

Please take home a box and/or a set of Lenten donation envelopes & support Caritas Australia as we celebrate 50 years of Project Compassion. You will be helping to empower the world's poorest people with vital learning and renewed hope.

REFLECTIONS: ASH WEDNESDAY – 10 February

Sackcloth and ashes have been identified with sorrow and repentance since ancient times. In our time we are signed with ashes on our foreheads at the beginning of the Lenten season. Ashes not only sign us for Christ with the mark of the cross, but they also remind us of the fragility and weakness of human life. We are on earth only for a relatively short time and at our inevitable death our bodies will return to dust and ashes.

Our Christian faith teaches us that death is not the end. We have been given the assurance of eternal life through the death and resurrection of Christ. The Church provides us with the Lenten season of fasting and prayer to invite us to turn again to Christ in response to his saving love.

The Collect prayer of Ash Wednesday speaks of Lent as a 'campaign of Christian service'. Our campaign of service is spelt out for us in today's Gospel. Fasting and prayer and the doing of good deeds for others in the form of almsgiving, such as through giving to Project Compassion, are the ways we are invited to live our discipleship during this time.

Saint of the week: St. Apollonia, who died in the year 249, was martyred for not renouncing her [faith](#) during the reign of Emperor Philip. The account of the [life](#) of [St. Apollonia](#) was written by [St. Dionysius](#) to Fabian, [Bishop](#) of Antioch.

Apollonia had all her teeth knocked out after being hit in the face by a [Christian](#) persecutor under the reign of Emperor Philip. After she was threatened with fire unless she renounced her faith, Apollonia jumped into the flames voluntarily. She is considered the patron of dental diseases and is often invoked by those with toothaches. Ancient art depicts her with a golden tooth at the end of her necklace. Also in art, she is seen with pincers holding a tooth.

Joke of the week—back by popular demand!



"Pssst!... Two passes... Best prices."

The Sick List

New Arrangements for Prayers for the Sick

This section of the bulletin will now have two sections:

1. "The Sick"
2. "Please pray for the intentions of ..."

As has been our custom, people on the "Sick" list (or their next of kin) will need to give permission.

If you wish to pray for someone but do not have his or her permission, you may now place your own name on the "Please pray for the intentions of ..." list. People will know to pray for your intentions.

Names will remain on these lists for two months.

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, 7 Feb 2016
Fifth 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 Tjapwuring people, and we respect the presence of the spirits of their ancestors among us.

First Reading *Is 6:1-8*

Here am I! Send me.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 137:1-5. 7-8. R. v.1*

(R.) In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **(R.)**
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **(R.)**
3. All earth's kings shall thank you
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the Lord's ways;
'How great is the glory of the Lord!' **(R.)**
4. You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

Second Reading *1 Cor 15:1-11*

I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.

Gospel Acclamation *Mt 4:19*

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of my people.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Lk 5:1-11*

They left everything and followed him

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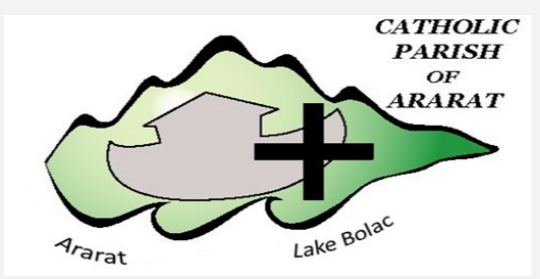
Prayer of Pope Francis for the Year of Mercy

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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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 9th	5pm	Ararat
Wed 10th	Ash Wednesday 10.15am	Ararat (Mass and Ashes)
	6pm	(Ashes only)
Thurs 11th	9.30am	Ararat
Fri 12th	10.30am	Retirement Village
	6pm	Hopkins

A VOCATION VIEW

“God does not ask you to be successful: God does ask you to be faithful. Put your vocation ahead of your career.”

“Anyone who wants to be pope doesn't care much for themselves, God doesn't bless them. I didn't want to be pope”

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

6th/7th February 2016

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Margaret Tyndall, Thomas Creenaune, Anthony Gordon, Imelda Gordan, Betty Parker, Margaret Traynor, Lloyd McKenzie-McHarg, David McColl, Joyce Speechley, Teresa Glass, Peg Dacey, Mary Shea, Alice Bulger, William Smith, Fr Timothy Lynch Jane Renouf Elsie Fradd, Jean Vernon, Honora Pola, Bernard Dowler, Matilda Donovan, Molly Pola, Win Boyd, Stephen McColl, Debra Shea, Eileen Menzies

SICK:

Hilary Doveton, Arthur Spiller, Natasha Martens, Fr. Brendan Davey and Joyce Tutton

Please Pray for the Intentions of:

(See note on back page)

Maori Blessing

*May calm be spread around you,
May the sea glisten like greenstone,
May the shimmer of summer dance
across your path.*

– Maori blessing spoken at Auckland inauguration

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
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)
Sat Feb 13th	Carmel Brennan	Pat McAloon	M. McDougall (2 more needed)	N/A	Geoff White & M. Ryan	G. Carmichael, B. Holland & P. McAloon	Geoff White & Carmel Brennan	M. Jerram & Marilyn Brady	M. Fe Galoso & A. Galoso
Sun Feb 14th	T. Gemmola	P. Gemmola	G. O'Loughlan, N. Billingsley & T. Rees	T. Gemmola	Kathy Leggett & Shirley Pickering	(as above)	John Pola & P. Gemmola	(as above)	(as above)

LAKE BOLAC—This Week

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

LAKE BOLAC—Next Week Lay Assembly

READER: I. Meek
PRAYERS: A-M Randall
EUCCHARISTIC
MINISTER: R. Liston
Lay Assembly: Peter & Leanne

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Grand Mothers' Group

The Grandmother's Group will meet this **Wednesday Feb 10th** at Bernadette Harrington's house at 2pm—Hewett St.

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

Homily

If you are reading the bulletin during the homily—look up now because Fr. Andrew is just about to get to the good bit.

CWL—Meeting Every Second Tuesday of the Month.

The Catholic Women's League will hold their meeting 9th Feb @ 1.30pm in the Presbytery as the Parish Centre is booked.

Great Western Makers' Market

Join the locals in Great western for some fine food and crafts from **10am-2pm this Sunday Feb 7th.**

St. Vincent de Paul

Tuesday February 9th at 7pm at the Vinnies Centre on Barkly St in Ararat.

Normally the meeting is held on the 1st Tuesday of each month.



Palms Australia

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[Palms Australia will be conducting a guided tour of the communities in which their global volunteers are working in East Timor from](#)

11 -23 April 2016

4 – 16 July 2016

26 September – 8 October 2016

There are limited places. Enquires need to be processed by **February 22nd** so call 02 9518 9551 or register interest online:

www.palms.org.au/Encounters

QR Code for Young People

