



QR Code for Young People



Saint of the week: St. Margaret of [Hungary](#) Daughter of King Bela IV, she became a Dominican [novice](#) at twelve in a royal [convent](#) built on an island in the Danube. Although she was a princess among [nuns](#) who were of noble descent, she objected to any special treatment and went out of her way to perform the most menial tasks and the most exacting labors on behalf of the squalid poor and most advanced hospital cases. The extent of her labors and [fasting](#) and hours of [prayer](#) brought on the fatigue of which she died on January 18. her [feast day](#) is January 18th

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.

World Interfaith Harmony Week

A flag raising ceremony will be held on Thursday, February 4, 2016 to mark World Interfaith Harmony Week. The ceremony will be at 11.00am in Sturt Street, Ballarat at Victoria Square, opposite the Ballarat Town Hall. Bishop Paul Bird CSsR will be in attendance and anyone else who wishes to attend would be very welcome. Flyer is on church notice board.

Joke of the week—back by popular demand!

The Pope goes to New York. He is picked up at the airport by a limousine. He looks at the beautiful car and says to the driver, "You know, I hardly ever get to drive. Would you please let me?" The driver is understandably hesitant and says, "I'm sorry, but I don't think I'm supposed to do that."

But the Pope persists, "Please?" The driver finally lets up. "Oh, all right, I can't really say no to the Pope."

So the Pope takes the wheel, and boy, is he a speed demon! He hits the gas and goes around 100 mph in a 45 zone. Paddy the policeman notices and pulls him over and asks the Pope to roll down the window. Startled and surprised, Paddy asks the Pope to wait a minute. He goes back to his patrol car and radios the chief.

Paddy: Chief, I have a problem. Chief: What sort of problem?

Paddy: Well, you see, I pulled over this guy for driving way over the speed limit but it's someone really important.

Chief: Important like the mayor? Paddy: No, no, much more important than that.

Chief: Important like the governor? Paddy: Wayyyyyy more important than that.

Chief: Like the president? Paddy: More.

Chief: Who's more important than the president? Paddy: I don't know, but he's got the Pope driving for him!

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



**Sunday, 17 Jan 2016:
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - 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.

First Reading [Is 62:1-5](#)

As the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 95:1-3. 7-10. R. v.3](#)

(R.) Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name. (R.)
2. Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name. (R.)
4. Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

Second Reading [1 Cor 12:4-11](#)

One and the same spirit distributes different gifts as he chooses.

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 [Jn 2:1-11](#)

The first of the signs given by Jesus was at Cana in Galilee.

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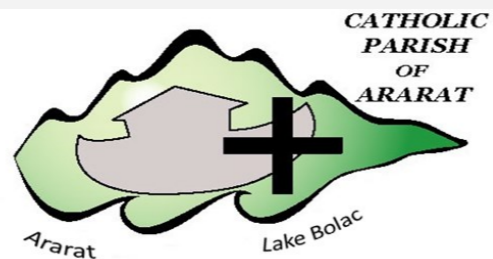
Prayer of Pope Francis for the Year of Mercy

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

WEEKEND 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

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tues 19 th	9.30am Ararat
Wed 20 th	9.00am Ararat (note time change)
Thurs 21 st	9.30am Ararat
Fri 22 nd	6pm Hopkins

A VOCATION VIEW

There was a wedding between God and us: "to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better or for worse." God is faithful and true. Let us do the same.

"Wretched are those who are vindictive and spiteful"

Read more at -Pope Francis @Pontifex 2015

16th/17th January 2016

RECENT DEATHS:

Brendan Grogan (Maryborough)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Lorna McPherson, Margaret Start, Nell Laffy, Sr. Agnes Lyng, Mario Diana, Peter McLean, Peter Gorst, Michele Di Domenico, Mick Davey, Fr Charlie Fiscalini, Michael Hennessey, Patrick Kelly, Fr Paul Keenan SJ, Catherine Doery, Joan Quaiffe, Thelma Liston & Ron Mason.

SICK:

Hilary Doveton, Arthur Spiller, Natasha Martens and Joyce Tutton

This 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

COUNTERS

The Arnold Family, T. Weeks & C. Martin

GOLDEN GATE COMMUNION

Derek & Maureen

FLOWERS Mary Stapleton

CHURCH CLEANING

WELCOMERS

SAT: H & A Collins

SUN: Pat Lardner

LAKE BOLAC

READER: T. Higgins

PRAYERS: D. Haslett

EUCCHARISTIC

MINISTER: I. Meek

CLEANING: I. Meek

NEXT WEEK Jan 23rd/24th

FACILITATOR

SAT: P. Gemmola SUN: Peter Brennan

READERS

SAT: Jenny McAloon SUN: Kaye Chamings

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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

COUNTERS

The Arnold Family, T. Weeks & C. Martin
(Thank you for doing 2 weeks in a row!)

GOLDEN GATE COMMUNION

Anne-Marie Joyce

FLOWERS B. Harrington

CHURCH CLEANING

WELCOMERS

SAT: M. McDougall & Genara O'Loughlin

SUN: D. Dijon

LAKE BOLAC

READER: D. Haslett

PRAYERS: M-A Otto

EUCCHARISTIC

MINISTER: Jane Higgins

CLEANING: T. Higgins

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Australia Day Prayer

Ladies/Men—A Plate Please!

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



Ministers of the Eucharist

Thank you to the new volunteers! Your training will be coming soon. For the "old" Ministers of the Eucharist I thought this might be a good time for a refresher for those who are slipping into some old habits.

- Can't come today? Please organize a swap.
- Thanks for setting up for Mass. Not too early please. Wait until the last few minutes before Mass.
- Processing in and out is important. We are a whole community gathered to celebrate Mass.
- No tiptoeing onto the edge of the sanctuary as if it belongs to the priest and you are trespassing. It's your space. Come over to the altar.
- Clean hands and nice clothes when possible.
- You'll get to smile smugly when we start on the readers!

ROSTERS

The ROSTER is now ready for collection inside the church foyer!

I'm holding my breath.....

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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