



Second  
Sunday  
of Lent

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF  
PROJECT  
COMPASSION



In Laos Duangmala's son, Hum Noy, has the chance to learn and thrive at a school for children with intellectual disabilities, supported by Caritas Australia.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help children living with intellectual disabilities in Laos learn, grow and reach their full potential. [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) 1800 024 413

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – 21 February

Today's collect prayer asks God to 'nourish us inwardly with your word.' The transformation of our lives, the times we will 'see God' will come if we are open to hearing God's word in our lives, not just with our ears but also with our hearts.

The disciples had first to climb the mountain with Jesus in order to encounter God's presence. What mountains are we invited to climb? Our learning and growing towards better relationships, patience with ourselves and with others can become our Lenten observance, and indeed, the gift we offer with bread and wine at Mass. In this way we too will come to 'see God' in our daily lives.

Today our community extends beyond those from our local worshipping community. We are urged to reach out to all people and today we remember especially the people of Laos featured in Project Compassion who need us to walk with them to enable all in their country to live with dignity and respect. These too are our sisters and brothers in Christ. It is fitting that our Project Compassion contributions form part of our gifts procession each Sunday.

God's word can be revealed to us in times of challenge if we open our hearts. God's word is also revealed to us in those around us. Seeing the face of God on the mountain calls us to see the face of God in our neighbour.

**Stawell C.W.L.** Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March Northern Regional Conference ,9.30am start. St. Patrick's School hall Stawell. Reflection led by Father Justin Driscoll at 11am. Mass Celebrated at 12.00 Midday, Reflection recommences at 1.30pm Concludes at 3.00 pm. Morning Tea, Afternoon Tea & Lunch provided Cost \$ 12.00. all Parishioners are welcome.

For catering purposes ... R. S.V.P. 1<sup>st</sup> March Liz Driscoll. E/Mail ....edriscoll@westnet.com.au ph.53581724

**Saint of the week:** Jacinta Marto (Child Saint). Born 1910, Death 1920. **Patron** of bodily ills; captives; people ridiculed for their piety; prisoners; sick people; against sickness.

### Joke of the week



Thanks to Stephen Illich (See Genesis 6-8) 05-19-2005  
**WE WERE TOLD YOU WERE TAKING CREATURES  
THAT CAME TO YOU IN PEARS**

### 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, 21st Feb 2016: Second Sunday of Lent - 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.

**20th/21st February 2016**

### RECENT DEATHS:

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Sr Ursula Hayes, Wal Davis, Edward Arnold, Harold Bryant, Kaz Sobczak, Mons James Brophy, Julieta Formentera, Lorna Martin, Michael Scherger, Michael Stapleton, Mary Lugg Brian Coffey Hazel Gleeson, Catherine Doery, Matthew Leggett, Brian Walshe Nell Hooper, Flora Coad, Mary Radley Bill Lavery, Mons Tom O'Brien, Jim Rix, Mavis Stewart, Marcia Shalders

### SICK:

Shirley Billet, Fr. Brendan Davey, Natasha Martens and Wendy Shea

### Please Pray for the Intentions of:

Libby Shea

### Baptisms: Welcome to the World!

Sunday 21st—Gemma & Jye Rayner, children of Matthew & Joanne.

St Mary's Parish welcomes Elliott Brady, son of Amanda & Anthony. Baptism coming soon!

### First Reading Gen 15:5-12. 17-18

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 26:1. 7-9. 13-14. R. v.1

**(R.)** The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life before whom shall I shrink? **(R.)**
2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer.  
Of you my heart has spoken:  
'Seek his face.' **(R.)**
3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek, hide not your face.  
Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help. **(R.)**
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord! **(R.)**

### Second Reading Phil 3:17 – 4:1

### Gospel Acclamation Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

### Gospel Lk 9:28-36

Copyright ICEL. Used with permission

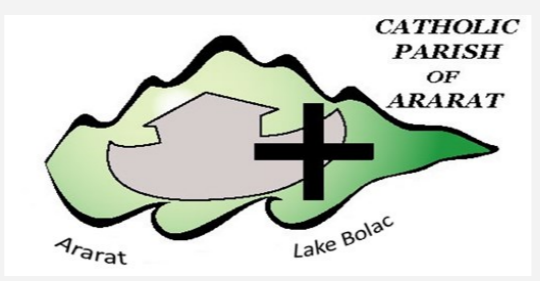
### Prayer of Pope Francis for the Year of Mercy

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  
St. Bernard's, Lake Bolac

**CONTACT US**

**PHONE:** 03 5352 5460  
**EMAIL:** ararat@ballarat.catholic.org.au  
**WEBSITE:** www.ballarat.catholic.org.au



**PRIEST:**  
Fr Andrew Hayes andrew.hayes@ballarat.catholic.org.au

**Office Hours**  
Tues/Wed/Fri 9am—2pm

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

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

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES**

Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Ararat (note change of time)
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Ararat (followed by Lenten Discussion)
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am 6pm Hopkins	Retirement Village

**A VOCATION VIEW**

"If you love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you and pray for those who maltreat you, realise that God has already called YOU".

