



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.

The Epiphany of the Lord – 5th January 2025–Year C



Responsorial Psalm

Lord, ever nation on earth will adore you.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
 We have seen his star in the East;
 and have come to adore the Lord.
 Alleluia!

This Week's Readings

The Epiphany of the Lord —Year C

Samuel 1:20-22. 24-28, St John 3:1-2. 21-24 Luke 2:41-52

Next Week's Readings

The Baptism of the Lord —Year C

Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11 Titus 2:11-14 3:4-7 Luke 3:15-16. 21-22

Deaths: Noel Gibson, Betty McGrath, Sr Agnes Nunn, R.S.J., Connie Tesselaar (formerly Simpson), Sr Margaret Noone, I.B.V.M., Sabu Thomas & Thresimma Thomas (India), Palim Michael Kuagany Jang (Sth Sudan), Leo de Wacht.

Anniversaries: Sr Camilla Gall, S.G.S. & Mary Hickey, S.G.S., Ron Parker, Ed Carmody (Jnr), Ursula Carew, Carl Paatsch, Noel Paatsch, Maria Arceri,

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

THIS WEEK:

St Mary's Colac - Monday 2pm (Requiem Mass: Connie Tesselaar.

Sympathy To: *Tim Gibson (death of his brother Noel).

*Mary McGrath (death of her sister in-law Betty).

* Vivan & Bol on the death of their cousin, Palim Jang (Melb).

THANK YOU & FAREWELL "Clare Arundell after living in Colac and working generously for many years is now planning to live in East Ballarat. (Mercy Health Care). We are grateful to you Clare for the many roles you have played while here. We wish you well in Ballarat."

(Parish Family Groups - on Behalf of Parishioners).

THANK YOU, Fr Michael: ~ The Leadership Team invites you to stay for a cup of tea after Mass, 6pm on 11th January and 9 am and 11 am on January 12th, 2025.

Apollo Bay Parish will be celebrating Fr John's farewell on Sunday 12 January 2024 after 11.00am Mass in the Gathering Space. Bring a plate to

Popes Intentions January 2025

For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.



(Fr Cay Trinh – with our Vietnamese Parishioners)

Fr Cay Says Thank You for Leaving Collection last Saturday Evening: (Vigil Mass \$630. Amazing!!).

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, ever nation on earth will adore you.

O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement
In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from the sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds.
The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts
shall pay him tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him.
For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor.

Lord, ever nation on earth will adore you.

APOLLO BAY & LORNE

FIRST COLLECTION

BSB: 083585 ACC: 810967715

SECOND COLLECTION

BSB: 033600 ACCOUNT: 230038

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.



Pope Francis: Beauty urges us to take Christ into the Street to the People

In a message the pope emphasized the significance of "beauty" in attracting others to faith in Jesus Christ and his Church. "Above all, it is the beauty of Christ that summons us, calls us to be brothers and sisters and urge us to take Christ out into the streets, to bring him to the people, so that everyone can contemplate his beauty," "Be crazy with love," the pope added. "Crazy with love for God, so much so to touch the hearts of their people, to bring them to God."

Pope Francis called on Catholics to become "pilgrims of hope" emphasizing that "hope and kindness touch the very heart of the Gospel." After the opening of the 2025 jubilee Year, the pope emphasized the "kindness is not a diplomatic strategy" nor "a set of rules to ensure social harmony or to obtain other advantages" but rather "a form of love that opens hearts to acceptance and helps us all to become more humble."

Wars, social injustices, and the many forms of violence we are exposed to every day should not dishearten us nor draw us toward scepticism and discouragement."

Speaking about the recently begun jubilee year, Francis concluded with "a wish for hope, which is a theological virtue, together with faith and charity," praying that "the new year bring us peace, fellowship, and gratitude." Pilgrims from around the world have been passing through the open Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica this week, which Pope Francis opened on Christmas Eve to begin the 2025 Jubilee. In his Christmas Day message, Pope Francis recalled, "the door of God's heart is always open; let us return to him. Let us return to the heart that loves us and forgives us."

Caritas Australia has launched an appeal for Vanuatu following two earthquakes in 24 hours, that killed at least 14 people and effected 116,000 people. As rescue efforts continue, the death toll is expected to rise. The Port Vila hospital has been overwhelmed, having also sustained damage resulting in the closure of operating theatres. Two major water reserves that supply Port Vila have also been destroyed, with assessment into water supplies ongoing. Major damage to infrastructure has been sustained, impacting communications, airport runways, bridges. As part of the Church Agencies Network Disaster Operations (CANDO) Caritas Australia will be supporting on the ground through its partners. Sally Thomas, Humanitarian Manager at Caritas Australia said, "Vanuatu, and particularly Port Vila, has been devastated. "As we embrace the festivities, we must remember that our brothers and sisters in Vanuatu, who need our compassion and support as they recover." To support Caritas Australia's Vanuatu Earthquake Appeal, visit: <http://www.caritas.org.au/vanuatu> (Or a marked Envelope "on our collection Plate).