

National Council of Priests Media Release

Attached to the notice board is a Media Release from the Executive, National Council of Priests of Australia, for immediate publication.

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 World Day of Prayer services planned by the Christians of the Philippians on the theme “Am I being unfair to you?” Flyer on the noticeboard.

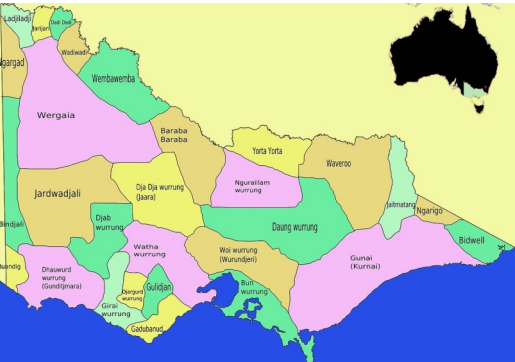
History of the Tjapwuring people—for the next few weeks we shall be bringing you some interesting facts about the Indigenous People on whose land the Church is built.

CONT'D from last week: In 1841 Kolorer (Mount Rouse) and Burrumbeep were gazetted as aboriginal reserves, although only the Kolorer reserve was used by Djab wurrung. In 1842 and 1843 Kolorer was used as a base to launch guerilla attacks against the growing squatters and their sheep and then retreat to the reserve which was under the protection of the Assistant Protector of Aborigines, [Charles Sievwright](#). Resistance to the European invasion peaked between 1840 and 1842. By 1848 all the Djab wurrung lands had been squatted and resistance had been broken through the use of Border Police and the [Native Police Corps](#).^[11]

By 1845 the Djab Wurrung population had dropped from a conservative pre-contact estimate of 2050 to 615. Three quarters are estimated to have been killed by introduced diseases, poisoned flour, diseased blankets and starvation due to shortage of traditional foods, and a quarter killed by rifle attack.^[12]

During the gold rush period the Djab wurrung saw large numbers of European and Chinese people camping on their land in search for gold, but the search for gold also attracted many station hands, and so Djab wurrung people often found employment as station hands and in menial jobs around the stations during this period.^[11]

In the 1870s the Djab wurrung were largely dispersed to the reservations: the Hamilton mob to [Lake Condah](#), the Wickcliffe people to [Framlingham mission](#), and the Mount Cole people to Framlingham and [Coranderrk](#) station.



Joke pf the Week:



NEW OFFICE HOURS

Wed/Thurs/Fri 10am-3pm

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, 12 Feb 2017
Sixth 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 [Sir 15:15-20](#)

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R. v.1](#)
(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

1. They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law!
They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. (R.)
2. You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. (R.)
3. Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. (R.)
4. Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. (R.)

Second Reading [1 Cor 2:6-10](#)

Gospel Acclamation [See Mt 11:25](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

Gospel [Mt 5:17-37](#)

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.

11th/12th January 2017

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Honora Pola, Bernard Dowler, Matilda Donovan, Molly Pola, Win Boyd, Stephen McColl, Debra Shea, Eileen Menzies, Dorothy Shalders, Tom Hourigan, Maria Deininger, Edna Colwell, Ron Baxter, Dawn Emerson, Sheila Brady, Daisy Sharman, Fr. Jim Kaye, Constance Hevey, Jim Tutton, Myra Lillis, Gerald Gleeson, Carmel Lembo, Robert Oliver and Janie Johnston

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

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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)
Masses this Week		
Tues 14 th	9am	Church
Wed 15 th	11am	Lowe St
Fri 17 th	9.15	With St Mary's
	6pm	Hopkins

LAKE BOLAC—Lay Assembly		LAKE BOLAC-MASS	
READER:	L. Breen	READER:	D. Haslett
PRAYERS:	I. Meek	PRAYERS:	T. Higgins
EUCCHARISTIC		EUCCHARISTIC	
MINISTER:	R. Smith	MINISTER:	I. Meek
Lay Assembly:	Trish & Mary-Anne	CLEANING:	R. Liston

“We must not reduce the bosom of the universal church to a nest protecting our mediocrity.”

Read more at more at **-Pope Francis @Pontifex 2017**

A VOCATION VIEW

Try not to pray for an easy life; rather, pray to be a strong person.
Strong in trust, hope, care, love. Follow the Master.

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:

St. Valentine of course! **Patron Saint** of Love, Young People and happy marriages. Feast day Feb 14th. Death 269. In 1969, the Roman Catholic Church removed St. Valentine from the General Roman Calendar, because so little is known about him. However, the church still recognizes him as a saint, listing him in the February 14 spot of Roman Martyrology

The romantic nature of Valentine's Day may have derived during the Middle Ages, when it was believed that birds paired couples in mid-February. According to English 18th-century antiquarians Alban Butler and Francis Douce, Valentine's Day was most likely created to overpower the pagan holiday, Lupercalia. Fr. John Spratt received a gift from Pope Gregory XVI in 1836 containing a "small vessel tinged" with St. Valentine's blood. This gift now stands placed in Whitefriar Street Church in Dublin, Ireland.


Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Feb 11th	H. Collins	Beck Rodger	T. Gemmola & G. North		R&M Jerram	Arnold Family, T. Weeks & C. Martin	Geoff White & Carmel Brennan	J. North & M. Cunningham	J. Clery
Sun Feb 12th	J. Clery	R. Cooper	M. Cunningham, Sr. John & C. Reid	D&M Lister	Blessie Stoneman	(as above)	John Pola & P. Gemmola	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Feb 18th	P. Brennan	G. White	M. Mason, P. Brady & AM Joyce		R&M Jerram	The Reynolds Family & P. McAloon	G. White	A. Joyce & Marilyn Brady	Jo Donnan
Sun Feb 19th	N. Potter	S. Reid	C. Reid, M. Ollie & J. Start	Elizabeth Shea	Kathy Leggett & S. Pickering	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)

CWL Meeting:
The next CWL meeting is Tuesday Feb 14th at 1.30pm in the Parish Centre.

Planned Giving Envelopes
That time is upon us again when we need to order the printing of the Planned Giving envelopes. To reduce costs, the plan is not to order envelopes for those parishioners who direct debit through their bank account or credit card but leave you with a number from 101-150. Should your current number fall in between these numbers—then we will aim to have you keep it. Otherwise, should you wish you contribute a little extra something on the odd occasion, then you could avail of a Parish Envelope and write your Planned Giving allocated number on the envelope for recording purposes.

Pope Francis' Letter to Young People
Pope Francis' writes to young people regarding the XV General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on 'Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment'. Go to www.ballarat.catholic.org.au to learn more

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.



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.”