and believers will be sorely missed. At the centre of Gerry’s academic work was the figure of Jesus Christ, whose presence, person, work, priesthood, beauty, inter-religious significance and spiritual richness enlivened Gerry’s theological imagination. Gerry’s intelligence, humour and kindness endeared him to friends old and new. He relished the company of friends and colleagues and maintained warm contacts with family and friends as well as his fellow Jesuits. We give thanks to God for the life and work of Fr Gerald O’Collins SJ and commend him to the risen Lord whom he so wholeheartedly served in this world.

3: Fr Quyen Vu SJ, Australian Jesuit Provincial, said, “Fr Gerald O’Collins was a humble servant of the Lord. The centre of his life was his friendship with Jesus Christ, whom he loved. His scholarship and pastoral ministry gave witness to this. He loved and was beloved by his family, Jesuit brothers and friends. We give thanks to God for his life and pray for repose of his soul. May he rest in peace with the God he served all his life.



BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND Collection for Retired Priests

The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund provides for retired priests who have spent a lifetime selflessly caring for others, and who deserve a happy and peaceful retirement. The Fund is currently supporting and caring for seventeen retired priests. Over the next few years number of priests currently in parish ministry will be moving into retirement, and will also need to be supported by the fund.

This annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our retired priests. Please give as generously as you can, and help us continue ‘caring for those who cared for us’. Special envelopes are available for this collection, which will be taken up today. You may also return your envelope next week.

A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.
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