

QR Code for Young People



Saint of the week: St. Genevieve was born about the year 422, at Nanterre near Paris. She died in the year 512. She is the patron Saint of Paris and her symbol is that of a loaf of bread.

Mary MacKillop: From Portland to the Sisters of Saint Joseph and Sainthood

Events are planned on the weekend of Saturday 30 & Sunday 31 January, 2016 to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Mary MacKillop departing Portland in January 1866. Flyer is on the Church Notice board.

Children and the Toilet –Just a reminder that all children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult when going to the toilets during Mass. This is for the safety of the children.

Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service: Volunteers Workers Wanted

The Diocese of Broome, WA, requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church on Aboriginal Missions. There are various important voluntary tasks - administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning, etc. Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months plus. For further details, and an application form, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Anneliese Rohr, ph. 08 9192 1060, email: volunteers@broomedioocese.org, web: www.broomedioocese.org or mail PO Box 76, Broome WA 6725

Joke of the week—back by popular demand!

An Irishman was flustered at not being able to find a parking space in a large mall's parking lot.

"Lord," he prayed, "I can't stand this. If you open a space up for me, I swear I'll give up drinking me whiskey, and I promise to go to church every Sunday."

Suddenly, the clouds parted and the sun shone on an empty parking spot. Without hesitation, the man said, "Never mind, I found one."

Advance Notice – dates for 2016:

Rite of Election: Saturday, February 13 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat

Mass of the Oils: Monday, March 21 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat

Lifeline: 131114 **Ararat Police:** 5355 1500 **Sexual Assault Crisis line:** 1800 806 292

Counselling service: Relationships Australia – 1800 052 674

Catholic Diocese of Ballarat Towards Healing – 1800 099 340



Sunday, 3 Jan 2016
The Epiphany of the Lord

As we celebrate, we acknowledge the Indigenous owners of the land on which The Church of The Immaculate Conception is built, the Tjapwurong people, and we respect the presence of the spirits of their ancestors among us.

First Reading Is 60:1-6

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13, R. see v.11

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

1. 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. **(R.)**
2. In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds. **(R.)**
3. 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. **(R.)**
4. 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. **(R.)**

Second Reading Eph 3:2-3, 5-6

The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 2:2

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

Gospel Mt 2:1-12

We have come from the East to worship the king.

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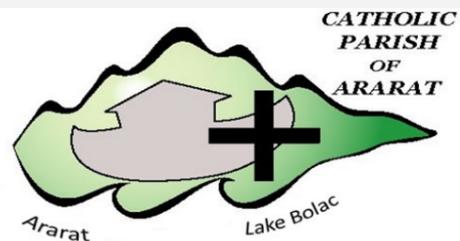
Prayer of Pope Francis for the Year of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,
and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.
Show us your face and we will be saved.
Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing,
so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord,
and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor,
proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,
and restore sight to the blind.

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Office Hours
Tues/Wed/Fri 9am—2pm

ARARAT MASS PROGRAMME FOR NEXT WEEK

Tues Jan 5 th	9.30am	Ararat
Wed Jan 6 th	9.30am	Ararat
Thurs Jan 7 th	9.30am	Ararat
Saturday Jan 9 th	6.00pm	Ararat
Sunday Jan 10 th	8.30am	Lake Bolac
	10.30am	Ararat

A VOCATION VIEW

“Unless your family loves you, nothing else makes sense. In your family your vocation can grow in wisdom, age and grace”.

“We all have the duty to do good”
-Pope Francis @Pontifex 2015

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RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES:

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Jack Flynn, Michael Joyce Fr Brian James, Stephen Barry
Bartolo Mercovich, Jack Donovan, Linda Hughes-Soden, Linda Hughes-Soden, Clara Thomas, Peter Pola, Evie Moloney, Brian O'Donnell, Kathleen Cauty

SICK:

Hilary Doveton, Arthur Spiller, Natasha Martens and Joyce Tutton

THIS WEEK Jan 2nd/3rd	NEXT WEEK Jan 9th/10th
<u>FACILITATOR</u> SAT: Carmel Brennan SUN: Kaye Chamings	<u>FACILITATOR</u> SAT: peter Gemmola SUN: Greg Carroll
<u>READERS</u> SAT: Pat McAloon SUN: Vin Hooper	<u>READERS</u> SAT: Glenyce North SUN: Matt de Long
<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</u> SAT: L. Horsman, A.M. Joyce & J. Start SUN : M. Cunningham, K. Chamings	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</u> SAT: T. Gemmola & Sr. Maree SUN : G. O'Loughlin & N. Billingsley
<u>COUNTERS</u> T. Rees, B. Rieniets, P. McAloon	<u>COUNTERS</u> The Arnold Family, T. Weeks & C. Martin
<u>GOLDEN GATE COMMUNION</u> Jim & Jan	<u>GOLDEN GATE COMMUNION</u> Harry & Anna
<u>FLOWERS</u> Joan Bond, Una Hunt	<u>FLOWERS</u> Mary Stapleton
<u>CHURCH CLEANING</u>	<u>CHURCH CLEANING</u>
<u>WELCOMERS</u> SAT: Duane & Mary Stapleton SUN: Lupe & David Anderson	<u>WELCOMERS</u> SAT: Bessie Stoneman & Genara O'Loughlin SUN: Brian & Margaret Joyce
<u>LAKE BOLAC</u>	<u>LAKE BOLAC—Lay Assembly</u>
<u>READER:</u> I. Meek	<u>READER:</u> M-A Otto
<u>PRAYERS:</u> V. Albert	<u>PRAYERS:</u> J. Aldous
<u>EUCCHARISTIC</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC</u>
<u>MINISTER:</u> D. Haslett	<u>MINISTER:</u> P. Upton
<u>CLEANING:</u> J. Upton	<u>CLEANING:</u>

MEETINGS & EVENTS

A Message from Fr Andrew

Thank you to everyone who has helped to make both Ararat and Lake Bolac communities flourish during 2015. As I approach my second Christmas here I am feeling more and more at home and more and more encouraged about the future of our robust and vibrant parish. I look forward to these exciting developments in the parish in 2016:

- Having every parishioner with a job in the parish, whether large or small
- Continuing to build on our parish's friendship with the Muslim community in Ararat
- Developing our understanding of the needs of people seeking asylum in our country
- People from the diocese will be visiting mid-year to help to train our Mass Readers and to help us to develop our Funeral and Bereavement ministry
- Continuing to support those who are hurting from abuse within the Church
- Continuing with our prison ministry

Polish Arts Festival

Our Polish friends in Melbourne invite all to PolArt, the 13th National Polish Arts Festival, December 27 - January 3 Free Opening Day in Federation Square on Sunday, December. Free Children's program on December 29 and a packed program of cinema, music, theatre and dance - www.polart2015.com.au. Highly recommended if you are going to World Youth Day 2016.

Office Hours—please be advised there has been a slight change to the office hours for next week. Apologies for any inconvenience.

January Office Hours

Fri Jan 1st CLOSED
Tues Jan 5th CLOSED
Wed Jan 6th 9.00am-4pm
Fri Jan 8th 9.00am-2pm
Normal hours onwards

Hot Weather

Remember to bring your bottles of water to mass during these hot days. Keep hydrated!

ROSTERS

We are working on the rosters for 2016 in the following areas:

- Eucharistic Minister
- Facilitators
- Readers
- Counters
- Flowers

Please accept our apologies if you see your name on the list but you weren't down for that job. The rosters are a fulltime task—bear with us! Thanking you

Have a safe, peaceful and prosperous New Year!