



QR Code for Young People



Sunday, 10 Jan 2016 The Baptism of the Lord - Year C

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.

Saint of the week: St. Paschasia—she was a [martyr](#) who was put to death during the last half of the second century in the area of modern Dijon, France.

Mary MacKillop: From Portland to the Sisters of Saint Joseph and Sainthood

Events are planned on the weekend of Saturday 30 & Sunday 31 January, 2016 to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Mary MacKillop departing Portland in January 1866. Flyer is on the Church Notice board.

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.

Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service: Volunteers Workers Wanted

The Diocese of Broome, WA, requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church on Aboriginal Missions. There are various important voluntary tasks - administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning, etc. Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months plus. For further details, and an application form, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Anneliese Rohr, ph. 08 9192 1060, email: volunteers@broome-diocese.org, web: www.broome-diocese.org or mail PO Box 76, Broome WA 6725

Joke of the week—back by popular demand!

A young monk arrives at the monastery. He is assigned to helping the other monks in copying the old canons and laws of the church by hand. He notices, however, that all of the monks are copying from copies, not from the original manuscript. So, the new monk goes to the head abbot to question this, pointing out that if someone made even a small error in the first copy, it would never be picked up! In fact, that error would be continued in all of the subsequent copies.

The head monk, says, "We have been copying from the copies for centuries, but you make a good point, my son."

He goes down into the dark caves underneath the monastery where the original manuscripts are held as archives in a locked vault that hasn't been opened for hundreds of years. Hours go by and nobody sees the old abbot. So, the young monk gets worried and goes down to look for him. He sees him banging his head against the wall and wailing.

"We missed the R! We missed the R! We missed the R!"

His forehead is all bloody and bruised and he is crying uncontrollably. The young monk asks the old abbot, "What's wrong, father?"

With a choking voice, the old abbot replies, "The word was.. CELEBRATE!!!"

Advance Notice – dates for 2016:

Rite of Election: Saturday, February 13 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat

Mass of the Oils: Monday, March 21 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat

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

First Reading *Is 42:1-4. 6-7*

Here is my servant, my chosen one in whom I am well pleased.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 28:1-4. 9-10. R. v.11*

(R.) The Lord will bless his people with peace.

- O give the Lord you sons of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord in his holy court. (R.)
- The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. (R.)
- The God of glory thunders.
In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood:
the Lord sits as king for ever. (R.)

Second Reading *Acts 10:34-38*

God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power.

Gospel Acclamation *See Mk 9:8*

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Alleluia! He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!

Gospel *Lk 3:15-16. 21-22*

When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.

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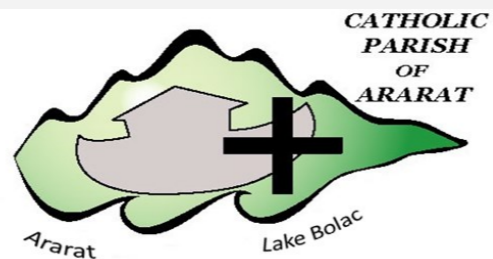
Prayer of Pope Francis for the Year of Mercy

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.

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Office Hours
 Tues/Wed/Fri 9am—2pm

MASS TIMES

| | <u>Ararat</u> | <u>Lake Bolac</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Saturday | 6.00pm | |
| Sunday | 10.30am | 8.30am |
| 2nd Sunday of Every Month | 5.00pm | 8.30am Lay Assembly |

This weeks Mass times

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| Tues 12 th | 9.30am | Ararat |
| Fri 15 th | 10.30am | Retirement Village |
| | 6pm | Hopkins |

A VOCATION VIEW

Come on, continue your Baptism by baptising others in the Holy Spirit and fire. "You are my beloved child," says the Lord!

"A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just."

-Pope Francis @Pontifex 2015

9th/10th January 2016

RECENT DEATHS:

Eduardo Alimasag – Jan 4

ANNIVERSARIES:

Peter Arandt, Imelda Gordan, Adorative McPhee, Bill Moloney, Bill Coster, Evelyn O'Neill, Brendan Moran, Stan Matthews, Fr John Kirby, Ian Pearce, John Shield, Mary Shield, Kathleen Lees, Percival Bushick, Fr. Frank Sexton CSsR, Francis Jaench, Stasia Matters

Mons. John Hoyne Fr John Coughlan, Fr William Cain, Elizabeth Nicolaci

Maria Nicolaci, Pasquale Nicolaci, Maria Francesca Y Nicolaci, Concetta Nicolaci Y Tolomeo, Maria Franco, Pedro Franco Romeo Raffaella, Riso Maria Jioseffa, Marcelo Franco, Gerard Brown, Margaret Winnell, Bridget Cashin, John Downes & Lois Gordon

SICK:

Hilary Doveton, Arthur Spiller, Natasha Martens and Joyce Tutton

THIS WEEK Jan 9th/10th

FACILITATOR

SAT: Peter Gemmola SUN: Greg Carroll

READERS

SAT: Glenyce North SUN: Matt de Long

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SAT: T. Gemmola & Sr. Maree

SUN : G. O'Loughlan & N. Billingsley

COUNTERS

The Arnold Family, T. Weeks & C. Martin

GOLDEN GATE COMMUNION

Harry & Anna

FLOWERS Mary Cunningham

CHURCH CLEANING

WELCOMERS

SAT: Bessie Stoneman & Genara O'Loughlin

SUN: Brian & Margaret Joyce

LAKE BOLAC—Lay Assembly

READER: M-A Otto

PRAYERS: J. Aldous

EUCCHARISTIC

MINISTER: P. Upton

CLEANING:

NEXT WEEK Jan 16th/17th

FACILITATOR

SAT: Bill Slatter SUN: Pat Lardner

READERS

SAT: Ian Brady SUN: Christine Bulger

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SAT: T. H. Collins, A. Collins & R. Jerram

SUN : M. de Jong, C. Bulger & M. Cunningham

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GOLDEN GATE COMMUNION

Derek & Maureen

FLOWERS Mary Stapleton

CHURCH CLEANING

WELCOMERS

SAT: Bessie Stoneman & Genara O'Loughlin

SUN: Brian & Margaret Joyce

LAKE BOLAC

READER: T. Higgins

PRAYERS: D. Haslett

EUCCHARISTIC

MINISTER: I. Meek

CLEANING:

MEETINGS & EVENTS



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Australia Day Prayer

Once again the CWL is hosting our Australia Day prayer for peace in Ararat and Australia. This prayer will be at 12 noon on January 26 and will be followed by a shared lunch. All parishioners and friends are invited and are very welcome to attend.

This year the invitation has been extended to our Muslim friends and I am very proud to say that they have accepted our invitation to pray with us! A small part of the prayer will be lead by Dr Anas Ghazal.

I know that some parishioners will find this confronting. It just seems to me that if Pope Francis is praying with our Muslim friends, then who are we not to? Please come and show the world what a welcoming, embracing and inclusive city of a fair go Ararat can be. Australia Day 12 noon. Fr Andrew

ROSTERS

Thank you so much to those people who have put their name down for various volunteer positions on the roster—many of you are due long service leave! Welcome to those who are volunteering for the first time.

We just need a little bit more information so if you would be so kind as to fill out the little slip sitting on the table in the foyer and place it in the box provided—that would be great. We would like to communicate via email as it's easier and indeed cheaper.

We forgot to ask about COUNTERS!!

Parish Centre

The Parish Centre is available for hire. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to phone the office on 03 5352 5460.

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