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1800 806 292

Counselling service: Relationships Australia – 1800 052 674

Catholic Diocese of Ballarat Towards Healing – 1800 099 340

**Parish Assembly** -The Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance and Administration Committee have determined that we will have a Parish Assembly later this year, with a date to be set. There are a number of things to discuss.

- Spiritual formation and on-going education of parishioners
- Parishioners taking more joint ownership of the parish
- Future directions for the parish, particularly in light of the “Looking Forward” discussion being held in the diocese
- The financial health of the parish, particularly in light of recent substantial spending in Ararat and planned expenditure on the bell tower and in Lake Bolac.

**Examen** -There is a beautiful video by Vinita Wright (just 1 minute) that begins, “In the spring it is my job to envision fruitfulness and commit to it ... to participate in the world waking up ... “

Google “examen the tasks of spring”

**Church Heating in Ararat** – We have been conducting an experiment for some weeks. A month ago we measured the church at Mass time to be 9°. Last Sunday it was 15°. To achieve this improvement we had the heaters on for two days prior to mass and used industrial fans in the choir loft to circulate the air. (When we turned the noisy fans off the temperature dropped 2° which seems to demonstrate that the fans were helping to bring the warm air down from the ceiling.) What further improvement can we make? Three of the heaters are not working so we will need to get them fixed. We will replace the noisy industrial fans with the domestic fans that we use during Summer. These will stay on during Mass. More information to come.

**World Youth Day Information Session** - Are you thinking about joining the WYD Pilgrimage to Krakow Poland in 2016? An information session for potential pilgrims (18-35 years old) will be held on

**Wednesday, August 26 at 5.30pm at Warrnambool** in St Joseph’s Parish Gathering Space, 169 Kepler Street. Contact Amanda on 0427 748867 for more information (or if you are not near Warrnambool!) **WYD Registrations open September 1, 2015.** More WYD Information on the Ballarat Diocese Youth and Young Adult Ministry webpage [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

**Retreat with Fr Brendan Murphy SDB** -Fr Brendan Murphy SDB will conduct a Retreat at Nazareth House all day on Thursday and Friday and on Saturday morning, September 24, 25 and 26. He will ask us to consider, " Who are we, Where are we going, and How will we get there?" More details later. To register interest please contact Maureen van der Linden, ph. 0431 273 953 or email [mojo6163@hotmail.com](mailto:mojo6163@hotmail.com) Catholic Womens' League / Anima Education.

**Nazareth House Auxiliary Coffee Party** -Nazareth House Auxiliary will be hosting a Coffee Party on Friday, September 4, 2015 at 1.30pm in the Nazareth House Hall, Ballarat. Admission cost is \$5.00 per person.



## 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year B 23rd August 2015

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.

**FIRST READING** Jos 24:1-2. 15-18  
*We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 33:2-3. 16-23. R. v.9  
*(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. *(R.)*
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The Lord turns his eyes to the just and his ears to their appeal. *(R.)*
3. They call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. *(R.)*
4. Many are the trials of the just man but from them all the Lord will rescue him. He will keep guard over all his bones, not one of his bones shall be broken. *(R.)*
5. Evil brings death to the wicked; those who hate the good are doomed. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.

**SECOND READING** Eph 5:21-32  
*This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** See Jn 6:63. 68  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:  
you have the words of everlasting life.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** Jn 6:60-69  
*Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.*

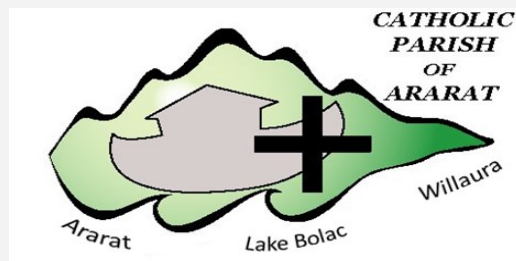
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### **PARISH PRAYER**

