



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.

Third Sunday of Advent – 15th December 2024 –Year C



Responsorial Psalm

*Cry out with joy and gladness:
 for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.*

Gospel Acclamation

*How Beautiful on the mountain top are the
 feet of those who bring Your word. X 2*

This Week's Readings

3rd Sunday of Advent—Year C

Zephaniah 3:14-18, Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:10-18

Next Week's Readings

4th Sunday of Advent—Year C

Micah 5:1-4, Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-44

Deaths: Paul Mahoney, Anne Gallagher, Pamela McCrickard, Valerie Kent,

Anniversaries: Brian Galligan, Daniel & Gerard Robarts, Mary Elizabeth Robarts, Molly Mahoney & Veronica Mahoney, Daryl Scott, Norman Rowe, Ronald Brown, Doug Swanson,

Sacrament of Baptism: We welcome this weekend into our Parish: **Denver Perdio & Charles Woodyard.**

BRIAN GLEESON R.I.P. - Ashes to be placed in the Columbarium Wall this Sunday 15th December at 2.30pm. All Welcome.

Christmas Dinner Meeting -Thurs 19th December 11am St Mary's Parish will again host

'An Open Christmas Dinner' in St Mary's Gathering Space – 25th Dec. 12.30pm to 2.30pm. **Meals prepared for collection or delivery: Call for volunteers:** helpers, supporters, givers, etc. **Volunteer invited for Preparation:** To attend our Meeting next Thursday. Any offers/donors etc. - contact Presbytery Office 9am – 12pm phone 5331 2177

Special Ministers –of the Eucharist required to take Communion to the housebound: @ Sunday after 9am Mass; @Any day & time suitable to both the Ministers & the housebound person. Please contact: Parish Office 52312177.

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, Friday		10.00am
Sunday		11am
OUR LADY OF FATIMA – LORNE		
Sunday		9.00am

"VICTORIAN AWARD"

The Victorian Association of Catholic Primary Schools Principals (VACPSP) is proud to announce the winners of its Principal Awards for 2025. The Principal Awards honour Principals who have demonstrated exceptional leadership skills and contributed significantly to student learning. The awards allow Catholic education and school communities to unite to celebrate and recognise outstanding Principal leaders.

"The VACPSP is excited to announce the 2025 award winners For Excellence in Principal Leadership: Faith & Mission in a Victorian Catholic Primary School, Mr Jack Lenaghan, Sacred Heart School, Colac, Mr Michael Mahoney, St Mary's School, Colac, and Mrs Leanne Eastman, St Brendan's School, Coragulac, Ballarat Diocese." Congratulations to Jack, Leanne and Michael on being recognised by their peers in this State wide award. This is a wonderful celebration of the hard work of our dedicated staff in our 3 primary schools in the area of Faith and Mission. Another factor mentioned by the judges of the award was the close and productive relationship of the schools of the Colac Coragulac Catholic Schools Network which includes our Secondary School Principal and colleague, Mr Paul Clohessy along with his staff at Trinity College."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Cry out with joy and gladness:
for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.*

Truly, God is my salvation,
I trust, I shall not fear.
For the Lord is my strength, my song,
he became my saviour.
With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation.
Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!
make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!
Declare the greatness of his name.
Sing a psalm to the Lord
for he has done glorious deeds,
make them known to all the earth!
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

*Cry out with joy and gladness:
for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.*

APOLLO BAY & LORNE

FIRST COLLECTION

BSB: 083585 ACC: 810967715

SECOND COLLECTION

BSB: 033600 ACCOUNT: 230038

***COLUMBAN
CALENDAR 2025**

AVAILABLE AT

ST MARY'S PIETY

STORE \$10 EACH.

***CHRISTMAS CARDS
& GIFTS ARE ALSO
AVAILABLE!!**

*** CHOIR PRACTICE**

commencing after 5pm
Mass Tuesday 17th Dec.

ALL VERY WELCOME

Christmas Appeal 2024

Caritas Lebanon Appeal, Catholic Mission Myanmar Appeal Each:	5,000
St Columban's Mission, Peru, Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans ACRATH	Ea. 5,000
Total of ALL donations made in 2024	\$32,000

In anticipation I thank you for your co-operation in recommending the 2024 Christmas Appeal to the generosity of your parishioners and giving them the opportunity to make their contribution when convenient. Our Collection: Either Direct Debt BSB:083585 Acc:811051426 REF "Bishop Christmas Appeal." Or at our Leaving Collection: At Christmas Masses.

*Yours sincerely in Christ, **Paul Bird CSsR** - Bishop of the Diocese of Ballarat.*



EFTPOS: We at St Mary's have EFTPOS facilities in our 'gathering space' for those that do not carry cash and would like to contribute to our Parish. Every donation is very much appreciated – St Mary's Finance Team.

YOU ARE ABLE TO SELECT DONATION AMOUNT: \$2.00 \$5.00, \$10.00, & \$20.00.

Vinnies Christmas Appeal This years Christmas hampers which will be given out from the 15th Dec. These include Christmas groceries. These items can be left under our Christmas tree from Sunday 1st December.

ADVENT COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION

Sunday 8th Dec. – 9am Birregurra
 Sunday 15th Dec – 9am Lorne
 Sunday 15th Dec – Apollo Bay
 Sunday 21st Dec – Vigil 6pm St Mary's Colac
 Sunday 22nd Dec – 9am & 11am St Mary's Colac
 Sunday 22nd Dec – 5.00pm St Brendan's

ANOINTING MASSES

Sunday 8th Dec. – 9am Birregurra
 Sunday 15th Dec – 9am Lorne
 Sunday 15th Dec – Apollo Bay
 Sunday 17th to 20th Dec – Colac weekday Mass.

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES
COLAC PARISHES.**

24 th Dec	6pm & 8pm	St Mary' Church
24 th Dec	6pm	St Peter's Birregurra
25 th Dec	*8am & *10am	St Mary' Church
31 st Dec	6pm	St Mary' Church
1 st Jan 2025	9am	St Peter's Birregurra
1 st Jan 2025	9am	St Mary' Church

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES – Apollo Bay

24 th Dec - OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA – A' BAY	6pm
25 th Dec - OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA – A' BAY	10am
31 st Dec - OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA – A' BAY	6pm

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES. - LORNE

24 th Dec - OUR LADY OF FATIMA - LORNE	6pm
25 th Dec - OUR LADY OF FATIMA - LORNE	10am
1 st Jan 2025 - OUR LADY OF FATIMA - LORNE	9am