

Fr Andrew's New Concert – Sunday November 6, 4.30pm, Parish Centre

Boundless Plains – The Spoken Word – is a series of concerts to raise funds for the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre. Each concert will be a recital of Andrew's favourite poetry, featuring the works of Banjo Paterson among others. The recital promises to be high octane, to be poetry as you may not have heard it before and will feature the sublimely talented Joyce Clery. If you've not seen Joyce in concert you've missed something astonishing. Preshow drinks and nibbles will feature the award winning wines of Best's of Great Western. Donations at the Door \$10 and beyond. Primary Children Free

Andrew does ask that you let him know you're coming. Locals can add their names to a list in the church foyers. Others can email frandrewboundlessplains@gmail.com

Information for Parents about Safe Schools Coalition Australia

The Australian Catholic Bishops Commission for Family, Youth and Life have published information for parents regarding the Safe Schools Coalition Australia program being conducted in government schools. More information is available from the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Beyond the Year of Mercy

A retreat afternoon, which is open to all adults, is to be held at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Ballarat on Sunday, October 30, 2016 from 1.30pm concluding with 5.00pm Mass. The afternoon will be led by Sr Veronica Lawson, a Sister of Mercy from Ballarat, biblical scholar and author of "Blessings of Mercy." Registrations through the Cathedral Parish Office ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5331 2933.

Saint of the Week

St. Gerard Majella, Feast day October 16th, Patron Saint of Expectant Mothers, Died 1755.

He was born in 1726 in Muro, Italy to a family of seven. Majella grew up in a poverty with a great respect for the poor. As he was just 12 when his father passed away, he was forced to grow up fast. Shortly after his father's death, his mother sent him away to live with his uncle and learn to become a tailor, like his father. After a few years of working as a sewing apprentice, Majella took on a job with the local Bishop of Lacedonia as a servant. Once Majella began earning money as a journeyman at the age of 21, he split his earnings with his mother, the poor of Muro and the rest in offerings for the poor souls. As the days passed, Majella began to grow pale and thin, often fasting and in prayer at a nearby Cathedral. Majella lived with the three vows of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience. He stayed close with the poor and worked very many different jobs. He served as sacristan, gardener, porter, infirmarian, and tailor. However, because of his great piety, extraordinary wisdom, and his gift of reading consciences, he was permitted to counsel communities of religious women. Majella was often called on by the poor and the sick. Wherever his presence was demanded he graciously presented himself. He was there to "do the Will of God." Read more on www.catholic.org

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, 16th October 2016 Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

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 Ex 17:8-13

A reading from the book of Exodus

Responsorial Psalm Ps 120. R. v.2

(R.) Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains: from where shall come my help?

My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth. (R.)

2. May he never allow you to stumble! Let him sleep not, your guard.

No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, Israel's guard. (R.)
3. The Lord is your guard and your shade; at your right side he stands.

By day the sun shall not smite you nor the moon in the night. (R.)

4. The Lord will guard you from evil, he will guard your soul.

The Lord will guard your going and coming both now and for ever. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Tm 3:14-4:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

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 Lk 18:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

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15th/16th October 2016

RECENT DEATHS:

Gerard Molloy

ANNIVERSARIES:

Frank Kelly, Anthony Hucker, May Jaensch,
Frances Mary Horsley, Margaret Oliver, Anne Brown,
Mick Chamings, Bob Waring, Fr Gavin Fitzpatrick,
Honorah Price, Rene Guinan, Belinda Heard, Rene Walsh
Frank Walsh, Chris Carter, Christopher Reid, Tony Pevitt,
Sr Grace Wensley RSM, Norm Reid, John Hennessy Jr.
Dot Hurley

SICK:

Barry Wilson, Ena Harrison, Margaret Kidd, Wendy Shea,
Frank Dempsey, Maurice Rutter, Shirley Billet (thank you
for your continued prayers), Kerrie Mulcahy, Natasha
Martens.

Hospital: If you are in hospital and would like to receive
Communion, could a family member please contact the
office.

Please Pray for the Intentions of:

Baptisms: Welcome to the World!

Confirmations & First Communions:

Prayer of Pope Francis for the Year of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,
and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.
Show us your face and we will be saved.
Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing,
so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord,
and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor,
proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,
and restore sight to the blind. Amen

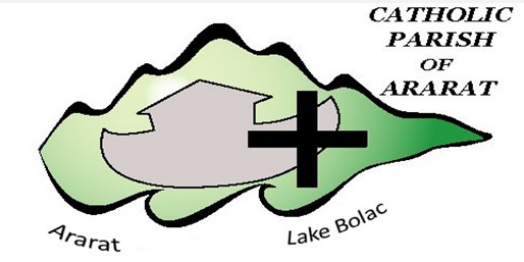
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WEEKEND MASS TIMES		
	Ararat	Lake Bolac
Tuesday 18th	9.30 am Church (CWL AGM)	
Wednesday 19 th	9.30 am Convent	
Thursday 20 th	11.00am Lowe Street	
Friday 21 st	6.00pm Hopkins	
Saturday	6.00pm	
Sunday	10.30am	8.30am

Calling All Readers!

