



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.

First Sunday of Lent – 6th March 2022– Year C

Responsorial Psalm

Be with us, Lord, when we are in trouble.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ,
 king of endless glory.
 No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that
 comes from the mouth of God.
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 king of endless glory.



This Week's Readings

First Sunday of Lent

Deuteronomy 26:4-10. Romans 10:8-13. Luke 4:1-13

Next Week's Readings

Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 15:5-12.17-18. Philippians 3:17-4:1. Luke 9:28-36

Deaths: Fr Kevin Mogg, Bronwyn Jansen(Andrews Mum), Josie Lamanna(Joes wife), Flood Victims & War Victims.

Anniversaries: Ted McGuane, Cameron Gerard Riches, Russell Turner, Mary-Anne Ryan, Jack Darmody, Sr Theresa Parish OLM, Bert Limpens, Sr Frances Colreary, Des Rea, Patricia Callaghan, Mary Falconer, Eileen Dooley, Marie O'Brien, Leon Heath, Peter Huggins, Matthew Harrington, Wendy Hynes.

MASS TIMES

Tuesday	5.00pm	St Mary's
Wednesday	10.00am	St Mary's
Thursday	10.00am	St Mary's
Friday	10.00am	St Mary's
Friday	6.30pm	St Joseph's Cressy
Saturday	6.00pm	St Mary's
Sunday	9.00am	St Peter's Birregurra
Sunday	9.00am 11.00am	St Mary's St Mary's

SACRAMENTAL OF RECONCILIATION

*Each Friday after 10am Mass **Anytime by appointment

Combined Ecumenical Worship

Service - Sunday March 13th 2022 – 10.30am

Message: Fr Michael O'Toole St Mary's Parish,
 Colac Venue: Beeac Uniting Church – All Welcome.



National Coordinating Team of Passionist Family Group Movement **congratulates St Mary's Colac Parish celebrating 30 years of Family Groups in March 2022.** The Team acknowledges and thanks especially, coordinators **Linda and Gary Morgan-Davis** for their commitment to and care of the Family Group member at St Mary's Parish. "Jesus called people to love one another and that's what the Family Group people at Colac have been doing for many years". Dennis Morris PFGM NCT

THIS WEEKS MEETING

CWL MEETING Tuesday 8th March 'Gathering Space'.

BIRREGURRA COMMUNITY MEETING:

Wed, March 9th 5.30pm at St Peter's Church.
 Refurbishment of the Church.

***THE SUB-COMMITTEE** - St Mary's Colac Carpet & Floor
 Covering for the Gathering Space.. continues to meet.

SR BRIGID ARTHUR 'REFUGEE ADVOCATE' PUBLIC

OPEN MEETING – St Mary's Church 'Gathering Space'

Wednesday 16th March: 5pm Gathering:
 5.30pm Sr Brigid to speak. All Welcome.

1st Communion & Confirmation:

On Tuesday at 5pm Mass - Louis & Leah Mahoney.

We welcome into our Parish Community this weekend through the **Sacrament of Baptism.** Mitchell Kilah, Hallie Embrey & Cooper Embrey. "The Church gives the faith to your children through Baptism and you have the task to make it grow...."
 - Pope Francis.

LENTEN SCRIPTURE STUDY REFLECTION:

@Personal Daily Prayer Books \$5.00 each
@'Remember' Group Lenten Reflection \$10 each

HELP NEEDED CLEANING ST MARY'S CHURCH FOR EASTER CELEBRATIONS – Wednesday 16th March at 10.30am – Both Men & Women required to help.
 – All welcome. Cuppa afterwards.

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

*God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious
children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.*

FAITH LEADERS HIGHLIGHT PLIGHT OF ASYLUM-SEEKERS

A group of Christian leaders took turns to be locked in a cage outside a hotel in Melbourne's inner north on Saturday to demonstrate their solidarity with asylum-seekers detained there.



Sr Brigid Arthur CSB, coordinator of the Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project, Baptist minister Reverend Tim Costello and Uniting Church minister Reverend Alexandra Sangster joined others for a peaceful protest outside the Park Hotel, Carlton, calling for the release of the men who have been held in detention by the Australian Government for almost nine years. Their action follows on from Anglican bishops Philip Huggins and Paul Barker's example last week, as part of The Freedom Cage campaign, a grassroots movement protesting the indefinite detention of refugees and another campaign launched by multi-faith leaders a couple of weeks ago to "Set them free". Sr Brigid said Australia's treatment of refugees represents a failure to uphold the commandment to welcome the stranger, which is found in all major religions. "You came to our country asking only for protection, and to our shame we locked you up and we're still punishing you. We are sorry," Sr Brigid said.

CPE Pastoral Education promotion 2022:

**Next CPE program coming in July – The program will be offered via Zoom with some face-to-face contact. More information
Contact: Bernadette Wurlod CPE Centre Director Clinical Pastoral Educator - 0455 033 321**

*The First Collection is called "Priests Support" The second collection is called "Parish Stewardship." **Our many Visitors** also get caught short without cash and are most welcome to contribute in this way too. Simply put your **Name (optional) & "Visit"** in the description.*

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NAB Bank
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NAB Bank
BSB 083585
Acct 810967715**

APOLLO BAY

**First Collection
Westpac Bank
BSB 033600
Acct 230046**

**Second Collection
Westpac Bank
BSB 033600
Acct 230038**

BANK TRANSFERS

As carrying cash becomes less common, we'd like to offer you the opportunity to contribute to the First and/or Second collections through Direct Debit. You simply do this through your on-line banking by setting up a Recurring Payment or One-off Payment, as many of us do for other payments. If you choose this method, please ensure in the description you put your Name and Envelope number.

Project Compassion – this year's theme reminds us that what we do today can have an impact for ***'All future Generations.'*** Please take home a Project Compassion Box or Envelopes from the Table in the Gathering Space.

CATHOLIC-CARE Family & Support Counselling. For appointments contact:
Wendy Garner: 5559 3000 / 0409192480