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1800 806 292

Counselling service: Relationships Australia – 1800 052 674

Catholic Diocese of Ballarat Towards Healing – 1800 099 340

## A message from Godwin

I wish to thank all the parishioners for the warm welcome given to me since my arrival. More so, I have been able to engage in learning many things, including improving my oral English, and hope to still continue to practise driving in a manual car to get my “P” License. Sometimes I have been involved with preparing the children’s page of the bulletin and gradually teaching some catechists in the schools.

## Youth Things

There are a couple of youth events coming up. The parish has a small amount of money to help you get there.

Australian Catholic youth Festival – December 3-5, 2015

World Youth Day (Poland) is fast approaching. Interested?

[youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

## Mercy Sisters & Associates Afternoon Tea

Come along and have a lovely social afternoon on Friday, July 31, 2015 from 1.30pm - 4.00pm at the Mercy Centre Ballarat (enter through Gent Street). Entrance cost is \$5.00 and this includes afternoon tea and a ticket in entrance prize. Raffle and Spinning Wheel. Money raised will support Mercy Works. Contact Ursula at [gudiamond-keith@live.com](mailto:gudiamond-keith@live.com) or ph. 0407 717 626, 5341 7626, or Helen ph. 0419 875 349.

## Our Diocesan Community

The second edition of ODC for 2015 is available for collection from the Diocesan Offices in Ballarat. Thank you to those who have collected their copies. Encourage parishioners to take copies to the homebound, nursing homes, hospitals, etc. to spread the good news of the diocese.



## 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year B 26th July 2015

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** 2 Kgs 4:42-44  
*They will eat and have some left over.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 144:10-11, 15-18. R. v.16  
(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

1. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. (R.)
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live. (R.)
3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

**SECOND READING** Eph 4:1-6  
*There is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Lk 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!  
A great prophet has appeared among us;  
God has visited his people.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** Jn 6:1-15  
*He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.*

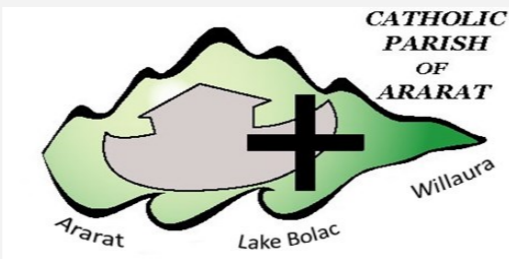
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## PARISH PRAYER

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.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, ARARAT, ST. BERNARD'S, LAKE BOLAC,  
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### ARARAT MASS PROGRAMME FOR THIS WEEK

TUESDAY 28th	9.30 am	Presbytery Dining Room
THURSDAY 30th	9.30 am	Presbytery Dining Room
FRIDAY 31st	10.30am 6.00 pm	Ararat Retirement Village Hopkins Correctional Centre
SATURDAY 1st	6.00 pm	Ararat
SUNDAY 2nd	8.30 am 10.30 am	Lake Bolac Ararat

### A VOCATION VIEW

Today we are reminded by St Paul that there is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism. The challenge before us is to 'bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience.' That is an essential part of our vocation: to lead a life worthy of these attributes.

“A great challenge: stop ruining the garden which God has entrusted to us so that all may enjoy it.”  
- Pope Francis @Pontiflex 2nd July 2015

www.kairos.com.au  
The latest issue of Kairos is now available at the back of the church. \$2 each.  
Featuring “Why bother praying? - A conversation with Professor Nasir Butrous”  
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### 25th/26th July 2015

#### RECENT DEATHS:

#### ANNIVERSARIES:

Patrick O'Neill, Lionel Tillett, Marjorie Tillett, Paddy McLoughlin, Robert Mason  
Molly Gleeson, Don Hearn, Josephine Pinzone, Phil Brady, Neville Cruse, Christopher Hogan, Nora Hogan, Alice Greenwood, Vincenzo Pinzone, Myrtle Casey, Susan Aisbett, Keith McOwan, Dr Dan Meagher, Bill Kenyon, Les Clark

#### SICK:

Barry Wilson, Shirley Billet, Bernard Joyce

### THIS WEEK 25th/26th

#### FACILITATOR

SAT: Angela Reynolds SUN: Sioux Reid

#### READERS

SAT: Mardi McOwan SUN: Charlie Reid

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SAT: R. Jerram, A. Reynolds  
SUN: K.Chamings, M.Cunningham, T. Hogan

#### COUNTERS

A & V Joyce

#### GOLDEN GATE COMMUNION

Harry & Anna

FLOWERS Teresa Gemmola, Marilyn Brady

#### CHURCH CLEANING

Shirley Pickering, Kaye Chamings

#### WELCOMERS

SAT: Duane & Mary Stapleton  
SUN: B. Harrington & S. Pickering

### LAKE BOLAC

READER: V. Albert

PRAYERS: D. Phillips

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Jane Higgins

CLEANING: I. Meek

### NEXT WEEK 1st/2nd August

#### FACILITATOR

SAT: Harry Collins SUN: M. McDougall

#### READERS

SAT: Anna Collins SUN: John Brennan

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SAT: T. Gemmola, M. Stapleton, L.Horsman  
SUN: M. DeJong, G.O'Loughlan, N.Billingsley

#### COUNTERS

P&M Brady, P.Gemmola

#### GOLDEN GATE COMMUNION

Derak & Maureen

FLOWERS Mary Stapleton

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### LAKE BOLAC

READER: D. Haslett

PRAYERS: K. Gleeson

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: M. Phillips

CLEANING: J. Upton

### MEETINGS & EVENTS

#### PARISH FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION MEETING

Will be held on this Tuesday 28th July at 5.30pm in the Parish Community Centre.

#### MARIAN COLLEGE FRED HYDE ACUTION/TRIVIA NIGHT

Thursday 30 July, 7pm in the Gym  
\$10 per person, **ALL WELCOME. PARISHIONERS WELCOME TO SET UP A TABLE or TWO.**

#### THANK YOU

To all the helpers who helped move the furniture etc. out of the presbytery rooms in order for the painting to begin. It is always very much appreciated.

#### Looking Forward Gatherings in 2015

The 2015 *Looking Forward* Gatherings will be workshop-style and parishioners in leadership roles are particularly encouraged to participate. The Gathering will be held in Ararat next Tuesday 4th August at 7.00pm in the Parish Community Centre.

There are full details about the *Looking Forward* process on the new diocesan website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

### PLEASE NOTE

Due to the Parish Office being painted next week the Parish office will be closed next week. Emma has already printed next weeks notice sheet. If you have any notices that need to be added please see Fr Andrew or Sr Maree before Saturday night mass and we will be sure to make sure the Facilitators let the Parish know.

### Sacraments Preparation

There will be an information meeting held this Thursday July 30th at 3.30 pm and 7pm for Parents of children preparing to make their Sacraments.