

THIS IS ME, A SINNER ON WHOM THE LORD HAS TURNED HIS GAZE.
 AND THIS IS WHAT I SAID WHEN THEY ASKED ME
 IF I WOULD ACCEPT MY ELECTION AS PONTIFF.
 I AM A SINNER, BUT I TRUST IN THE
 INFINITE MERCY AND PATIENCE
 OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
 AND I ACCEPT IN A SPIRIT OF PENANCE.

POPE FRANCIS



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.

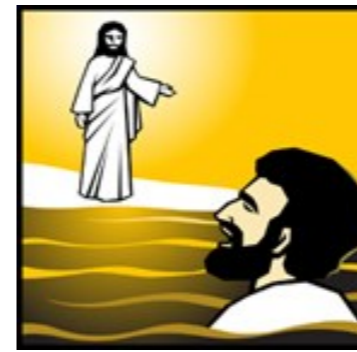
Saint of the week: St. Marguerite d'Youville—Death 1771. Foundress of the Sisters of Charity, the [Grey Nuns](#) of Canada. St. Marguerite D'Youville was born at Varennes, Quebec, on October 15, Marie Marguerite Dufrost de La Jemmerais. She studied under the Ursulines, married Francois D'Youville in 1722, and became a [widow](#) in 1730. She worked to support herself and her three children, devoted much of her [time](#) to the Confraternity of the Holy [Family](#) in charitable activities.

Joke of the Week:

There was a preacher who fell in the ocean and he couldn't swim. When a boat came by, the captain yelled, "Do you need help, sir?" The preacher calmly said "No, God will save me." A little later, another boat came by and a fisherman asked, "Hey, do you need help?" The preacher replied again, "No God will save me." Eventually the preacher drowned & went to heaven. The preacher asked God, "Why didn't you save me?" God replied, "Fool, I sent you two boats!"

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, 10 Apr 2016: Third Sunday of Easter - 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 [Acts 5:27-32. 40-41](#)

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. v.2](#)

(R.) I will praise you, Lord,
for you have rescued me.

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. (R.)
2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. (R.)
3. The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. (R.)

Second Reading [Rv 5:11-14](#)

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation;
he has shown pity on all people.
Alleluia!

Gospel [Jn 21:1-19](#)

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10th/11th April 2016

RECENT DEATHS:

Bishop Ronald Mulkearns

ANNIVERSARIES:

Noreen Bonner, James V. Liston, Hilary Robinson, Fr Michael Nelan, Seamus Hennessy, Mons. Leo Fiscalini, Noel Fiscalini, Des Phillips, Nell Phillips, Ailsa Gilders, Joyce Kelly, Bernard Harrington, Peter Bulger, William Lannen, Joseph Bolcek, John Molloy, Julia Lavery, Walter Doery, John Brown, Joan Gleeson, Shirley McKenzie-McHarg, Neil Albert

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:

Tom Rees, Libby Shea and 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. Amen

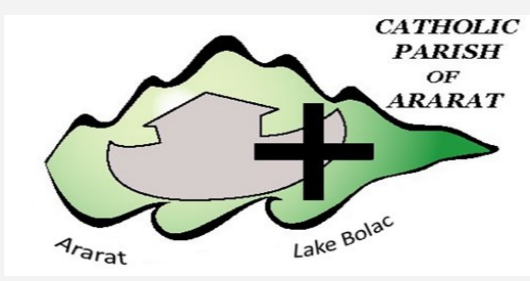
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Office Hours
Tues/Wed/Fri 9am—2pm

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 12 th	9.30am	Ararat
Wed 13 th	9.30am	Ararat
Thurs 14 th	5.00pm	Ararat
Fri 15 th	6.00pm	Hopkins

A VOCATION VIEW

Let people know that Jesus has the solution. Cast your net on the other side of life. Listen to God's Son. And tell the world what you hear!

"Jesus shows us the real face of God, for whom power does not mean destruction but love, and for whom justice is not vengeance but mercy".

Read more at [more at -Pope Francis @Pontifex 2016](#)

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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, Collector or Flower Arranger**—please let Joyce know at the office.

CARITAS

Just a friendly reminder to drop in any remaining CARITAS envelopes or boxes into the Parish Office please. Remember to give the appropriate information if you need a Tax Receipt.

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 Apr 9 th	J. Start	Jenny McAloon	G. North, & M. McDougall	N/A	R&M Jerram	I. Brady, P. Gemmola & L. Styles	G. White	M. Cunningham & Marilyn Brady	M. Fe Galoso & A. Galoso
Sun Apr 10 th	Rachel Cooper	T. Gemmola	G. O'Loughlan, N. Billingsley & T. Rees	T. Gemmola	Lois Rowe & Pat Lardner	(as above)	Tom Rees & P. Gemmola	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Apr 16 th	C. Brennan	Nicole Potter	H&A Collins & M. Mason	N/A	Sr. Maree & M. Ryan	The Arnold Family, T. Weeks & C. Martin	Geoff White	M. Stapleton	P. Weeks
Sun Apr 17 th	J. Clery	Kathy Leggett	M. Cunningham, C. Reid & Sr. J. Spurr	Margaret Olle	Kathy Leggett & S. Pickering	(as above)	John Pola & L. Styles	(as above)	(as above)

LAKE BOLAC—Lay Assembly

This Week

READER: L. Breen
PRAYERS: J. Aldous
EUCCHARISTIC
MINISTER: Jane Higgins
Lay Assembly: Trish & Mary-Anne

LAKE BOLAC—MASS

Next Week

READER: D. Haslett
PRAYERS: D. Haslett
EUCCHARISTIC
MINISTER: R. Smith
CLEANING: I. Meek

MEETINGS & EVENTS

CWL Meeting on Tuesday 12th April 2016 @ 1.30pm in the Parish Centre. All Welcome.

Andrew's Uniting Church fete is on again Saturday 16 April, 9am to 1pm. All the usual things: cakes and jams, plants and seedlings, books, jewellery, trash and treasure, tea and scones, sausage sizzle, and firewood by the tonne.

Worthy Causes

Fr Andrew has found some worthy causes for those who haven't run out of money yet.

Our Muslim friends are asking for contributions towards their new mosque. Contributions can be made at the Bendigo Bank (or online) BSB: 633 000 Account no: 12544 2632 Account Name: Ararat Islamic Welfare Association Inc.

Our parish has a young person attending World Youth Day in Poland! She is Chloe Mason who was in Yr 12 at Marian College last year. Chloe is studying teaching at Australian Catholic University. On April 23/24 she will be at Masses to share her story and to ask for your support.

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

Rural Australians For Refugees – Folk for Refugees Music Festival April 16 Hall's Gap info: 5356 4402 tickets: www.trybooking.com/18472

Bless This House

Bless this house, O Lord, we pray.
Make it safe by night and day.
Bless these walls so firm and stout,
Keeping want and trouble out.
Bless the roof and chimney tall,
Let thy peace lie over all.
Bless the doors that they may prove
Ever open to joy and love.
Bless the windows shining bright,
Letting in God's heavenly light.
Bless the hearth a-blazing there,
With smoke ascending like a prayer.
Bless the people here within...
Keep them pure and free from sin.
Bless us all, that one day, we
May be fit, O lord, to dwell with Thee.