"I see clearly that the thing the church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity."

Read more at more at **-Pope Francis @Pontifex 2015**

**St. Mary's Parish**

304a Barkly St. or PO Box 92  
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

**Royal Commission Details**

The Royal Commission will hold a public hearing from Monday 22 February to Friday 26 February at the Ballarat Magistrates Court. The public hearing will inquire into the response to allegations of child sexual abuse by priests and religious by both the Diocese of Ballarat and the Christian Brothers. It is expected that Bishop Ronald Mulkearns will provide evidence via video link over several short sessions. Cardinal George Pell will give evidence from 29 February 2016 by video link from Rome. The Royal Commission will sit in Sydney to hear this evidence. You can listen via the live streaming service.

Let us all expect that that survivors be heard and the truth emerge. Let us all keep victims, survivors and all those affected by the Royal Commission in our thoughts and prayers. Let us pray this blessing each day of the Royal Commission for all those involved and those looking on with sadness ...

May your feet walk in the way of the Lord  
May your voice speak the Word of God  
May your hands serve God in blessing others  
May your life show something of the Glory of God

May you know the peace of God, now and always.

**Amen**

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
<b>Sat Feb 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Rachel Copper	Kevin Joyce	H&A Collins & M. Mason	N/A	D&M Lister	A&V Joyce	Tom Rees & G. White	M. Stapleton & Joan Bond	H. Collins & E. Shea
<b>Sun Feb 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Margaret Olle	Charlie Reid	M. Cunningham, C. Reid & Sr. J. Spurr	Margaret Olle	Lois Rowe	(as above)	Charlie Martin	(as above)	(as above)
<b>Sat Feb 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Nicole Potter	Jenny McAloon	B. Slatter, D&M Lister	N/A	R&M Jerram	The Arnold Family, T. Weeks & C. Martin	Geoff White & R. Jerram	J. North & Anne Joyce	P. Weeks & J. Start
<b>Sun Feb 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Pat Lardner	Jan Crowe	P. Brady, Sr. Maree & J. Start	J&J Crowe	L&D Anderson	(as above)	Jim Crowe	(as above)	(as above)

**LAKE BOLAC—This Week**

**READER:** R. Liston  
**PRAYERS:** H. Smith  
**EUCCHARISTIC**  
**MINISTER:** L. Breen  
**CLEANING:** H. Smith

**LAKE BOLAC—Next Week**

**READER:** R. Phillips  
**PRAYERS:** L. Breen  
**EUCCHARISTIC**  
**MINISTER:** D. Haslett  
**CLEANING:** C. Peacock

**MEETINGS & EVENTS**

**5pm Family Mass Cancelled**

Our monthly 5pm Sunday Mass prepared especially for children and families will no longer occur in Ararat. Fr Andrew will be celebrating Mass in Glenthompson instead. The children will not miss out. A 10.30 Sunday Mass will be prepared from time to time with young children in mind. Watch this space!

**Lenten Discussion Ararat**

Our Lenten discussion will be **after Mass** on Thursday mornings. All welcome.

**Are you buying Slavery-free Easter Chocolate this year?**

Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH) is urging people to eat only slavery-free chocolate, especially this Easter. Did you know that much of the chocolate available in Australia is made using cocoa beans picked by children, many of whom have been enslaved, or forced to work in exploitative conditions?

**World Day of Prayer**

Ararat—Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup> 6pm Church of Christ. All welcome.

Lake Bolac—Friday March 4<sup>th</sup> 11am Lake Bolac Church. All welcome, lunch after.

**Steve Grace Concert**

Free concert at Football Ground Community Centre 7pm on March 10 hosted by the Church of Christ, Ararat. Twenty five years ago he was driving trucks and singing in bars. Today, Steve Grace is an Australian Gospel artist with fifteen albums and a million miles of concert tours behind him. Communicating to thousands of people each year his tours literally go anywhere and everywhere, from remote villages on South Pacific islands, to major venues in big cities.



**Palms Australia**

Encounter Mission and Development,  
Encounter Love and Justice,  
Encounter humble volunteers,  
Encounter faith, Encounter God.

[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. Enquiries need to be processed by **February 22nd** so call 02 9518 9551 or register interest online:

[www.palms.org.au/Encounters](http://www.palms.org.au/Encounters)

**QR Code for Young People**