You will find the following week’s readings in the Facilitator folder for you to take home and peruse.

A VOCATION VIEW

Even as a child you knew the importance of asking often for something you really wanted. Now again, in an adult way, ask God to show you His will. But, be ready to do it!

Church Toilets

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

“The media only writes about the sinners and the scandals, he said, but that's normal, because 'a tree that falls makes more noise than a forest that grows.”

Read more at more at -**Pope Francis @Pontifex 2016**

St. Mary’s Parish

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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

Prayer for Refugees

God of our wandering ancestors
Long have we known
That your heart is with the refugee
That you were born into time
In a family of refugees
Fleeing violence in their homeland
Who then gathered up their hungry child
And fled into alien country
Their cry, your cry, resounds through the ages
“Will you let me in?”

Give us hearts that break open
When our brothers and sisters turn to us with that same cry
Then surely all these things will follow Ears will no longer turn deaf to their voices Eyes will see a moment for grace instead of a threat

Tongues will not be silenced but will instead advocate
And hands will reach out
Working for peace in their homeland
Working for justice in the lands where they seek safe haven
Lord protect all refugees in their travels
May they find a friend in me
And so make me worthy
Of the refuge I have found in you
Amen.

Boundless Plains Concert

If you can’t make any of the concert dates but would like to support the very worthy cause of helping the ASRC—Asylum Seeker Resource Centre, then please deposit whatever you can into the following bank account:

WESTPAC Bank Ararat

Account: Boundless Plains
Number: 208810
BSB: 033-201

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Oct 15th	G. White	Collins	T. Gemmola, G. North & MA McDougall		R&M Jeram	P. Lardner, B. Mannix & P. Brennan	P. Gemmola	M. Stapleton & Joan Bond	H. Collins & E. Shea
Sun Oct 16th	J. Brennan	T. Arnold	M. Cunningham, Sr. John & C. Reid	AM Joyce	Kathy Leggett & Blessie Stoneman	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Oct 22nd	C. Brennan	G. North	H&A Collins		Sr. Maree & M. Ryan	V. Hooper, C. Brennan & G. White	Geoff White	J. North & Anne Joyce	P. Weeks & J. Start
Sun Oct 23rd	P. Lardner	M. McQwan	G. O’Loughlin, N. Billingsley & S. Reid	J&J Crowe	Elizabeth Shea & S. Pickering	(as above)	C. Brennan	(as above)	(as above)

LAKE BOLAC—MASS		LAKE BOLAC—MASS	
READER:	T. Higgins	READER:	M. Phillips
PRAYERS:	D. Phillips	PRAYERS:	Jane Higgins
EUCCHARISTIC		EUCCHARISTIC	
MINISTER:	I. Meek	MINISTER:	R. Liston
CLEANING:	L. Breen	CLEANING:	T. Higgins

CWL Annual Meeting
The CWL Annual Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 18th October**. Mass will be held in the Church at 9.30am followed by the Annual General Meeting in the Parish Centre. Please not the change of date.

St Vincent de Paul
Please Note change of date for next meeting from Tuesday 1st November to Monday 31st October at 7.00pm, due to Melbourne Cup Day

Lowe Street Mass
Beginning next week we will have Mass at Lowe St on the 3rd Thursdays of the month at 11am. Thanks to Elizabeth Shea for the organization of this.

Advance Notice

St Vincent de Paul
Mass for deceased member on Tuesday 8th November at 6.00pm

Young Men Interested in Knowing About the Priesthood
A Priesthood Vocations Retreat Day for any young students/men around the diocese hosted by St Patrick’s College Ballarat will take the form of pilgrimage on Saturday 12th November. Bus will leave 10.30 am from St Patrick’s College to Scarsdale for a 13km walk to Linton followed by Mass and lunch concluding at 3.00pm. Fr James Kerr and two Melbourne seminarians from Corpus Christi College will participate in the Retreat Day to answer questions about life in the seminary. For more information or to register attendance please contact Fr Ed Moloney Vocations Director
Edward.Moloney@cam.org.au

Office Hours

Tues Sept 27th 9.15-4pm
Wed Sept 28th 9.15-4pm
Fri Sept 30th 9.15-4pm
Tues Oct 4th 10-2pm
Wed Oct 5th CLOSED
Fri Oct 7th 11-2pm
Tues Oct 11th 10-2pm
Wed Oct 12th CLOSED
Fri Oct 15th CLOSED
Tues Oct 18th 10-2pm
Wed Oct 19th CLOSED
Fri Oct 21st 9-3pm

Joyce is away in Ireland and the lovely Joan and Emma will be manning the fort!