



Project Compassion Lent Calendar

Did you know that you can download a Lent Calendar for your iPhone or Android? You can also view it on the Caritas Australia website!

Use the calendar to deepen your spirituality this Lent and learn about Caritas Australia's work in six countries across the globe. Explore Project Compassion, meet inspiring people and reflect on the Lenten period through daily readings, prayers and social justice actions.

View or download at www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion/lent-calendar

St. Mary's School Fete—March 24th 2017

St. Mary's Primary school would like to invite you all to their major fundraiser of the year! The fete will start at 5pm and finish at 8pm. The school did not have a fete last year so we're hoping for a full attendance on Friday March 24th. Bring along your friends and family and enjoy an evening of warm hospitality, tasty BBQ and delicious cakes—to name but a few stalls!!

ARARAT World Day of Prayer

In the 90th. year of World Day of Prayer in Australia (1927-2017) you are warmly invited to share in the beautiful FRIDAY 3RD. MARCH 2017 – Theme: "Am I being unfair to you?" 10.00a.m. **ARARAT:** Ararat Presbyterian Church, 330 Barkly Street, Ararat. 3377. Speaker: Rod Waterhouse. Enquiries: Rod Waterhouse 0438 555 987. Flyer on the noticeboard.

WILLAURA World Day Of Prayer

Friday 3rd March, 2017...commencing at 11.00 a.m.

Prepared by the women of the Philippines.....hosted by Willaura Catholic Ladies to be held at Val Albert's home...40 Commercial St. Willaura. Please bring a small plate to share for lunch. All Welcome.

LAKE BOLAC World Day of Prayer

Friday 3rd March 2017 @ 11am

Come along to the Scots Uniting Church. Please bring a small plate to share for lunch.

Willaura Health Care Church and Afternoon Tea Roster

Wednesday March 8th, 2017

Church Service commencing at 2.00 p.m. followed by afternoon tea in the Hostel, hosted by Willaura Catholic Ladies.

Joke of the Week:



Rev Tim Costello to Visit Ararat

Arrangements have been made with World Vision for Tim Costello to speak at Ararat Uniting Church Hall, 279 Barkly Street Ararat on **Thursday 6 April 2017 at 7.30pm**. All welcome.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

PGE are ready for collection in the foyer. Circled on the envelope will be your NEW NUMBER which will **take effect in July 2017**. If you contribute via Direct Debit, Credit Card, EFT, Yearly or Half yearly Cheque—you will **not** receive envelopes in July 2017. You will still be able to pick up a generic envelope from the foyer and write your number on it, should you wish to make an additional contribution. Many Thanks

Lifeline: 131114 Ararat Police: 5355 1500

Counselling service: Relationships Australia – 1800 052 674

Sexual Assault Crisis line: 1800 806 292

Catholic Diocese of Ballarat Towards Healing – 1800 099 340



Sunday, 26 Feb 2017 Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

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

First Reading **Is 49:14-15**

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 61:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6**

(R.) Rest in God alone, my soul.

1. In God alone is my soul at rest;
my help comes from him.

He alone is my rock, my stronghold,
my fortress: I stand firm. (R.)

2. In God alone be at rest, my soul;
for my hope comes from him.

He alone is my rock, my stronghold,
my fortress: I stand firm. (R.)

3. In God is my safety and glory,
the rock of my strength.

Take refuge in God all you people.

Trust him at all times.

Pour out your hearts before him. (R.)

Second Reading **1 Cor 4:1-5**

Gospel Acclamation **Heb 4:12**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.

Alleluia!

Gospel **Mt 6:24-34**

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25th/26th February 2017

RECENT DEATHS:

Vera Ruzic, Sr Mary Griffiths CSB

ANNIVERSARIES:

Matthew Leggett, Brian Walshe, Nell Hooper, Flora Coad
Alison Burmeister, Arthur Spiller, Mary Radley, Bill Lavery,
Mons Tom O'Brien, Jim Rix, Mavis Stewart, Marcia
Shalders, Arthur Spiller, Fr Thomas O'Brien, Geoff Dohnt,
Bernadette Ferguson, Julie O'Brien, Brian Toner, Bill
Campigli, William Kneebone, Gwen Clark, Teresa Cairns,
Fr. Matt McGloin, Jason Bond

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

*If you would like a sick person prayed for, ask for their permission.
Names will be included for the duration of ONE MONTH after which
family or friends can request more time.*

Bernie Sorsogon (Manilla), Barry Wilson, Wendy Shea,
Shirley Billet, Natasha Martens.

Please pray for the intentions of:

Linden Horsman

Baptisms: Welcome to the World!

Edward and Lucinda Joyce—son and daughter of
Kerry (nee Davison) & Terry Joyce

PARISH PRAYER

Loving God, Good Shepherd of us all,

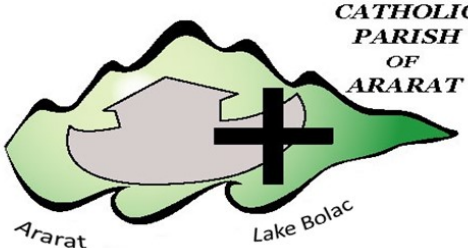
gather us and form us into a welcoming Parish family.

