

"Live Your Christian Life" Sacramental Preparation

Parents of all children interested in receiving their Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist are invited to an information evening to be held at the Parish **Presbytery**.

There are two dates scheduled for this meeting - please choose one that suits you and let Joyce at the Parish Office - 5253 5460 - know which date you will be attending.

WEDNESDAY MAY 4th at 3.35pm / **THURSDAY MAY 12th** at 7pm.

Please note two different dates and times. If you have already done some preparation for the course and just need to ask a few questions—please call into the office. Parents are required to attend, children welcome.

Rev John Flynn and the Royal Flying Doctor Service

The Ladies Social Group at the Presbyterian Church in Ararat invite members of the congregation, families and friends to attend a social evening to watch the DVD of John Flynn's life and ministry at the Presbyterian Church, 7-8pm on the 20th of May. It is an excellent presentation of the historical events in his life which are a great witness to us all – from humble beginnings born in a cottage at Moliagul, to founding the RFDS. Supper will be provided afterwards. Entry is free. They hope we can join them and enjoy a time of encouraging fellowship together. Info Sandra Waterhouse 5352 4054 sgwhouse@hotmail.com

Council for Australian Catholic Women's Colloquium 2016

The CACW Colloquium will be held this year on September 17 & 18 at Mary Mackillop Place in North Sydney with the theme, "Women as Witnesses to the Joy of the Gospel". Flyer on Notice Board

Saint of the week: Saint Mark—Patron Saint of Notaries

St. [Mark](#) wrote the second Gospel, probably in [Rome](#) sometime before the year 60 A.D.; he wrote it in Greek for the Gentile converts to Christianity. Tradition tells us that [St. Mark](#) was requested by the [Romans](#) to set down the teachings of St. Peter. This seems to be confirmed by the position which [St. Peter](#) has in this Gospel. In this way the second Gospel is a record of the [life](#) of [Jesus](#) as seen through the eyes of the Prince of the Apostles. His [feast day](#) is April 25. He is the patron saint of notaries.



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, 24th Apr 2016 Fifth 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 14:21-27](#)

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 144:8-13](#). R. cf. v.1

(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign. (R.)
3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading [Rv 21:1-5](#)

Gospel Acclamation [Jn 13:34](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!
I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Gospel [Jn 13:31-35](#)

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23rd/24th April 2016

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Tom McGrath, Len Davies Martin, Keogh, Clare Heard, Peter Sheehan, James Lannen, Nora Hogan, Mary Lugg, Agnes Joyce, Richard Williams, John McRae, Peter White, Baden Edwards, Margaret Clark, Brian Broderick, Michael Hogan, Stan Kelly, Milton Neilson, Shayne Byron

SICK:

Shirley Baker, 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!

Yann & Kynn—sons of Rebecca (Upton) and Cameron Bosch!

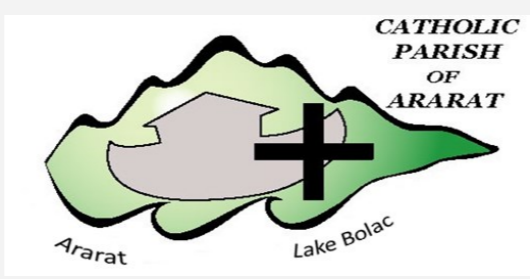
Prayer of Pope Francis for the Year of Mercy

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 26th	9.30am	Ararat
Wed 27th	9.30am	Ararat
Thurs 28th	9.30am	Ararat
Fri 29th	6.00pm	Hopkins

A VOCATION VIEW

Can you imagine a country running on Jesus' one law of "love one another"? No wars. No hunger. No thirst. No jealousy. Only loving followers of Jesus.

"This is important: to get to know people, listen, expand the circle of ideas. The world is crisscrossed by roads that come closer together and move apart, but the important thing is that they lead towards the Good."

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

HANDRAIL

Some of you will notice that a handrail has been installed to the left of the Altar. Parishioners who are Readers and Special Ministers at Mass are asked to use the handrail provided for access to the altar/lectern area. *It's use is a health and safety issue.*

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.

Planned Giving

Thank you to all those Parishioners who have collected their Planned Giving Envelopes. There are just a few still to collect—they are sitting on the table in the foyer. For any parishioners or Visitors who are not on the Planned Giving Program but would like to make a donation—please use the envelopes provided in the box on the table. Many Thanks

QR Code for young people

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Apr 23rd	Rachel Cooper	Pat McAloon	B. Slatter, D&M Lister	N/A	M&R Jerram	G. Carmichael, B. Holland & P. McAloon	?	J. North & Anne Joyce	?
Sun Apr 24th	Pat Lardner	Jan Crowe	P. Brady, Sr. Maree & J. Start	J&J Crowe	Marg Joyce	(as above)	Jim Crowe & V. Hooper	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Apr 30th	T. Gemmola	Terry Arnold	E. Shea, G. North & P. Brady	N/A	D. Dijon & M. Ryan	A&V Joyce	V. Hooper	M. Dempsey & M. Jerram	Jo Donnan & K. Scherger
Sun May 1st	H. Collins	A. Collins	C. Bulger, M. de Jong & K. Chamings	H&A Collins	Pat Lardner & S. Pickering	(as above)	?	(as above)	(as above)

LAKE BOLAC—MASS

This Week

READER: D. Phillips
PRAYERS: R. Phillips
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: L. Breen
Lay Assembly: T. Higgins

LAKE BOLAC—MASS

Next Week

READER: M. Phillips
PRAYERS: D. Phillips
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: R. Liston
CLEANING: L. Breen

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Ballarat
Bishop Paul Bird invites priests and people to join him at the cathedral on Monday May 16 at 12:05 pm to celebrate a Memorial Mass for Bishop Ronald Mulkearns.

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

Sunbury Men's Survivors Group
This is a group of survivors of clergy and other abuse, similar to the survivors group in Ballarat that we have seen in the media. This group is getting established. Donations can be made at <https://www.gofundme.com/hstvwxjw> The Sunbury Men's Survivors Group can also be found on Facebook.

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.


menALIVE Men's Weekend - Hamilton
The purpose of menALIVE is to bring men together, to renew their faith in God, and to encourage them to become an active force within the Church. St Mary's Parish Hamilton is hosting a menALIVE weekend on July 30 & 31, 2016. Flyer on Notice Board



CWL
The Catholic Women's League meet on the **second** Tuesday of every month.
Next meeting : May 10th Venue TBC



Grandmother's Club
The GM Club meet on the **second** Wednesday of every month.
Next meeting: May 11th Venue TBC



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

The St. Vincent de Paul Society meet on the **first** Tuesday of every month at the Centre, 264 Barkly St, Ararat at 7pm