



Easter Sunday

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Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for supporting us this year as we celebrate 50 years of Project Compassion. You are helping to empower the world's poorest children, women and men with vital learning and renewed hope.

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EASTER SUNDAY – 27 March

Easter day is the greatest feast in the Christian calendar. Its significance is apparent with the Church's intention that this festival lasts a full eight days. The rich symbols of the Easter liturgy include the light of the Christ candle that dispels the darkness; the life giving waters of baptism; the strengthening oil of chrismation and the nourishing bread and wine of the Eucharistic banquet.

On this Easter day we recall with hearts full of gratitude the remarkable events of Jesus' life that culminated in his passion, death and resurrection. No greater act of love is possible than to give one's life for another. This is God's love made manifest. The stories we hear at Easter are stories of the history of our salvation and show a pattern of the compassionate love of God. Today we celebrate God's ultimate gift in Jesus, who died that we could have life. Central to our resurrection stories are faithful women, women who not only stood by the cross but were courageous enough to witness the resurrection, to spread the good news.

Easter Sunday is a festival day of abundance, where fasting and almsgiving gives way to feasting and relaxation with family and friends. As we sit at our tables let us continue to be mindful of those without food this day. Those whose lives we have helped a little through our support of Project Compassion. We continue to remain vigilant in our care for those with whom we stand in solidarity to end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. In this way, Christ's resurrection takes root throughout our world.

Does your Parish have a pilgrim going to World Youth Day? - [Chloe Mason from Yr 12 Marian College 2015 is going!](#)

Blessed are the Merciful, for they shall receive Mercy [Matthew 5:7](#)

Places are still available on our World Youth Day Pilgrimage, Krakow July 2016. Parents, grandparents, parishioners and leaders are encouraged to invite young people to attend WYD and support them in this once in a lifetime opportunity. More info: www.wydvictoria.org.au or www.ballarat.catholic.org.au and follow links to Youth and Young Adult Ministry page. Contact Amanda on 0427 748 867 or youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Saint of the week: St. Margaret Clitherow was born in Middleton, England, in 1555, of protestant parents. Possessed of [good](#) looks and full of wit and merriment, she was a charming personality. In 1571, she married [John](#) Clitherow, a well-to-do grazier and butcher (to whom she bore two children), and a few years later entered the [Catholic](#) Church.

Joke of the Week: Young Ernie and his family were invited to have Easter Sunday lunch at his grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Ernie received his plate he started eating straight away. 'Ernie, wait until we say grace,' demanded his father. 'I don't have to,' the five year old replied.. 'Of course you do, Ernest,' his mother insisted rather forcefully. 'We always say a prayer before eating at our house.'

'That's at our house,' Ernie explained, 'but this is Grandma's house, and she knows how to cook!'

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, 27 Mar 2016: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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 [Acts 10:34. 37-43](#)

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24](#)

(R.) This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of [Israel](#) say:

'His love has no end.' **(R.)**

2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. **(R.)**

3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**

Second Reading [Col 3:1-4](#)

Gospel Acclamation [1 Cor 5:7-8](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel [Jn 20:1-9](#)

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26th/27th March 2016

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Damien Rees, Ena Brady, Annie Rowe, Maureen Davey, Ella Jeffries, Bill Laffan, Margaret Walsh, Leo Stevens, Maurice Brown, Joan Weeks, Edmund Abberton, Frank Liston,

(APRIL) John Oliver, Frank Pola, Bowie Shevlin, Margaret Leigh, Tom Smith, Ben Patterson, Fr Meredith Delahenty, Fr Meredith Delahenty, Brian Young, Des Phillips

SICK:

Shirley Baker, 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!

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.

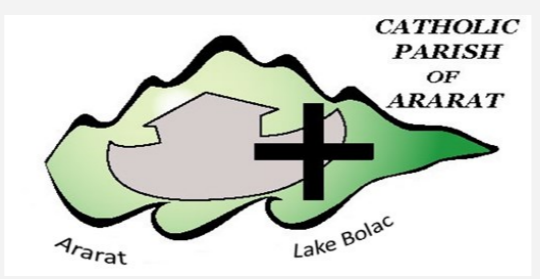
Christ
is
Risen!

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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		8.30am Lay Assembly

Masses this Week

Tues 29th	9.30am	Ararat
Wed 30th	9.30am	Ararat
Thurs 31st	9.30am	Ararat
Fri 1st	6.00pm	Hopkins

A VOCATION VIEW

We're no longer nobodies. Jesus rose from the dead. He promises to take us to heaven too. Our Ultimate Vocation: Union with God!

