

God's Precious Little Ones

Monday May 25 is the day for the Infant Viability Bill to be debated in parliament. Last Sunday I wrote at some length about the issue of abortion and particularly about how important it is that as church we be healing people, that we not be judging or hurtful people. The Catholic Church must be concerned for all its members in these issues – genuine non-judgmental help, advice, and support is provided by the church to those who have struggled with your own decisions and who now need help and understanding. Whatever your need, the church stands ready to be with you and care for you. In this parish, likewise, I am ready to listen and to travel with you in your personal struggle. It is not my place to judge. It is for me to help you to come to healing.

Call Fr Andrew 03 5352 5460 or Centacare Ballarat 03 5327 7900

Short and Snotty to Tall and Spotty

Parent/Carer Evening

Free– May 25th 7-9pm at the Ararat Performing Arts Centre

Come to our information night for tips to increase the wellbeing of our children as they move from short and snotty to tall and spotty. Presenter **Leigh Bartlett** has a background in education, well-being and sports coaching and has practised the content on her own 5 children! She has presented many parent education sessions and truly believes that the best work happens long before our kids hit their teens.

More info? Kristy Price 03 5358 7400 or email kristy.p@grampianscommunityhealth.org.au

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 Rita—Patron Saint of Parenthood and impossible causes! Saint Rita was born Margherita Lotti in Roccaporena, Italy in 1381. The day after her baptism, Rita was surrounded by a swarm of white bees, which went in and out of her infant mouth without hurting her. Rather than being alarmed, her family believed she was marked to be virtuous and devoted to God.

National Reconciliation Week 2016: 'Our History, Our Story, Our Future'

The week of May 27 – June 3 is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can join the national reconciliation effort. See the Reconciliation Australia website for more information www.reconciliation.org.au/nrw/

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, 22 May 2016: The Most Holy Trinity - 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 **Prv 8:22-31**

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 8:4-9. R. v.2**

(R.) O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

1. When I see the heavens, the work of your hands, the moon and the stars which you arranged, what is man that you should keep him in mind, mortal man that you care for him? **(R.)**
2. Yet you have made him little less than a god; with glory and honour you crowned him, gave him power over the works of your hand, put all things under his feet. **(R.)**
3. All of them, sheep and cattle, yes, even the savage beasts, birds of the air, and fish that make their way through the waters. **(R.)**

Second Reading **Rom 5:1-5**

Gospel Acclamation **See Apoc 1:8**

Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Jn 16:12-15**

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21st/22nd May 2016

RECENT DEATHS:

Tom Rees and Bianca Bulger

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mary Stevens, James Kelly, Cataldo Busittil, Margaret Dowd, Theophilus Coker, Bertha Coker, Josephine Coker, Joseph Coker Sabina Coker, Mick Schwab, Kathleene Creenaune, Redmond O'Halloran, Mary Lewer, Patsy Hinchey, Peter O'Rorke, Jennifer Laidlaw, Peggy McAdie, Gladys Lister, Fr Laurie Gallagher, Eva Neulist, Brian Carr, Harold Hockley, Josip Curak, Bridget Thistlethwaite, Phillip Shields

SICK:

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

Please Pray for the Intentions of:

Libby Shea

Baptisms: Welcome to the World!

Christian and Sienna Bullock—children of Jamie-Lee & Adam Bullock

Confirmation:

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

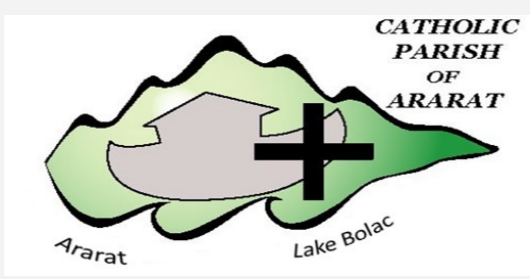
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Office Hours
Tues/Wed/Fri 9am—2pm

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 24th	9.30am	Ararat
Fri 27th	6.00pm	Hopkins

Funerals

Mon 23rd	11am	Tom Rees
Wed 25th	11am	Bianca Bulger

T.R. Quarterly Figures

January to March 2016

Church	IN	Out
	\$21,294.67	\$19,531.98

A VOCATION VIEW

Human beings establish lasting loving bonds. But the Trinity shows us perfect love: you, God and neighbour. There's nothing more than love.

There is a need for financial reform along ethical lines that would produce in its turn an economic reform to benefit everyone. This would nevertheless require a courageous change of attitude on the part of political leaders.

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

Tom Rees

The Parish Team would like to acknowledge the tireless work Tom did for the Finance Committee at St. Mary's Parish over the years. There wasn't a question he couldn't tackle. We recently discussed having a little info in the bulletin regarding some Finance figures for the Parish, so as a nod to Tom we will have the **T. R. Quarterly Figures** section for you. We mourn his loss and pass our condolences on to Jan and his family.

Welsh Blessing

"Wishing you a house full of sunshine,
Hearts full of cheer,
Love that grows deeper
each day of the year"

Joke of the Week

19 Paddies go to a cinema. The ticket lady asks "Why so many of you", Mick replies "The film says 18 and over".

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.

QR Code for young people



Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat May 21st	C. Brennan	Kevin Joyce	H&A Collins & M. Mason	N/A	Geoff White & M. Ryan	B. Rieniets & P. Brady	G. White & C. Brennan	M. Cunningham	?
Sun May 22nd	Pat Lardner	Rachel Cooper	M. Cunningham, C. Reid & Sr. J. Spurr	A-M Joyce	D. Dijon & S. Pickering	(as above)	John Pola		
Sat May 28th	J. Start	Jenny McAloon	?	N/A	R&M Jerram	The Arnold Family, T. Weeks & C. Martin	?	T. Gemmola	P. Weeks
Sun May 29th	J. Clery	T. Gemmola	P. Brady, Sr. Maree & J. Start	Elizabeth Shea	Elizabeth Shea	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)

LAKE BOLAC—MASS

This Week

READER: H. Smith
PRAYERS: Jane Higgins
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: D. Haslett
CLEANING: H. Smith

LAKE BOLAC—MASS

Next Week

READER: R. Phillips
PRAYERS: T. Higgins
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: John Higgins
CLEANING: C. Peacock

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee will meet next Tuesday May 24th at 5.30pm in the Presbytery

Rural Australians for Refugees

The next meeting will be on **June 17 at 7pm** in the Uniting Church Hall. All welcome.

Women's Auxiliary, St. Bernard's Church—Lake Bolac

The Women's Auxiliary Group will hold their Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm in Helen Smith's house on Tuesday May 31st in Lake Bolac.

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

CARITAS

A very big and warm thank you to all those who gave so generously to Project Compassion/Caritas. This year the parish raised **\$2126.50!**



CWL

The Catholic Women's League meet on the **second** Tuesday of every month. Venue Parish Centre



Grandmother's Club

The GM Club meet on the **second** Wednesday of every month. Venue TBC



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