



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

### **Centacare Annual Toy Drive**

Nov 8 - Dec 15 To donate please purchase an age specific toy, select a name tag from one of the Centacare gift trees located at Toyworld Ballarat, Curves Sebastopol or Curves Wendouree.

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### **Parish Men's Weekends**

Men ALIVE is a National Catholic Ministry for Men. The next weekend will be held at Our Lady Star of the Sea Primary School, Ocean Grove on November 28 & 29, 2015. info [www.menalive.org.au](http://www.menalive.org.au)

### **Year of Mercy - Opening of Holy Door**

Pope Francis has announced an Extraordinary Jubilee which has at its centre the mercy of God. It will be a Holy Year of Mercy. This Holy Year will commence on December 8, 2015, the next Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and will conclude on Sunday, November 20, 2016, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Year of Mercy

website: <http://www.iubilaeummisericordiae.va/content/gdm/en.html>

**All are invited to attend the Opening of the Door of Mercy at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat by Bishop Paul Bird CSsR on Sunday, December 13, 2015, 10.30am. Refreshments will follow the Mass.**



### **Saint of the Week – [St Francis Xavier](#), co-patron saint of missions (Dec 3)**

Jesus asked, "What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" (Matthew 16:26a). The words were repeated to a young teacher of philosophy who had a highly promising career in academics.

Francis Xavier, 24 at the time, and living and teaching in Paris, did not heed these words at once. They came from a good friend, Ignatius of Loyola, whose tireless persuasion finally won the young man to Christ. Francis then made the spiritual exercises under the direction of Ignatius, and in 1534 joined his little community, the infant Society of Jesus. Together at Montmartre they vowed poverty, chastity and apostolic service according to the directions of the pope.

From Venice, where he was ordained a priest in 1537, Francis Xavier went on to Lisbon and from there sailed to the East Indies, landing at Goa, on the west coast of India. For the next 10 years he labored to bring the faith to such widely scattered peoples as the Hindus, the Malaysians and the Japanese. He spent much of that time in India, and served as provincial of the newly established Jesuit province of India.

Wherever he went, he lived with the poorest people, sharing their food and rough accommodations. He spent countless hours ministering to the sick and the poor, particularly to lepers. Very often he had no time to sleep or even to say his breviary but, as we know from his letters, he was filled always with joy.

Francis went through the islands of Malaysia, then up to Japan. He learned enough Japanese to preach to simple folk, to instruct and to baptize, and to establish missions for those who were to follow him. From Japan he had dreams of going to China, but this plan was never realised. Before reaching the mainland he died. His remains are enshrined in the Church of Good Jesus in Goa.



**1st Sunday of Advent - Year C**

**29th November 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** Jer 33:14-16

*I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.*

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 24:4-5. 8-9. 10. 14. R. v.1

**(R.) To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.**

1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)
3. His ways are faithfulness and love for those who keep his covenant and will. The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him; to them he reveals his covenant. (R.)

### **SECOND READING** 1 Thes 3:12 - 4:2

*When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.*

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

### **GOSPEL** Lk 21:25-28. 34-36

*Your redemption is near at hand.*

### **Prayer of Pope Francis for the Jubilee**

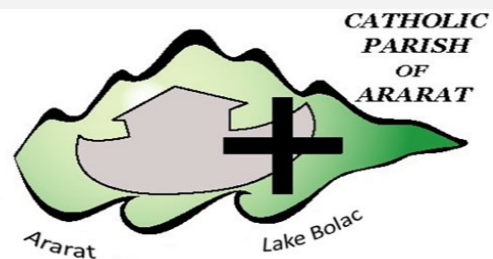
Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,  
and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.  
Show us your face and we will be saved.

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.

