



Fifth  
Sunday  
of Lent

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#### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – 13 March

In today's Gospel we learn of the great compassion Jesus had for his friends and his deep sense of loss on hearing of the death of his friend Lazarus. We also learn of the great faith that Martha had in Jesus as the Messiah who would bring about eternal life. In John's Gospel it is Martha, and not Peter, who professes such faith in Jesus as Son of God.

We pray for the strong faith of Martha and long to bask in the compassion that Jesus showed to his friends. We will encounter that same love when we approach the table of the Eucharist. Jesus gave himself, and we too give ourselves along with bread and wine, and the collection that are symbols of our giving.

Our loving acts, be they joyous or sorrowful are offered in thanksgiving along with Christ's supreme act of love. The visible Body of Christ, the assembly, united in love, offers to the Father the gift of themselves together with the gift of Christ. We believe that we receive, to use Augustine's words, the 'mystery of that which we already are', the Body of Christ.

From the table we go out to serve the Body of Christ in our sisters and brothers around the world who experience extreme poverty and injustice. This week of Project Compassion we are invited to think of the indigenous peoples of Cambodia. Living in remote communities they are far from services that we consider essential, such as the health care that we can often take for granted. Our compassion, our generosity, and our great faith in God can make it possible for the remote indigenous peoples of Cambodia to live and grow and to be healthy and happy. We, like Jesus, can offer life.

**Saint of the week:** St. Patrick of course! Born 387, Died 461, St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints. He was born in Roman Britain and when he was fourteen or so, he was captured by Irish pirates during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. At the time, Ireland was a land of Druids and pagans but Patrick turned to God and wrote his memoir, *The Confession*. In *The Confession*, he wrote: "The love of God and his fear grew in me more and more, as did the faith, and my soul was rosed, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the night, nearly the same. I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn. I felt no hurt from the snow or ice or rain." Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britain and was reunited with his family. Happy St. Patrick's Day for March 17th!



"Do not let the sun go down on your wrath."  
Letting it come up on your wrath isn't good either.

#### Joke of the Week

#### 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.



## Sunday, 13th Mar 2016: Fifth 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.

**12th/13th March 2016**

#### RECENT DEATHS:

#### ANNIVERSARIES:

Fr Leo Branagan CSsR, Marino Renzeli, Des Fox, Betty McNamara, Fr Jim Ryan, Maria Deininger, Caleb Gardner, Fr John McDonell CSsR, Astrid Nyhagen, Arthur Harrington, Mons James Timmons, Darrell Maddern, Joe Rees, Fr John Harrington, Jean Jones, Beverley Ford, Ivan Evans, Clifford Horsman, Bert Stephens, Ann Stephens, Fr Robert Paterson SJ, Dawn Wilson, Bob Mottram, Aminda (Min) Hamilton, Dorothy O'Brien and John Leggett

#### SICK:

Margaret Kidd, Maurice Rutter, Shirley Billet, Fr. Brendan Davey, Kerrie Mulcahy, Natasha Martens and Wendy Shea.

#### Please Pray for the Intentions of:

Libby Shea, Audrey Brown

#### Baptisms: Welcome to the World!

Millar and Elliott Brady—sons of Amanda and Anthony

#### First Reading **Is 43:16-21**

#### Responsorial Psalm **Ps 125. R. v.3**

**(R.)** The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered **Zion** from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **(R.)**
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **(R.)**
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **(R.)**
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **(R.)**

#### Second Reading **Phil 3:8-14**

#### Gospel Acclamation **Jl 2:12-13**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

#### Gospel **Jn 8:1-11**

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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.

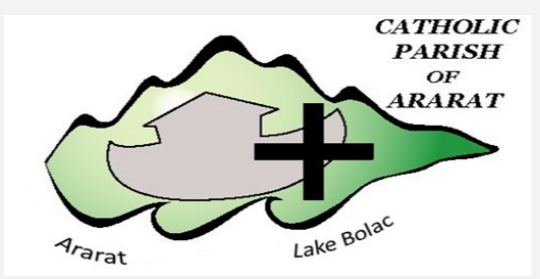
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Counselling service: Relationships Australia – 1800 052 674 Catholic Diocese of Ballarat Towards Healing – 1800 099 340

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**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

**HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES**

<b>Mon 21<sup>st</sup></b>	6.30pm	Mass of the Oils, <b>St Patrick's Cathedral</b>
<b>Tues 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	7.00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (2 <sup>nd</sup> Rite), <b>Ararat.</b> (Please bring a plate of supper to share.)
<b>Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Holy Thursday</b>	6.00pm	Seder Meal (Passover) <b>Lake Bolac</b>
	7.30pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper <b>Ararat</b>
<b>Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Good Friday</b>	9.00am	<b>Hopkins</b>
	3.00pm	<b>Ararat</b>

**Seder Meal**—On Holy Thursday evening Lake Bolac community will celebrate a Seder Meal. This is a traditional Jewish celebration for the Feast of Passover. This will be a wonderful lead-in to the Mass of the Lord's Supper in Ararat. Ararat parishioners are welcome to attend, but as the ritual involves the sharing of traditional foods, please let Joyce know if you intend to be there.

