



QR Code for Young People

**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

### Liturgy of Lament and Hope

A Liturgy of Lament and Hope will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral in Ballarat at 2pm on Sunday November 1. This is being arranged in the context of the hearings of the Royal Commission relating to child abuse. The liturgy will offer people from throughout the diocese an occasion to lament the wrongs that have occurred in our Church, to ask forgiveness, and to pray for healing for all involved. The liturgy will include Scripture readings and prayers. Following the liturgy there will be a cuppa and time for a chat in the cathedral hall.

### Seminary Building Appeal

There will be a building appeal conducted for the extension of the seminary on September 26/27. More information to come.

### Parish Assembly – October 25

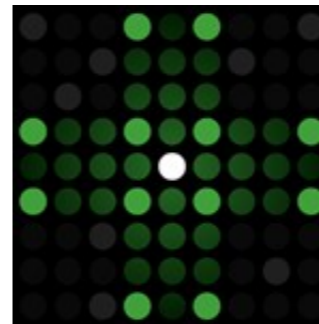
Much has happened in the parish in the last 12 /18 months. All parishioners are invited to our Parish Assembly on Sunday October 25, 1.30pm, in the Parish Centre. There is much on which to report. There is much to look forward to. We need your thoughts and ideas.

### Luke's Gospel

Fr Kevin Lenehan will present a one hour lecture about Luke's Gospel on Wednesday October 14 at 4pm. This hour will be filmed and made available around the diocese. We need an audience!

### Making a Scene at Christmas

December 19/20 in the Parish Centre. Put it in your diary. Do you have an interesting crib to exhibit? Talk to Fr Andrew.



## **25th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year B** **20th September 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** Wis 2:12, 17-20

*Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.*

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6

(R.) The Lord upholds my life.

1. O God, save me by your name; by your power, uphold my cause.  
O God, hear my prayers; listen to the words of my mouth. (R.)
2. For proud men have risen against me, ruthless men seek my life.  
They have no regard for God. (R.)
3. But I have God for my help. The Lord upholds my life.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart and praise your name for it is good. (R.)

### **SECOND READING** Jas 3:16-4:3

*Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.*

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** See 2 Thes 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!  
God has called us with the gospel  
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Alleluia!

### **GOSPEL** Mk 9:30-37

*The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity ... All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.*

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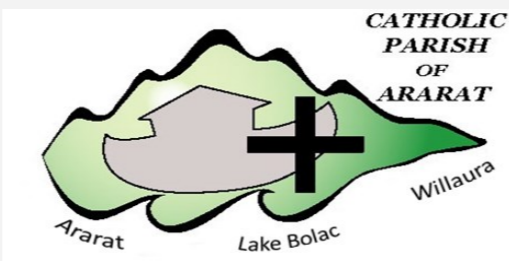
### **PARISH PRAYER**

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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OFFICE HOURS:  
Wednesday: 8.30 am - 4.30 pm  
Friday: 8.30 am - 4.30 pm

### ARARAT MASS PROGRAMME FOR THIS WEEK

TUESDAY 22nd	9.30 am	Mass in Church
WEDNESDAY 23rd	9.30 am	Mass in Church
THURSDAY 24th	9.30 am	Mass in Church
FRIDAY 25th	10.30 am	Ararat Retirement Village
	6.00 pm	Hopkins Correctional Centre
SATURDAY 26th	6.00 pm	Ararat
SUNDAY 27th	8.30 am	Lake Bolac
	10.30 am	Ararat

### A VOCATION VIEW

When Jesus says, "If you wish to rank first, you must remain the last one of all and the servant of all," many people could immediately turn and walk away. Are you willing to serve as Jesus did?

"Every time that we make the sign of the cross, we draw closer to the great mystery of the Trinity."  
-Pope Francis @Pontifex 12th September 2015

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### 19th/20th September 2015

#### RECENT DEATHS:

Fortunata Di Domenico

#### ANNIVERSARIES:

Jim Sanders, Joseph Nunan, Enid Froggatt, James Hogan, David Sweeney, Nell Smith,

Nicholas Dempsey, Marc Watson, Mary Brick, Robert Milesi, Bill McKinnon, Alice Parker, Jack Parker

#### SICK:

Shirley Billet, Bernard Joyce

### THIS WEEK 19th/20th

#### FACILITATOR

SAT: Bill Slatter SUN: Peter Brennan

#### READERS

SAT: Jewell Start SUN: Kaye Chamings

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SAT: J. Start, P. Brady, Sr Maree  
SUN: M. Olle, G. O'Loughlan, N. Billingsley

#### COUNTERS

P.Lardner, B. Mannix, P. Brennan

#### GOLDEN GATE COMMUNION

Harry & Anna

FLOWERS Mary Egan, Maureen Brady

#### CHURCH CLEANING

Bernadette Harrington

#### WELCOMERS

SAT: Duane & Mary Stapleton  
SUN: B.Stoneman & G. O'Loughlan

#### LAKE BOLAC

READER: T. Higgins

PRAYERS: H.Smith

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: R. Smith

CLEANING: R. Liston

### NEXT WEEK 26th/27th

#### FACILITATOR

SAT: Anne-Marie Joyce SUN: Sioux Reid

#### READERS

SAT: Peter Brady SUN: Charlie Reid

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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

#### COUNTERS

G. Carmichael, B.Holland, P.McAloon

#### GOLDEN GATE COMMUNION

Derek & Maureen

FLOWERS Anne Joyce, Maureen Lister

#### CHURCH CLEANING

Bernadette Harrington

#### WELCOMERS

SAT: Maureen & Derek Lister  
SUN: B. Harrington & S. Pickering

#### LAKE BOLAC

READER: M. Phillips

PRAYERS: M.A Otto

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: P. Upton

CLEANING: T. Higgins

### MEETINGS & EVENTS

**Collections** - Parishioners are reminded that if they wish to contribute to the running of the Parish and don't belong to the Planned Giving program would you please use the envelopes marked for the purpose in the Church seats and place them on the Collection plate.

**Children and the Toilet** - Just a reminder that all children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult when going to the toilets during Mass. This is for the safety of the children.

#### Farewell Emma

I am very sad to say that Emma Coburn is moving on from her position as parish secretary. Emma is increasing hours in her other job. The secretary position will be advertised formally in the coming days. For now, the parish team is very sad to be losing Emma. Interested? Look for the ad in the Ararat Advertiser.

**Willaura Church Pews for sale** - 12 Pews available for sale. Pews will be offered for individual sale at \$500 per pew. Please contact Emma Coburn at St Mary's Parish office ph. 5352 5460 or email [ararat@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:ararat@ballarat.catholic.org.au).

### A Prayer for our Earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognise that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

- Pope Francis, 'Laudato Si', #246