



Participation in the Integrated Community Development Program has offered Aloma a leading role in helping her vulnerable community prepare for extreme weather events and work together to protect their environment.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and give children living with disabilities in Vietnam the opportunity for education and inclusion in their community. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.



### 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 "Bible time shepherd", to the eradication of the label "less worthy."

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers (no flowers during Lent)	Cleaning
Sat Apr 8 <sup>th</sup>	P. Brennan	I Brady	M. Mason, P. Brady & AM Joyce		Geoff White	V. Hooper, C. Brennan & G. White	V. Hooper	Palms—M. Cunningham	Jo Donnan & K. Scherger
Sun Apr 9 <sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday		S. Reid	C. Reid, M. Ollie & J. Start	Anne-Marie Joyce	Lois Rowe	(as above)	John Pola & Geoff White	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Apr 15 <sup>th</sup>	P. Gemmola	Beck Rodger	H&A Collins		Marg Joyce	E. Coburn & Jo Jackson	C. Brennan	G. O'Loughlin &	M. Fe Galoso & A. Galoso
Sun Apr 16 <sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday	C. Reid	J. Crowe	G. O'Loughlin, N. Billingsley & S. Reid	J. Start	Pat Lardner & S. Pickering	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)



## Sunday, 9 Apr 2017 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - Year A

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.

8th/9th April 2017

### RECENT DEATHS:

Erin Hooper

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Noreen Bonner, James V. Liston, Hilary Robinson, Fr Michael Nelan, Seamus Hennessy, Sr Clare Stansby RSM, Mons., Leo Fiscalini, Noel Fiscalini, Des Phillips, Nell Phillips, Ailsa Gilders, Joyce Kelly, Bernard Harrington, Peter Bulger, William Lannen, Joseph Bolcek, John Molloy

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

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

*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.*

### Please pray for the intentions of:

Judy Upton, Linden Horsman

Gospel **21: 1-11**

First Reading **Is 50:4-7**

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2**  
(R.) **My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

1. All who see me deride me.  
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.  
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;  
let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)  
2. Many dogs have surrounded me,  
a band of the wicked beset me.  
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.  
I can count every one of my bones. (R.)  
3. They divide my clothing among them.  
They cast lots for my robe.  
O Lord, do not leave me alone,  
my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)  
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren  
and praise you where they are assembled.  
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;  
all sons of **Jacob**, give him glory.

Revere him, **Israel's** sons.' (R.)

Second Reading **Phil 2:6-11**

Gospel Acclamation **Phil 2:8-9**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
Christ became obedient for us even to death  
dying on the cross.  
Therefore God raised him on high  
and gave him a name above all other names.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel **Mt 26:14 – 27:66**

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### LENTEN PRAYER

God of all peoples and nations, You accompany us on our Lenten Journey.  
Through the life and mission of Your Son, You give us the gift of mercy.  
May we learn to walk Your way of mercy And compassion with all Your people.  
In a special way, we keep in mind our neighbours, the men, women and children  
around the world who are most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.  
Bless our prayers, our fastings and our Lenten gifts to Project Compassion.  
Through these actions, may our hearts be open to receive Your grace to love  
our neighbours as ourselves. We ask this in the name of Jesus.

Amen

**CHURCHES -** Immaculate Conception, Ararat & St. Bernard's, Lake Bolac

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MASS TIMES		
	Ararat	Lake Bolac
Saturday	6.00pm	
Sunday	10.30am	8.30am
2nd Sunday of Every Month		8.30am (Lay Assembly)
Tues 11th	9.30am Mass Church / 7pm 2nd Rite Reconciliation	
Wed 12th	9am Mass Church / 6pm Easter Prayer Hopkins	
Thurs 13th	Holy Thursday 5.30pm Mass Seder (Passover Meal ) Ararat followed by 8.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper Ararat	
Fri 14th	Good Friday Passion 3pm	

LAKE BOLAC—Lay Assembly Apr 9		LAKE BOLAC—MASS April 16th	
READER:	L. Breen	READER:	D. Phillips
PRAYERS:	P. Meek	PRAYERS:	T. Higgins
EUCCHARISTIC		EUCCHARISTIC	
MINISTER:	R. Smith	MINISTER:	I. Meek
Lay Assembly:	John & Jane	Cleaning:	

**Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2017**

"Unrestrained liberalism only makes the strong stronger and the weak weaker and excludes the most excluded."