**A VOCATION VIEW**

Lent is six weeks of being serious about forgiveness and knowing we are loved. Who will step forward to tell of God's great love for us?

**Please collect "The Vine" from the Church Foyer**

"A church without women would be like the apostolic college without Mary. The Madonna is more important than the apostles, and the church herself is feminine, the spouse of Christ and a mother."

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

**Diocese's Notices**

**Nazareth House Ballarat St Patrick's Day Coffee Party**

Once again the Nazareth House Auxiliary is having its annual St Patrick's Day Coffee Party on Thursday, March 17, 2015 at 1.30pm in the Hall. All welcome.

*May the Irish hills caress you.  
May her lakes and rivers bless you.  
May the luck of the Irish enfold you.  
May the blessings of Saint Patrick behold you.*

*May there always be work for your hands to do,  
May your purse always hold a coin or two.  
May the sun always shine warm on your windowpane,  
May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain.*

*May the hand of a friend always be near you,  
And may God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.*

**Walk for Justice for Refugees 2016**

Palm Sunday, March 20, 2016 at 2.00pm at the State Library, cnr Swanston and La Trobe Streets, Melbourne. More information at [www.facebook.com/palmsundaywalk](http://www.facebook.com/palmsundaywalk). Flyer is on the notice board in the Church Foyer

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
<b>Sat Mar 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Charlie Reid	Ian Brady	<b>M. McDougall (2 more needed)</b>	N/A	Geoff White & M. Ryan	The Reynolds Family & T. Rees	Geoff White & C. Brennan	M. Egan & Maureen Brady	M. Fe Galoso & A. Galoso
<b>Sun Mar 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Peter Brennan	Rachel Cooper	<b>D&amp;M Lister &amp; Tom Hogan</b>	D&M Lister	L&D Anderson	(as above)	Jim Crowe	(as above)	(as above)
<b>Sat Mar 19<sup>th</sup></b>	P. Gemmola	T. Gemmola	<b>G. O'Loughlan, N. Billingsley &amp; T. Rees</b>	N/A	R&M Jerram	The Arnold Family, T. Weeks & C. Martin	P. Gemmola	Joan Bond	Jan Crowe
<b>Sun Mar 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Nicole Potter	Kathy Leggett	<b>H&amp;A Collins &amp; M. Mason</b>	A-M Joyce	Kathy Leggett & Blessie Stoneman	(as above)	?	(as above)	(as above)

**LAKE BOLAC—Lay Assembly**

**This Week**

**READER:** J. Higgins  
**PRAYERS:** T. Higgins  
**EUCCHARISTIC**  
**MINISTER:** John Higgins  
**CLEANING:** Reg & Helen

**LAKE BOLAC—MASS**

**READER:** I. Meek  
**PRAYERS:** R. Liston  
**EUCCHARISTIC**  
**MINISTER:** P. Upton  
**CLEANING:** R. Liston

**MEETINGS & EVENTS**

**Rural Australians for Refugees**

Andrew Jackson is the teacher who changed his mind on Asylum seekers and refugees after his experience as a part of the SBS Series 3 of 'Go Back To Where You Came From.' He will be speaking at the Uniting Church Hall on Saturday March 19 at 1.30pm.

**Julian Burnside AO QC**

Human rights and refugee advocate, Julian Burnside, will present "Is this really Australia?" at the Hamilton PAC on Sunday April 10 at 2pm. Info in church foyers or email [refugee2015hamilton@outlook.com](mailto:refugee2015hamilton@outlook.com)

**Lenten Discussion Ararat**

Our Lenten discussion will continue after Mass on Thursday morning in the Presbytery.

**Farewell to John & Nancy Curnow**

The Ararat Uniting Church (Barkly Street) invite you to a service to farewell the Curnows on Sunday March 20th at 11am followed by a shared lunch at noon.

**Where is Fr Andrew?**

A few have asked what I do when you can't see me. This week I will be away. I am a member of the BDSAC, a committee that advises Bishop Paul about school policy across the diocese. I will be busy with this committee on Tuesday and Thursday in Horsham and Ballarat. I am also the Youth Chaplain for the Diocese so will be busy on Wednesday and Friday helping with a school retreat in Blampied.



**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](http://www.palms.org.au)

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)

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