**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.**

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SAINT PATICK'S, WILLAURA

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Friday: 8.30 am - 4.30 pm

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### ARARAT MASS PROGRAMME FOR THIS WEEK

TUESDAY 25th	5.00 pm	Mass in Convent
WEDNESDAY 26th	9.30 am	Mass in Convent
THURSDAY 27th	9.30 am	Mass in Convent
FRIDAY 28th	10.30 am	Prayers at Ararat Retirement Village
	6.00 pm	Hopkins Correctional Centre
SATURDAY 29th	6.00 pm	Ararat
SUNDAY 30th	8.30 am	Lake Bolac
	10.30 am	Ararat

### A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus teach us about life everlasting. "Your words Lord are spirit and life ..." It is this that gives us hope when we despair, a way of living when we stray from God's way. "The words I have spoken are spirit and they are life." It is God's words that we need to hear to lift our spirit and give life. Pray for vocations.

"When we experience the merciful love of the Father,  
we are more able to share this joy with our  
neighbour."

-Pope Francis @Pontiflex 18th August 2015

### 22nd/23rd August 2015

#### RECENT DEATHS:

Brian Pickering

#### ANNIVERSARIES:

Ethel Lannen, Kevin Brady  
Peter Coughlin, Maria Sobczak,  
Michael Bond, Ray DeGroot,  
Brendan Laidlaw, Les Kelly,  
Peter Shea, John Thomas, Sarah  
McKibbin, Ruby Davey, Cecelia  
Moran, Ivy Mullins, Claire Miles

#### SICK:

Gita Egan (and baby),  
Barry Wilson, Shirley Billet,  
Bernard Joyce

### THIS WEEK 22nd/23rd

#### ACILITATOR

SAT: Peter Gemmola SUN: Marg Olle

#### READERS

SAT: Harry Collins SUN: Kath Leggett

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SAT: M. Stapleton, A. Reynolds

SUN : M. de Jong, C. Bulger

#### COUNTERS

The Arnold Family, T. Weeks, C. Martin

#### GOLDEN GATE COMMUNION

Elizabeth

FLOWERS Joan Bond, Una Hunt

#### CHURCH CLEANING

Libby Shea, Marg Ryan

#### WELCOMERS

SAT: Marg & Ron Jerram

SUN: Brian & Margaret Joyce

#### LAKE BOLAC

READER: D. Phillips

PRAYERS: I. Meek

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: D. Haslett

CLEANING: M-A Otto

### NEXT WEEK 29th/30th

#### FACILITATOR

SAT: Bill Slater SUN: Kaye Chamings

#### READERS

SAT: Ian Brady SUN: Vin Hooper

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SAT: L.Horsman, A.M. Joyce, J. Start

SUN : M. Cunningham, K. Chamings, T.Hogan

#### COUNTERS

The Reynold's Family, Tom Rees

#### GOLDEN GATE COMMUNION

Teresa

FLOWERS Mary Cunningham

#### CHURCH CLEANING

Libby Shea, Marg Ryan

#### WELCOMERS

SAT: Margaret Ryan

SUN: B. Harrington & S. Pickering

#### LAKE BOLAC

READER: L. Breen

PRAYERS: D. Haslett

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: John Higgins

CLEANING: H. Smith

### MEETINGS & EVENTS

**Sacramental Program** -We will be holding a Morning tea on Sunday 6th September after 10.30 am mass for the children preparing to make their Sacraments to meet with Parishioners. It would be great to see many of you there.

#### Combined Fellowship Afternoon Tea.

Members of the Ararat Uniting Church Fellowship invite you to a Combined Fellowship Afternoon tea on Thursday 10th September 2015 at 2.00pm at the St Andrew's Meeting Room. We hope all your Ladies will be able to join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

Please R.S.V.P to Anna Collins by 2nd September on 5352 4420

**St. Mary's Church Profit and Loss Statement** for 2014/2015 is available with this weeks notice sheet.

## JULY COLLECTIONS

### PARISH

**\$10160.25**

### PRESBYTERY

**\$4671.05**

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