



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.

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 15th September 2024 –Year B



Responsorial Psalm

I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
 in the land of the living.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
 My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.
 Alleluia!

This Week's Readings

24 Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 50:5-9, St James 2:14-18, Mark 8:27-35

Next Week's Readings

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20, St James 3:16-4:3, Mark 9:30-37

Deaths: Irene Beasley (C'down), Patrick (Pat) Roache, Ron Westwick, Margaret Gleeson (Koroit), Pat O'Sullivan (Terang) Elva Walker, Constance 'Connie' Coverdale.

Anniversaries: Carmel Johnson, Edna Margaret Scanlan, Denis 'Joe Harty & Ella Harty,

MASS TIMES - COLAC, CRESSY, BIRREGURRA.		
Tuesday	5.00pm	St Mary's
Wednesday	*8.00am	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	11am	
OUR LADY OF FATIMA – LORNE		
Sunday	9am	

Sympathy To: * Teresa Hickey on the death of her sister Irene Beasley this week.

- Helen Roache and Family on the death of Pat.

@Communion To the Sick & Housebound: This Ministry for so long a 'shining light' in our Parish. Due to Covid it had to be curtailed. Now is the time for the Ministry to be offered again. Parishioners and their families who request this Ministry can contact Mandy at the Parish Office: 52312177 (Mon to Fri 9am – 12 noon). Special Ministers of the Eucharist who wish to partake in this Ministry – May also contact Mandy.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION: TO BE CELEBRATED AT THIS TUESDAY AT 5PM MASS - Lexi & Eden Ingram; Tahlia & Jarrah Young; Winnie Langsworth

BE REFLECTIONS OF GOD'S LOVE, POPE FRANCIS TELLS THE PEOPLE OF EAST TIMOR While it is tempting to want more money and more power, God works great things through those who know how to make themselves small, Pope Francis told a massive crowd in one of the world's poorest countries. Prime Minister Xanana Gusmao, before the Mass, introduced Pope Francis to a long line of people who are sick or have disabilities. The Pope blessed each one as the prime minister helped them up and/or hurried them along. The prayers and readings were from the votive Mass for the queenship of Mary, "the mother of a king, Jesus, who chose to be born small and to make himself our brother, entrusting his powerful action to the 'yes' of a poor and innocent young mother," the Pope said. He asked the crowd to think about how the birth of a child is a moment of joy and how "an infant's vulnerability carries with it a message so strong that it touches even the most hardened souls". Pope Francis asked people to pray at the liturgy that "we may reflect in the world the strong and tender light of God's love, of that God."

PARISH FAMILY GROUPS: Crawford Group – Family lunch on Thursday 19th at Future Bakery at 12oclock RSVP Catherine 0499022644

Gleeson Group Trip to Cressy & Lismore Water towers. Luch in Lismore Sunday 15th Sept. Meet Church Carpark: 10.45am Contact Len & Mary – 52316848

Memorial Service & Afternoon Tea: Father's Day:

Sept 15th "The Chapel" at Wesley Place, Colac. **NOW CANCELLED!!**

Church/ Presbytery Maintenance: Programme
 Maintenance Crew will effect maintenance works at St Mary's Church (Altar/Sanctuary Wood Repairs under Carpet). "Presbytery (Water damage – upstairs in 2 Rooms & Stairwells):

* **Weekday: 10am Mass in St Mary's Church Meeting Room. This Thursday, Friday.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living

I love the Lord for he has heard
the cry of my appeal;
for he turned his ear to me
in the day when I called him.
They surrounded me, the snares of death,
with the anguish of the tomb;
they caught me, sorrow and distress.
I called on the Lord's name.
O Lord my God deliver me!
How gracious is the Lord, and just;
our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless, so he saved me.
He has kept my soul from death,
my eyes from tears
and my feet from stumbling.
I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.

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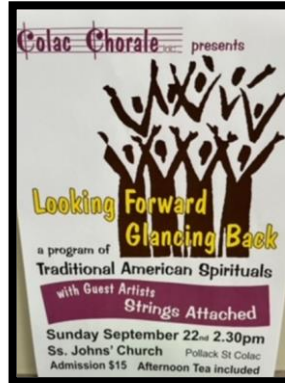
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CENTACARE
Family Counsellor
Appointments
Contact:
Wendy Garner
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AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY: COPACC 10th Sept: Amongst the 16 Newly Inducted Australian Citizens (Presided over by Mayor Margaret White): Our Parishioners At Apollo Bay: Mary -Supported by husband Jason & Children Aljy & Alexa. @Makuol Duot (Colac), supported by his Sister Ajah & Amol and brother John.

Pope Francis – Mass for hundreds of thousands in Timor-Leste

Pope Francis has conducted Mass in front of hundreds of thousands of people in Timor-Leste's capital Dili. Timor-Leste has the highest proportion of Catholics outside of the Vatican and the Pope's three-day visit is being described as the biggest event in the nation's short history. In what was labelled the country's biggest event since its independence, Timorese citizens waved special flags and cheered as Pope Francis arrived via a convoy of security vehicles at a massive outdoor space of Tasitolu, just outside central Dili, to deliver a late-afternoon Mass. They chanted "Viva Pope Francisco" as he was escorted onto the altar. There were tears and emotional reactions in Dili as locals greeted Pope Francis. Father Luzerio Martins Da Silva, the church's representative for the Pope's visit, told the ABC it was a time for celebration. He said it was also an opportunity for Timorese citizens to "thank" the church for St John Paul II's visit in 1989 — an event many saw as critical for putting the country's push for independence in the international spotlight. The Pope visited a school for children living with disability in Timor-Leste. Before holding Mass, Pope Francis visited a home for children with disabilities run by a congregation of religious sisters early on Tuesday. Local resident Silvino Sousa Costa said she hoped his visit would put the young nation on the international stage. "We hope that the presence of the Holy Father in Timor-Leste will allow us to remain united, in peace between the people and to create friendship between religions," "He (the Pope) is inspiring Timorese here with his message of peace and solidarity," Milnosia Ribeiro said. "I hope Pope Francis continues to encourage us to have a better future ... especially for us as young people." Pope Francis said Timor-Leste had endured the "greatest suffering and trial". "We give thanks to God, since you never lost hope ... And after dark and difficult days, a dawn of peace and freedom has finally arrived," President Jose Manuel Ramos-Horta thanked Pope Francis and called his voice "so necessary in an increasingly disfigured world in which the coldness of hearts has replaced dialogue and peace".



Season of Creation 2024

The Season of Creation runs from September 1 – October 4, with the theme for 2024, "To Hope and Act with Creation". Resources are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/catholic-earthcare-ballarat-diocese/season-of-creation-2024/>.