Touch our hearts with your love so that we, in turn, may reach out in love to one another,

in a neighbourly community. We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

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Office Hours
Wed/Thurs/Fri 10am—3pm

MASS TIMES		
	Ararat	Lake Bolac
Saturday	6.00pm	
Sunday	10.30am	8.30am
2nd Sunday of Every Month		8.30am (Lay Assembly)
<u>Masses this Week</u>		
Tues 28 th	9.30am	Convent
Wed 1 st (Distribution of Ashes)	9.15am	Church with St Mary's
12 noon—distribution of Ashes ONLY at Marian College		
Thurs 2 nd	9.30am	Church followed by Lenten discussion
Fri 3 rd	6pm	Hopkins

LAKE BOLAC—MASS		LAKE BOLAC—MASS	
<u>READER:</u>	V. Albert	<u>READER:</u>	M-A Otto
<u>PRAYERS:</u>	D. Phillips	<u>PRAYERS:</u>	V. Albert
<u>EUCCHARISTIC</u>		<u>EUCCHARISTIC</u>	
<u>MINISTER:</u>	R. Liston	<u>MINISTER:</u>	P. Upton
<u>CLEANING:</u>	H. Smith	<u>CLEANING:</u>	C. Peacock

“If the Christian is a restorationist, a legalist, if he wants everything clear and safe, then he will find nothing. Tradition and memory of the past must help us to have the courage to open up new areas to God.”
Read more at more at **-Pope Francis @Pontifex 2017**


A VOCATION VIEW

“The Lord will bring light to all that is hidden in darkness.” He can only bring that light if you will be his hands and his feet and his heart in the world. Be people of light.”

Church Toilets

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

PRINCIPAL ST. MARY'S SCHOOL: Mr Tom Hogan
Download newsletter—www.smararat.catholic.edu.au
PRINCIPAL MARIAN COLLEGE: Mrs Carmel Barker
Download newsletter—www.mcararat.catholic.edu.au
PARISH SECRETARY: Ms Joyce Clery



Fair Trade Chocolate and Other Products

St Mary's Parish abhors the practice of underpaying workers in plantations producing chocolate and other products. We bring to your awareness the Fair Trade logo. Look for the logo when purchasing.

Saint of the week: B534, D600 St. Leander of Seville, [Bishop](#) (Feast - February 27th) Leander was born at Cartagena, Spain, of Severianus and Theodora, illustrious for their virtue. St. Isidore and Fulgentius, both [bishops](#) were his brothers, and his sister, Florentina, is also numbered among the saints. He became a [monk](#) at [Seville](#) and then the [bishop](#) of the See. He was instrumental in converting the two sons Hermenegild and Reccared of the Arian Visigothic King Leovigild. This action earned him the kings's wrath and exile to Constantinople, where he met and became close friends of the Papal Legate, the future Pope Gregory the Great. It was Leander who suggested that Gregory write the famous commentary on the Book of [Job](#) called the Moralia.

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Feb 25 th	P. Gemmola	I. Brady	H&A Collins		Margaret Ryan	I. Brady, P. Gemmola & L. Styles	Geoff White & R. Jeram	M. Jerram & M. Dempsey	P. Weeks
Sun Feb 26 th	C. Reid	C. Bulger	G. O'Loughlin, N. Billingsley & S. Reid	Anne-Marie Joyce	P. Lardner	(as above)	Jim Crowe	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Mar 4 th	P. McAloon		A. Reynolds, L. Horsman & C. McAdie		D. Dijon & M. Ryan	A&V Joyce	G. White	M. Cunningham	Brianne Grayling
Sun Mar 5 th		P. Lardner	C. Bulger, & K. Cham-mings	T. Gemmola	Pat Lardner & S. Pickering	(as above)	Jim Crowe & V. Hooper	(as above)	(as above)

Lenten Regulations

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence from meat. On all other Fridays, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled through any one of the following:

(a)Prayer:

for example, Mass attendance; family prayer, a visit to a church or chapel, reading the Bible, making the Stations of the Cross, praying the rosary.

(b)Self-denial:

for example, not eating meat, not eating sweets or desserts, reducing time for watching TV or other entertainments.


(c)Helping others

or example, taking the family to visit the elderly in old people's home or in the parish, visiting the sick or someone who is lonely.

All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. (Canon 1252). All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain.

Lenten Discussion

Booklets are printed. CD's are downloaded. Come along! In Ararat the discussion will take place after daily Mass, usually on Thursdays.



2017 - Year for the Eradication of the Shepherd

In bible times the shepherds were considered by many to be of less worthy social standing. They were marginalized by the social and religious elite. In 2017 we still have “shepherds” who are less worthy of sanctuary in our country, less worthy of our company, less worthy of a place in line for holy communion. In 2017, in St Mary's Parish, we are committed to the eradication of the “shepherd”, to the eradication of the label “less worthy.”