

"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 - 5352 5460 - know which date you will be attending.

WEDNESDAY MAY 4th at 3.45pm / **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.

Sick List: If you know of anyone who has been recently admitted to hospital, please feel free to ask them if they would like to be added to the sick list. Phone the Parish Office on 0353525460 and leave a message if no one answers.

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: St. Peregrine Laziosi—Patron Saint of Cancer Victims. Peregrine Laziosi was born of a wealthy family at Forli, Italy, in 1260. As a youth he was active in politics as a member of the anti-papal party. During one uprising, which the Pope sent St. Philip Benizi to mediate, Philip was struck in the face by Peregrine. When Philip offered the other cheek, Peregrine was so overcome that he repented and converted to Catholicism. Once given the grace of conversion he became one of the great saints of his time. His great fervor and qualities as a confessor brought many back to the true Faith. Afflicted with cancer, Peregrine turned to God and was richly rewarded for his Faith, enabling him over many years to lead others to the truth. He is the patron of cancer patients.

Joke of the Week: (I'm running out of jokes so if anyone has a few—send them into the office -Intelligent ones please!)



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, 1 May 2016
Sixth 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 15:1-2. 22-29

Responsorial Psalm Ps 66:2-3. 5-6. 8. R. v.4

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)
2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. (R.)
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

Second Reading Rv 21:10-14, 22-23

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 14:23-29

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30th/1st April 2016

RECENT DEATHS:

Val Gemmola, Tracey Smith & Shirley Baker

ANNIVERSARIES:

Kathleen Morris-Rowe, Frank Peterson, Fr Tom Brophy, Mons. Dan Brazil, Joe Price, Joyce (Bub) Joyce, Eileen Dawson, Robert Wilson, Cath Howman, Winifred Brookward, Des North, Fr Matt Joyce CSsR, Michael McNamara, Pat Mahoney, Gerald Harrington, Fr Mick Philbin, Kerry Shea, Robert Cummins, Archbishop Patrick Delaney, Fr Basil Thomas, Harriett Jackson and Des Woods.

SICK:

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!

Confirmation: Congratulations!

Isaac Potter—son of Nicole & Craig Potter

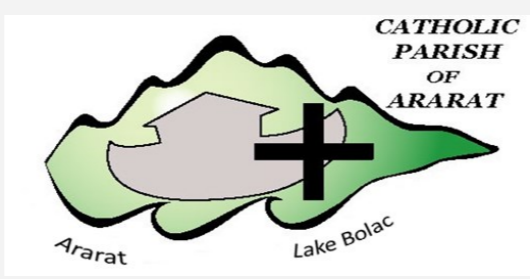
Prayer of Pope Francis for the Year of Mercy

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 3rd	9.30am	Ararat
Wed 4th	9.30am	Ararat
Thurs 5th	9.30am	Ararat
Fri 26th	6.00pm	Hopkins

A VOCATION VIEW

It is not that talents add up to a vocation; but that a Vocation brings talents. The Spirit of God lives within you!

"I see the church as a field hospital after battle. It is useless to ask a seriously injured person if he has high cholesterol and about the level of his blood sugars. You have to heal his wounds. Then we can talk about everything else."

Read 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

Eucharistic Minister
As you will notice, we are in need of some Eucharistic Ministers for **Sunday May 8th**—if someone would like to volunteer—that would be great. Many Thanks!

World Youth Day
"I was overwhelmed to receive \$841.50 from the Parish and Lake Bolac. I would like to thank everyone so very much for their support especially the CWL in Ararat" (From Chloe Mason who is going to represent Ararat at WYD in Poland this July. A copy of Chloe's speech is on the Foyer Notice Board. Should anyone else wish to contribute, please see Joyce at the Parish Office). **Chloe also recently received \$830 from the Ararat Parish World Youth Day Fund when money was so generously given in 2008 for the WYD that was on in Sydney. International WYD happens every 2-3 years.**

Children's Box
A very warm thank you to the person(s) who left gifts for the children's box. Parents—please feel free to have a browse and use what you wish for your child during Mass.

QR Code for young people



Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Apr 30 th	T. Gemmola	Terry Arnold	E. Shea, G. North & P. Brady	N/A	D. Dijon & M. Ryan	A&V Joyce	V. Hooper	M. Dempsey & M. Jer-ram	Jo Donnan & K. Scherger
Sun May 1 st	H. Collins	A. Collins	C. Bulger, M. de Jong & K. Chamings	H&A Collins	Pat Lardner & S. Pickering	(as above)	?	(as above)	(as above)
Sat May 7 th	P. Gemmola	Ian Brady	A. Reynolds, L. Horsman & C. McAdie	N/A	Marg Joyce	Emma Coburn & Jo Jackson	Geoff White	M. Egan & M. Brady	M. Fe Galoso & A. Galoso
Sun May 8 th	Pat Lardner	Charlie Reid	?	D&M Lister	Blessie Stoneman	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)

LAKE BOLAC—MASS
This Week
READER: M. Phillips
PRAYERS: D. Phillips
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: R. Liston
Lay Assembly: L. Breen

LAKE BOLAC—Lay Assembly
Next Week
READER: R. Liston
PRAYERS: H. Smith
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: I. Meek
Lay Assembly: John & Jane

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.


Parish Council
The Parish Council meeting is at 7pm **every fourth Thursday** of the month in the Presbytery. If you would like to be a member of the Council—please contact the Office. New members are most welcome.

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/hstvwjw> The Sunbury Men's Survivors Group can also be found on Facebook.

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