

### 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!

**Saint of the week:** Saint Marianne Cope, O.S.F. is also known as Saint Marianne of Moloka'i. She was born in Germany on January 23, 1838 and died August 9th 1918 in Hawaii. She is the Patron Saint of Lepers, Outcasts and HIV/AIDS sufferers.

### 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!

**An engineer dies and reports to the Pearly Gates.** Saint Peter checks his dossier and not seeing his name there, accidentally sends him to Hell. It doesn't take long before the engineer becomes rather dissatisfied with the level of comfort in Hell.

He soon begins to design and build improvements. Shortly thereafter, Hell has air conditioning, flush toilets and escalators. Needless to say, the engineer is a pretty popular guy.

One day, God calls Satan and says: "So, how are things in Hell?"

Satan replies: "Hey, things are going great. We've got air conditioning, flush toilets, and escalators. And there's no telling what this engineer is going to come up with next."

"What!" God exclaims: "You've got an engineer? That's a mistake - he should never have been sent to Hell. Send him to me."

"Not a chance," Satan replies: "I like having an engineer on the staff, and I'm keeping him!"

God insists: "Send him back or I'll sue."

Satan laughs uproariously and answers: "Yeah, right. And where are you going to get a lawyer?"

**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, 24 Jan 2016  
Third 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** Neh 8:2-6, 8-10

*They read from the book of Law and they understood what was read.*

### **Responsorial Psalm** Ps 18:8-10, 15. R. See Jn 6:63

**(R.) Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.**

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.  
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)
2. The precepts of the Lord are right,  
they gladden the heart.  
The command of the Lord is clear,  
it gives light to the eyes. (R.)
3. The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just. (R.)
4. May the spoken words of my mouth,  
the thoughts of my heart,  
win favour in your sight, O Lord,  
my rescuer, my rock! (R.)

### **Second Reading** 1 Cor 12:12-30

*Together you are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.*

### **Gospel Acclamation** See Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor  
and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

### **Gospel** Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

*The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.*

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### **Prayer of Pope Francis for the Year of Mercy**

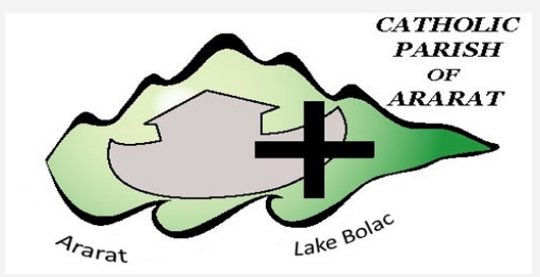
Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,  
and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.  
Show us your face and we will be saved.  
Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing,  
so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from 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.

**CHURCHES -** Immaculate Conception, Ararat  
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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**

Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Australia Day Prayer for Peace
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mass with Marian College staff
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Ararat
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Retirement Village
	6.00pm	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.

**"Life is a journey. When we stop, things don't go right."**  
Read more at more at -Pope Francis @Pontifex 2015

**St. Mary's Parish**  
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PARISH PRIEST: Fr Andrew Hayes  
PRINCIPAL ST. MARY'S SCHOOL: Mr Tom Hogan  
PRINCIPAL MARIAN COLLEGE: Mrs Carmel Barker  
PARISH SECRETARY: Ms Joyce Clery

**23rd/24th January 2016**

**RECENT DEATHS:**

Bonnie Olle (Penshurst)  
Margaret Coon

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Alan Dovaston, Eric Ericksen, Ray Toner, Christopher Lillis, Francis Shevlin, Lilian Burston, Mons. Eugene Galligan, Mollie Flynn, Molly Kenny, Reginal Olle, Dennis Donovan, Maurice Donovan, Sarah Hogan, Leah Smith, Colleen Hodge, Anna McKenna, Mary Hennessy, Mons. Louis Conway, Wendy Vernon, Mary Riddington, Elizabeth Brennan, Frank Melbourne, Dell Delaney, ken Walker & Lindsay Lee

**SICK:**

Hilary Doveton, Arthur Spiller, Natasha Martens and Joyce Tutton

**THIS 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

**NEXT WEEK Jan 30th/31st**

**FACILITATOR**  
SAT: H. Collins SUN: Sioux Reid

**READERS**  
SAT: Kevin Joyce SUN: Charlie Reid

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**  
SAT: R. Jerram & A. Reynolds  
SUN: K. Chamings & M. Cunningham

**COUNTERS**  
P. Lardner, B. Mannix & P. Brennan

**GOLDEN GATE COMMUNION**  
Elizabeth Shea

**FLOWERS** B. Harrington

**CHURCH CLEANING**

**WELCOMERS**  
SAT: R&M Jerram  
SUN: D&M Lister

**LAKE BOLAC**

**READER:** D. Phillips  
**PRAYERS:** R. Phillips  
**EUCCHARISTIC**  
**MINISTER:** John Higgins  
**CLEANING:** L. Breen

**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



**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting: Thursday January 28th 7pm**

**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

**ROSTERS**

We have some small changes to the roster. Apologies for any inconvenience. If you do have an email address please could you email it to ararat@ballarat.catholic.org.au This will enable us to email the roster to you and save a few coppers on printing! Thank You

**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. Excellent rates are offered.

**QR Code for Young People**