**A VOCATION VIEW**

Today's world is so filled with suffering, injustice, anger, depression and loneliness that it cries for people waving palm branches of hope and resurrection, proclaiming new life.

**Church Toilets**

All children—Primary school age and under— must be accompanied by an adult.

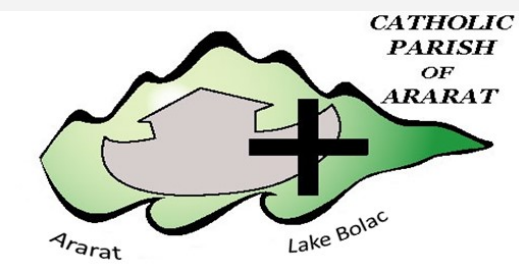
Thank you for your understanding.

**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



**Office Hours**

**Wed/Thurs/Fri 10am—3pm**



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**Lesser Known Saint of the Week:**

St. Marguerite d'Youville

Foundress of the Sisters of Charity, the Grey Nuns of Canada. St. Marguerite D'Youville was born at Varennes, Quebec, on October 15, Marie Marguerite Dufrost de La Jemmerais. She studied under the Ursulines, married Francois D'Youville in 1722, and became a widow in 1730. She worked to support herself and her three children, devoted much of her time to the Confraternity of the Holy Family in charitable activities.

**What's on in Holy Week**

Passion (Palm) Sunday

Monday 10th

Tues 11th

Wed 12th

Thurs 13th

Fri 14th

Sat 15th

Sun 16th

Mass of the Oils St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat 6.30pm

9.30am Mass Church / 7pm 2nd Rite Reconciliation

9am Mass Church / 6pm Easter Prayer Hopkins

Holy Thursday 5.30pm Mass Lake Bolac / 7.30pm Seder (Passover Meal ) Ararat followed by 8.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper Ararat

Lake Bolac—Stations of the Cross at 11am

Good Friday Passion 3pm

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 6pm

Easter Sunday 8.30am Lake Bolac / 10.30am Ararat

**Acquiring Faith through Dance**

A 13th Century church dance that depicts death and resurrection, the gate of heaven and the entry into light from darkness will feature when Medieval Magic is staged at the Art Gallery of Ballarat at 2.15pm on Sunday, April 23. Historic instruments and costumes will be used by the Early Music Consort, Rippon Lea Dancers and Ballarat's Singers of the Black Book. Tickets \$25, concession and Gallery members \$20, family \$50. Bookings 5320 5858. The Gallery is at 40 Lydiard Street North.

**Pentecost in the Catacombs June 4 - 11.45am Seppelt Winery, Great Western**

This prayerful event is half full now. Tis time to get names and money into Joyce. 11.45am sharp the prayer begins. Expect to be finished by about 2pm.

**St Anne's Grandmothers' Club**

Meeting 2pm Wednesday 12th at Joan Bond's home. 86 Queen St, Ararat.

**CWL**

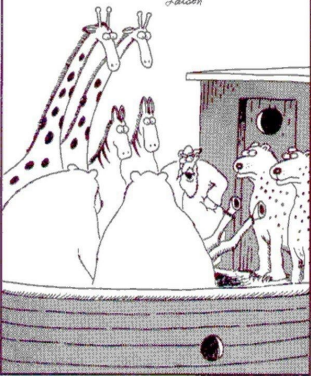
Catholic Women's League monthly meeting is next Tuesday, April 11th at 1.30pm in the Parish Centre, Ararat.

**Office Hours for Holy Week**

The office will be CLOSED Wednesday April 12th but OPEN Thursday April 13th 10am-3pm and Good Friday 10am-2pm

**Joke of the Week:**

"Well so much for the unicorns ....but from now on, all carnivores will be confined to "C" deck"



**Saint of the Week:**

St. John Baptist de la Salle

Patron of Teachers.

John Baptist de la Salle was born at Rheims, France on April 30th. He was the eldest of ten children in a noble family. He studied in Paris and was ordained in 1678. He was known for his work with the poor. He died at St. Yon, Rouen, on April 7th. He was canonized by Pope Leo XIII in 1900. John was very involved in education. He founded the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools (approved in 1725) and established teacher colleges (Rheims in 1687, Paris in 1699, and Saint-Denis in 1709). He was one of the first to emphasize classroom teaching over individual instruction.