

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: St. Brigid of Ireland, Feast day February 1st. Patron Saint of Cattle, Midwives, Newborn babies and Nuns. Saint Brigid was born Brigit, and shares a name with a Celtic goddess from whom many legends and folk customs are associated. There is much debate over her birthparents, but it is widely believed her mother was Brocca, a Christian baptized by Saint Patrick, and her father was Dubthach, a Leinster chieftain. Brocca was a slave, therefore Brigid was born into slavery.

Feast of St Valentine

The Australian Catholic Marriage & Family Council is pleased to offer you the 2016 edition of the St Valentine's Day initiative (attached). This initiative is part of the Council's ongoing desire to use the innate joyfulness of the feast of St Valentine to promote and affirm marriage and life-long romantic love. St. Valentine was executed in Rome and buried there in the 3rd Century but much later the human remains of Saint Valentine were gifted to an Irish Carmelite priest, Father Spratt in the sixteenth century by Pope Gregory, after the pope was impressed by one of Father Spratt's speeches. His remains can be found in Whitefriar Street Church, Dublin, Ireland.

Joke of the week—back by popular demand!



Moses' first and last day as a lifeguard.

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.

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 31st Jan 2016 Fourth 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 Jer 1:4-5. 17-19

I have appointed you as prophet to the nations..

Responsorial Psalm Ps 70:1-6. 15. 17. R. v.15

(R.) I will sing of your salvation.

1. In you, O Lord, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.
In your justice rescue me, free me:
pay heed to me and save me. **(R.)**
2. Be a rock where I can take refuge,
a mighty stronghold to save me;
for you are my rock, my stronghold.
Free me from the hand of the wicked. **(R.)**
3. It is you, O Lord, who are my hope,
my trust, O Lord, since my youth.
On you I have leaned from my birth,
from my mother's womb you have been my help. **(R.)**
4. My lips will tell of your justice
and day by day of your help.
O God, you have taught me from my youth
and I proclaim your wonders still. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Cor 12:31 – 13:13

There are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor
and freedom to prisoners.
Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 4:21-30

Jesus, like Elijah and Elisha, was not sent only to the Jews.

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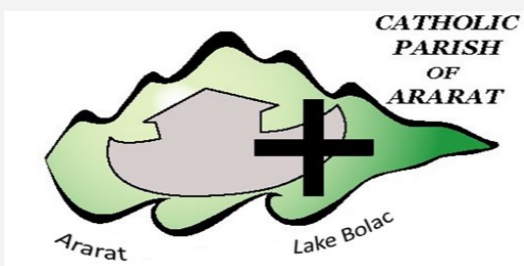
Prayer of Pope Francis for the Year of Mercy

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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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 1st	1.00pm	Funeral Mass for Ken Waring
Friday 4th	9.30am	St. Mary's School Opening Mass (Church)
	10.30am	Marian College Opening Mass with Bishop Paul Bird (in Gym)
	6.00pm	Hopkins

A VOCATION VIEW

The Lord says: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I dedicated you." Always listen to an Old Friend.

"Right now, we don't have a very good relation with creation."

Read more at more at -Pope Francis @Pontifex 2015

St. Mary's Parish

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Ararat, 3377 Ararat, 3377

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

30th/31st January 2016

RECENT DEATHS:

Irene Hogan, Ken Waring

ANNIVERSARIES:

Fr Frank Harney, Beverly Woods, Joan Abbott, Mark Hunt, Robert Thistlethwaite, Frank Thomas, Carmela Zammit, Joseph Zammit, Fr John Kelly, Ann Pola, Sr Dorothy Molley, Stanley Hucker Noel Peck, Glenda Sertori, Cec McOwan, John Kelly

SICK:

Hilary Doveton, Arthur Spiller, Natasha Martens and Joyce Tutton

An Irish Blessing

May the road rise to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sunshine warm upon your face.

May the rains fall upon your fields.

And until we meet again,

May God hold you in the hollow of His hand.

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Jan 30th	H. Collins	Kevin Joyce	R. Jerram & A. Reynolds	N/A	R&M Jerram	P. Lardner, B. Mannix P. Brennan	Tony Reynolds	B. Harrington	All of us!
Sun Jan 31st	Sioux Reid	Charlie Reid	K. Chamings & M. Cunningham	Elizabeth Shea	D&M Lister	(as above)	V. Hooper	(as above)	All of us!
Sat Feb 6th	Bill Slatter	Mardi McOwan	A. Reynolds, L. Horsman & C. McAdie	N/A	Marg Joyce & M. Ryan	J. Clarke, C. Bush & J. Clery	?	Una Hunt	Jo Donnan K. Scherger
Sun Feb 7th	Jewell Start	Peter Brady	C. Bulger, M. de Jong & K. Chamings	Jewell Start	L&D Anderson	(as above)	Charlie Martin & Jim Crowe	(as above)	(as above)

LAKE BOLAC—This Week

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

LAKE BOLAC—Next Week

READER: M. Phillips
PRAYERS: D. Phillips
EUCCHARISTIC
MINISTER: R. Smith
CLEANING: M-A Otto

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Daily Travel to Lake Bolac

A request has come in for anyone who travels daily to Lake Bolac from Ararat who would be willing to take a teenager to school and home again each day. The family is willing to contribute to the cost. Ph 0437 408 006

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.

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.

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

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

