



Semiti grew up in an informal settlement in Fiji. He is now the Director of the People's Community Network (PCN). PCN is increasing the resilience and dignity of the thousands of landless Fijians living in informal settlements. Communities are advocating together successfully for better services, education and housing. 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 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."

Lenten Examen

1. Give Thanks. I thank God for this day, for my life, for all I am and have, and for His Word.
2. Pray for Light. I ask the Father to let me see my day as the Holy Spirit sees it, and to show me what I need to see.
3. Find God. I look at my day in the light of the Spirit. I look back over the morning, the afternoon, and the evening. Who talked with me or worked with me? Did I get done what I meant to do or leave things out?
4. Anything Wrong? Do I trust that God is with me when I fail? Where I was ungrateful, I repent and offer thanks.
5. What Now? I look forward in hope. What have I to do now? What have I to avoid?

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers (no flowers during Lent)	Cleaning
Sat Apr 1 st	H. Collins	P. Gemmola	T. Gemmola		R&M Jerram	P. Lardner, & P. Brennan	C. Brennan & V. Hooper		?
Sun Apr 2 nd		K. Leggett	M. Cunningham, Sr. John & C. Reid	Elizabeth Shea		(as above)	J. Crowe		(as above)
Sat Apr 8 th	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 th 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)

Sunday, 2nd April 2017 Fifth Sunday of Lent - 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.

1st/2nd April 2017

RECENT DEATHS:

Sr. Margaret Jenkins (previous principal of Marian College— then known as Sr. Julian)
Noel Stevens

ANNIVERSARIES:

Des Phillips, Jean Crebbin, Frank Kenny, James Brown, Fr Tom Linane, Robert Jerram, Enrique Tolentino, Mauva Monroe, Bill Phyland, Malcolm Bates, Thelma McRae, Eric Beer, Ron McMaster, Jack Costello, Fr Thomas Moriarty

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

First Reading Ez 37:12-14

Responsorial Psalm Ps 129. R. v.7

(R.) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice! O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. (R.)

2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?

But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. (R.)

3. My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word. My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.

(Let the watchman count on daybreak and [Israel](#) on the Lord.) (R.)

4. Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, [Israel](#) indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 8:8-11

Gospel Acclamation See Jn 11:25. 26

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Jn 11:1-45

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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

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	Ararat	Lake Bolac
Saturday	6.00pm	
Sunday	10.30am	8.30am
2nd Sunday of Every Month		8.30am (Lay Assembly)
Masses this Week		
Tues 4th	11am	Requiem Mass— Noel Stevens
Fri 7th	6pm	Hopkins

LAKE BOLAC—MASS Apr 2nd		LAKE BOLAC— MASS Apr 9th	
READER:	M. Phillips	READER:	L. Breen
PRAYERS:	D. Haslett	PRAYERS:	P. Meek
EUCCHARISTIC		EUCCHARISTIC	
MINISTER:	John Higgins	MINISTER:	R. Smith
CLEANING	J. Upton	Lay Assembly:	John & Jane

Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2017

“The root of this possibility of doing good - that we all have
- is in creation.”

A VOCATION VIEW

The new ministry of "Deacon" is mentioned in today's Scripture. Perhaps the Lord is calling you to assist with the charitable, educational or liturgical needs of the Lord's People today.

Church Toilets

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

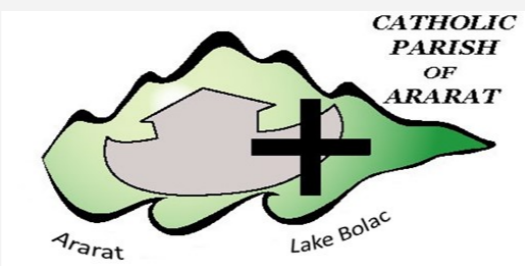
Thank you for your understanding.

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



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.

Other Ethical Schemes

I did some research this week into other ethical themes and commitments that companies profess besides Fair Trade. The basket in the foyer now has products from the following schemes. Look for them when shopping.

Rainforest Alliance UTZ Certified



Lindt Sustainability

Lindt
MASTER SWISS CHOCOLATIER
SINCE 1845

Nestle Cocoa Plan **Ethical Tea Partnership**

Nestle
Cocoa Plan

Ethical Tea Partnership

Calendar for April

Fri 31st Marian College Year 12 Stations of the Cross at Alexander Gardens (9.20am, 9.50am, 10.20am, 11.20am and 12.20pm)

Sun 2nd Reconciliation Lake Bolac (during Mass)

Thurs 6th Tim Costello (World Vision) to speak at Ararat Uniting Church Hall 7.30pm

Sun 9th Passion (Palm) Sunday

Monday 10th Mass of the Oils St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat 6.30pm

Tues 11th 2nd Rite Reconciliation Ararat 7pm

Wed 12th Easter Prayer Hopkins 6pm

Thurs 13th Holy Thursday 5.30pm Mass Lake Bolac / 7.30pm Seder (Passover Meal)

Fri 14th Good Friday Passion 3pm

Sat 15th Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 6pm

Sun 15th Easter Sunday 8.30am Lake Bolac / 10.30am Ararat

Retreat in Daily Life

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish is offering a "Retreat in Daily Life" from April 24 to May 20. This retreat involves a commitment to regular daily prayer at home and weekly session in Ballarat. These retreats are highly regarded and recommended. Interested? Contact Jacinta at the Cathedral office on 5331 2933.

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.

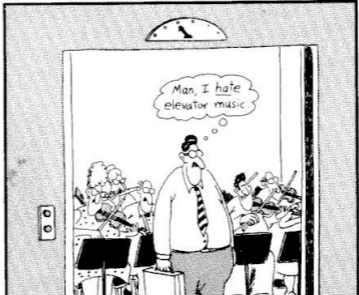
Holy Thursday Passover Meal April 13 - 7.30pm

This prayerful event is only ten days away. We need to be collecting names now. Please fill in the sheet in the church foyer.

St. Mary's Fete

A big thank you to all who supported the St. Mary's Fete/Fair last Friday. The counting is complete—we raised over \$5800. The Project Compassion table with plates and handmade cards donated by Sr. Marie raised \$84.75 and the Silent Auction table raised \$445! We shall have some photos when school resumes next term. Thank you again!

Joke of the Week:



World Youth Day in 2017

This year World Youth Day is on April 8/9 - a time to celebrate and pray with and for youth and young adults in your parish and community. In both 2017 and 2018 WYD is celebrated locally. In 2019 WYD will be celebrated internationally with young adult pilgrims journeying to central America to WYD Panama (January). Local WYDs are on Palm Sunday each year. The Pope has chosen Mary's journey as a focus for all three WYD years. This year the theme is "The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name" (Lk 1:49). Join with people from all round the world on Palm Sunday to pray with and for young people. More information and Prayers of the Faithful on Ballarat Diocese Youth and Young Adult Ministry pages at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Well done to the Year 12's at Marian College for a very moving adaptation of the Stations of the Cross