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Finances

If you would like to donate to a parish, or use for your planned giving please see the details below.

Many thanks

Details for Ararat Parish:

Parish Account "Main Church Account"

Westpac Bank **BSB** 033 201 // Acc 810035

Presbytery Account "Presbytery Account"

Westpac Bank **BSB** 033 201 // Acc 810043

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Parish Account **BSB** 013 815 **Acc:** 286326347

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Ararat QR Code



Location Code A5W FTY

You will need to have downloaded the APP onto your phone. It will not work if you just take a "photo" of the image above.

There will be someone to help. But we would urge you to come 10 minutes earlier to Mass if you are unsure of what to do.

Church Toilets

All children—Primary school age and under— must be accompanied by an adult. Thank you for your

understanding.

Lifeline: 131114 **Ararat Police:** 5355 1500

Counselling service: Relationships Australia – 1800 052 674

Catholic Diocese of Ballarat Towards Healing – 1800 099 340

Sexual Assault Crisis line: 1800 806 292

Parish Centre

Our Parish Centre is used for various activities—from Graduate Teacher Professional Development Days, Family Celebrations, Formal Meetings to a gathering place after a funeral.

It is a space that can accommodate up to 100 people comfortably and has an industrial kitchen. If you would like more information—please contact the office on 03 5352 5460



St. Mary's Catholic Parish of Ararat and Lake Bolac

Sunday July 25th 2021

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr B

As we celebrate, we acknowledge the Indigenous owners of the land on which our Churches are built, the Tjapwurrong people, and we respect the presence of the spirits of their ancestors among us.

First Reading 2 Kgs 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 144:10-11, 15-18. R. v.16

The hand of the Lord feeds us;
he answers all our needs.

1. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. (R.)
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time.

You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. (R.)

3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 4:1-6

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 6:1-15

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly

what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we are reminded of God's providence. We live in a world that feeds us and shelters us and supplies us with everything that we need to grow and to thrive, and all of this comes to us from the hand of God. It is usually when we are in desperate straits that we become painfully conscious of our dependence on God, but this dependence is always there. God does not merely intervene when we are helpless; God's providence operates in our lives at all times. Living in a society that promotes individualism, we sometimes undervalue the communal dimension of life. God certainly cares passionately for each of us (not even a sparrow falls without God knowing it), but God's concern is for the whole people. We are first and foremost members of a people. We would never have seen the light of day, we would not endure or develop, without others. As unique as we may be, we are a unique expression of a communal reality. God created a race; God formed a people; Jesus died for the world. By the grace of God, we belong to the community.

As members of the people of God, we are called to a way of life that is noble, not selfish. We are to live with each other in humility and gentleness, with patience. We are to bear with one another in love. Through baptism we all live by the same Spirit of Jesus; we are all united through the bond of God's love. The bread that we receive from the hand of God is the bread of full life, life in all its dimensions, life in Christ.

MASS TIMES

	<u>Ararat</u>	<u>Stawell</u>	<u>Lake Bolac</u>	<u>Landsborough</u>	<u>Glenthompson</u>
	(Immaculate Conception)	(St. Patrick's)	(St. Bernard's)	(St. Francis)	
Saturday			6.30pm—Sat Vigil	6pm—Sat Vigil	
Sunday	8.30am	10.30am	of the 1st, 3rd, 5th Sun	of the 2nd & 4th Sun	8.30am (2nd & 4th Sun)

Masses this Week

(Covid Permitting of Course)

Stawell: Wed to Fri 10am

Ararat:

Wed 28th Retirement Village 10am

Thurs 29th Hopkins 3pm

Fri 30th Mass morning tea 11am

AGED CARE SCHEDULE

Eventide	1 st Wednesdays 11.15am
Lowe St	2 nd Wednesdays 11am
Garden View	3 rd Wednesdays 10.30am
ARV	4 th Wednesday 10am

Readings

Next Sunday August 1

[Ex 16:2-4. 12-15](#)

[Eph 4:17, 20-24](#)

[Jn 6:24-35](#)

Recent Deaths:

Margaret Seeary

Anniversaries: 18th – 25th July

Fr Jim Green, Margaret Skidmore, George Smythe,

Vera Hayes, Laurence Cashin, Stan Parker, Carmel Kelly, Patrick Reed, Monica Cronin, Leo Heena,n, Noel Coughlin, Peter McLoughlin, Mary Bryant, Kevin Harrison, Leo Heenan, Lorna Norbury

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Terry Weeks, Kate Wilson, Sally Rook, Eloise Foo, Benjamin Wolfson, Julie Neale and Margaret Hassall, Jenny Sharman, Anne-Marie Joyce

A VOCATION VIEW: Today we are reminded by St Paul that there is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism. The challenge before us is to 'bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience.' That is an essential part of our vocation: to lead a life worthy of these attributes.

Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2021

Only a heart that is not taken over by hastiness is capable of being moved, that is, of not allowing itself to be caught up in itself and by things to do, and is aware of others, of their wounds, their needs. Compassion is born from contemplation. [#GospelOfThe-Day](#) Mk 6:30-34

St Bernard's Liturgy & Cleaning Roster

31 July

Reader : Irene Meek **Prayers of the faithful** **Jane Higgins**
Cleaning: Judy Aldous

Golden Gate Roster

June	6th Harry & Anna	13th Jim & Jan	20th Libby	27th Harry & Anna
July	4th Tim & Jan	11th Libby	18th Harry & Anna	25th Tim & Jan

What I'm Thinking About

Let's hope that by the time people are reading this our numbers are down and we're nearly ready to be let out. Me? I'm having my 2nd AZ jab on Monday and am pleased to be doing my bit to get us all out. While things are uncomfortable for everybody, we're keeping people reasonably safe, and perhaps challenged by the knowledge that our most vulnerable people are the elderly. This Sunday is world day for grandparents and the elderly. (Details elsewhere in this bulletin.) So for all the oldies out there. My sore arm on Monday is for you!

Meanwhile, in Tokyo, there's a great celebration of the young. On your marks Australia! Let's pray for "the best Olympic games ever!" free from Covid and free from security issues. Might this games be a celebration of possibility, a beacon of how good we can be as people of the global community.

Good for you Brisbane!

Fr Andrew

Ararat Parish Office

The Ararat office will be open on Friday Mornings. From 10am-12pm. If you have any notices for the bulletin please email: ararat@ballarat.catholic.org.au

New Office Staff

This coming week we will be interviewing for new parish office staff in Ararat. We look forward to making the new person or people welcome.

Covid Rules

Code in / wear a mask / 2 square metres each

We are required to QR code in Stawell and Ararat and have "marshals" at the doors, which we do – so that we can have 100 people at 2sqm

Landsborough and Lake Bolac can hand write and still have 35 people at 4sqm

Funerals: 2sqm = 100 people in Stawell and Ararat with 75 people in the smaller churches

Catering: 2sqm = 75 in Ararat Parish Centre and too few to cater for a funeral cuppa in Stawell. There is now no requirement for everyone to be seated.

ACRATH

This month ACRATH is continuing its Conversation Series on Wednesday July 28 2021 with a conversation about ACRATH's advocacy - strategies, 'asks' and successes. Peter O'Neill and Christine Carolan are being interviewed. The link to the online event is on the poster, but for anyone having trouble accessing it from the poster, the link to the conversation is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84689432007?pwd=cDBLK2xCNmh0eSt6SVRIUGIKc1I5Zz09>

We look forward to you joining us on Wednesday July 28 at 11.15am (cuppa) and 11.30am (Conversation).

CHILDREN'S DISCUSSION STARTERS

A beginning point for discussion of this week's Gospel with children:

- In today's Gospel a large crowd followed Jesus. Why was Jesus concerned for them?
- What small amount of food did the disciple Andrew find?
- What did the disciples ask the crowd to do before Jesus blessed the bread and fish?
- What did Jesus do with the blessed food?
- What was left over?
- Jesus feeds us in the Eucharist. What does he give to us?
- Jesus gives us his body so that we can become one with him and live like him.

We pray that we will live for Jesus and share what we have with others.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly July 25

"I am with you always" (Mt 28:20) is the theme chosen by Pope Francis for this inaugural commemoration. Resources provided by Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life to assist in the celebration of this day, are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/world-day-for-grandparents-and-the-elderly-scheduled-for-july-25/>

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Prayers of Intercession

Priest: Brothers and sisters, God is close to all who call from their hearts. Let us turn to God in prayer.

Reader: That in peace the Church will be united in one body, one Spirit and one baptism. (pause)

In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That nations will distribute their resources wisely and care for the environment. (pause)

In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That we will bear with one another in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. (pause)

In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who are starving through poverty or famine will be assisted by the many who have abundant food. (pause)

In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the sick, including N., will find us living signs of Christ's compassion. (pause)

In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That we who are nourished at the table of the Lord will give witness to the depths of God's love. (pause)

In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the dead who ate the bread of life will feast at the eternal banquet, including N. (pause)

In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: Life-giving God, you sustain us with your word and sacrament and bind us together in love and peace. Hear our prayers that we may share with others your generous gifts. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the living Bread, who is Lord for ever.

All: Amen.