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**Office Hours**  
Tues/Wed/Fri 9am—2pm

**ARARAT MASS PROGRAMME FOR THIS WEEK**

MONDAY 30th	11.00am	
FRIDAY 4th	10.30am	Retirement Village (Prayers)
	6.00 pm	Hopkins Correctional Centre
SATURDAY 5th	6.00 pm	Ararat
SUNDAY 6th	8.30 am	Lake Bolac
	10.30 am	Ararat

**A VOCATION VIEW**

Make your decision to follow Jesus during THIS Advent Season. Delaying until "one" of these days is "none" of these days. Follow now.

“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.’”

Pope Francis @Pontiflex 2015

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**28th/29th November 2015**

**RECENT DEATHS:**

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

James Sertori, Terry Phillips,  
Ireneo Torrecampo, William Davies,  
Eddie Walls, John Presser  
Sr Elizabeth McGovern CSB,  
Mary Rix

**SICK:**

Pat Davis, Shirley Billet, Bernard Joyce, Hilary Dovaston

**THIS WEEK 28th/29th**

**FACILITATOR**

SAT: Bill Slatter SUN: Sioux Reid

**READERS**

SAT: Jenny McAloon SUN: Charlie Reid

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

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

**COUNTERS**

G. Carmichael, B. Holland, P. McAloon

**GOLDEN GATE COMMUNION**

Anne-Marie

**FLOWERS** T. Gemmola, M. Brady

**CHURCH CLEANING**

Bernadette Harrington

**WELCOMERS**

SAT: Marg & Ron Jerram  
SUN: B. Harrington, S. Pickering

**LAKE BOLAC**

**READER:** L. Breen

**PRAYERS:** D. Haslett

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:** Jane Higgins

**CLEANING:** H. Smith

**NEXT WEEK 5th/6th**

**FACILITATOR**

SAT: Anne-Maree Joyce SUN: Maryanne McDougall

**READERS**

SAT: Peter Brady SUN: John Brennan

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

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

**COUNTERS**

A & V Joyce

**GOLDEN GATE COMMUNION**

Elizabeth

**FLOWERS** Mary Stapleton

**CHURCH CLEANING**

Bernadette Harrington

**WELCOMERS**

SAT: Margaret Ryan  
SUN: Brian & Margaret Joyce

**LAKE BOLAC**

**READER:** R. Liston

**PRAYERS:** K. Gleeson

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:** R.Smith

**CLEANING:** J. Aldous

**MEETINGS & EVENTS**

**Office Hours**

Office hours are now 9am-2pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

**Making a Scene at Christmas**

A display over of 350 nativity cribs and other items telling the story of the birth of Christ is coming to Ararat this Christmas. Exhibits celebrate the cultures of the world and many are centuries old. Come and see and be amazed! St Mary's Parish Centre, Barkly St. Ararat. **Sat** Dec 19, 10am – 8pm. **Sun** Dec 20, 10am – 4pm.

Entry is free and everyone is welcome.

**Good Resource for Daily Prayer - www.sacredspace.ie**

This website has a daily scripture reflection and a “do it yourself” retreat at home for advent – “Journeying with the Magi (Wise men)”. Looks to be good value!

**Reminders for Ministers of the Eucharist**

Let's not set up for Mass too early. Setting up for Mass is a part of our communal preparation. If people actually see the preparation being done then they are a part of it. Remember the importance of processing in with the reader and priest. Mass belongs to us all and is not “said” by the priest. Let's come forward during the sign of peace to be ready at the “Lamb of God.” Give the three rostered ministers a chance to get there before filling in.

**Volunteers**

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who have helped throughout the year. Without them, the Parish would not run as smoothly as it does.

If anyone would like to join/come off the roster for the following year, could they please let Joyce know by Friday December 4th.

Either phone the office on 5352 5460 or pop in.

**Looking for a Sewer!**

We are looking for a volunteer to sew the tassels onto the Stoles that are used for Baptisms and Confirmations. This would involve a couple of sewing sessions in the calendar year. If this sounds like you—please phone Joyce at the office on 03 5352 5460