"I entrust to God's Mercy all those who lost their lives #Brussels"

Read more at more at **-Pope Francis @Pontifex 2016**

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

Retired Volunteers

We have had some volunteers retire from duties recently and the Parish would like to thank them for their service over the years. If anyone would like to fill their shoes in the capacity of Eucharistic Minister, Facilitator, Counter or Flower Arranger—please let Joyce know at the office.

HAPPY EASTER TO YOU ALL!

Gallery Cleaners

Thank you to the Ladies/(Men?!) who cleaned the Gallery and the stairs! Very grateful to you!

Liturgy Formation 2016 – Date Claimer

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission will be presenting Liturgy Formation sessions in the following parishes: Birchip – July 24; **Ararat - August 7**; Hamilton – August 21. Bishop Paul will launch the renewed and revised Diocesan Sacraments of Initiation Catechetical Resource, "Let the Children Come" and workshops will be Funeral Ministry and Formation for Lectors. Flyer in on the Notice Board

Code for young people



Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Mar 26th	Pat McAloon	Kevin Joyce	M. Cunningham, C. Reid & Sr. J. Spurr	N/A	Sr. Maree & M. Ryan	G. Carmichael, B. Holland & P. McAloon	Geoff White	M. Cunningham & Marilyn Brady	Joy & Jacinta McLoughlan
Sun Mar 27th	Christine Bulger	Kaye Chamings	B. Slatter, D&M Lister	Elizabeth Shea	Elizabeth Shea & S. Pickering	(as above)	C. Brennan	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Apr 2nd	Bill Slatter	Peter Brady	A. Reynolds, L. Horsman & C. McAdie	N/A	Marg Joyce & M. Ryan	A&V Joyce	V. Hooper & Jim Crowe	P. Weeks & Una Hunt	Jo Donnan & K. Scherger
Sun Apr 3rd	J. Start	Kaye Chamings	C. Bulger, M. de Jong & K. Chamings	Jewell Start	L&D Anderson	(as above)	L. Styles	(as above)	(as above)

LAKE BOLAC—MASS

This Week

READER: V. Albert
PRAYERS: I. Meek
EUCCHARISTIC
MINISTER: Jane Higgins
CLEANING: J. Upton

LAKE BOLAC—MASS

Next Week

READER: M-A Otto
PRAYERS: V. Albert
EUCCHARISTIC
MINISTER: I. Meek
CLEANING: J. Higgins

MEETINGS & EVENTS

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

Mercy Associates Pilgrimage

The Mercy Associates invite you to join them on a Pilgrimage to the Academy of Mary Immaculate, Nicholson Street, Fitzroy - the first Sisters of Mercy establishment in Victoria - on Wednesday, April 20, 2016. On this Pilgrimage we will travel, reflect, pray and talk together on mercy and compassion in our lives and the world today. Catherine McAuley was the founder of the Sisters of Mercy and Ursula Frayne was one of Catherine's early companions in Dublin. Ursula led a group of Sisters to Australia and established works of mercy and compassion in Melbourne. We will visit Ursula's grave, memorial chapel and creation windows and have a tour of The Academy. A pre-pilgrimage Information Session will be held on Monday, April 11 from 2.00pm – 3.00pm in the Mercy Gathering Room, Gent Street, Ballarat (off Victoria Street). For further information please contact Ursula Diamond-Keith, email gudiamond-keith@live.com.au or ph. 0407717626 or Margaret McDonald, email nannymacca@gmail.com or ph. 53435315 or Rita Hayes rsm, email ritahayes@mercy.org.au or ph. 53313026.

Seminary Building Appeal

Parishioners have received a letter of thanks for your contribution to last year's seminary building appeal. Our parish contributed \$1170 of a state-wide total of \$520,388.30 This will allow eight more rooms to be built. Thankyou everyone for your generosity.

40,000 Year Old Aboriginal Prayer

May the fire be in our thoughts making them true, good and just, may it protect us from the evil one. May the fire be in our eyes; may it open our eyes to share what is good in life. We ask that the fire may protect us from what is not rightfully ours. May the fire be on our lips, so that we may speak the truth in kindness; that we may serve and encourage others. May it protect us from speaking evil. May the fire be in our ears. We pray that we may hear with a deep, deep listening so that we may hear the flow of water, and of all creation. And the dreaming. May we be protected from gossip and from things that harm and break down our family. May the fire be in our arms and hands so that we may be of service and build up love. May the fire protect us from all violence. May the fire be in our whole being – in our legs and in our feet, enable us to walk the earth with reverence and care; So that we may walk in the ways of goodness and truth and be protected from walking away from what is truth. – credited to Burnum Burnum, Australian Aboriginal elder