

Syrian Ration Challenge:

From June 19-25 Rose Rowe, Gabriel Tonks and Teresa Tonks will be taking part in the Refugee Ration Challenge. They will be provided with the same ration pack provided to refugees in Jordan and will be asked to survive on these rations for the week. Sound challenging? Here's what they've got to survive on.

- Rice 1920g
- Flour 400g
- Lentils 170g
- Dried chick peas 85g
- Tinned sardines 125g
- Tinned kidney beans 400g
- Vegetable Oil 300ml

See more at: <https://actforpeace.rationchallenge.org.au/the-challenge-explained/whats-in-the-kit#sthash.lj5F6EDG.dpuf>

If you would like to support them go to the following links:

Actforpeace.rationchallenge.org.au/fundraisers/teresaduffy or

Actforpeace.rationchallenge.org.au/fundraisers/gabrieltonks or

Actforpeace.rationchallenge.org.au/fundraisers/roserowe

Good luck to all of them!

Rural Australians for Refugees

The next meeting will be on **June 15 at 7pm** in the Uniting Church Hall. All welcome.

Why Four Gospels? Public Lecture

The Institute for Religion and Critical Inquiry is hosting a public lecture by Professor Francis Watson on "Why Four Gospels?". June 8, 2015 from 6.00pm – 7.30pm at ACU Melbourne. For more information, registration and catering requirements, email: ACUFPTRSVP@acu.edu.au. Flyer attached.

Saint of the week: St. Boniface of Mainz—Birth 675, Death 754. Patron Saint of Brewers & World Youth day. Winfrith had expected to return to England from Friesland (in what is now Holland) in triumph. He had left the land where he was a respected scholar, teacher, and priest because he was convinced he was called to missionary work. He had argued and pestered his abbot into letting him go because he would gain greater success for God in foreign lands. He had abandoned a successful, safe life in his mid-forties to win souls for God.

Joke of the Week : A woman visited a pet shop and spotted a beautiful parrot for sale for \$50. "Why so little?" she asked the owner. The owner said "Look I should tell you this bird lived in a house of ill repute and sometimes said some pretty vulgar stuff". The woman thought about this, but decided to buy the bird anyway. She took it home and waited for it to say something. The bird looked around the living room, then at her, and said: "New house, new madam." The woman was a bit shocked at the implication, but thought, "that's not really so bad".

When her two teenage daughters returned from school the bird saw them and said: "New house, new madam, new girls." The girls and the woman were a bit offended but they laughed, considering where the parrot had been raised. Moments later, the woman's husband came home from work. The bird looked at him and said: "Hi, Keith!"

Walk-4-One Lunch

St Michael's Parish, Bungaree presents "Walk-4-One" lunch with guest speaker, Sam Clear, on Sunday, June 19, 2016. Sam, a young Tasmanian, pledged himself to a mission: he would walk around the world in an effort to urge and inspire all Christians to unite. Tickets available from Amanda Elliott ph. 0427 713064 or amanda@rumerz.com.au.

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, 5 Jun 2016:

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 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 1 Kgs 17:17-24

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 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 you have changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading Gal 1:11-19

Gospel Acclamation Lk 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 7:11-17

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4th/5th June 2016

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES:

John Brennan, Peggy Schwab, Sr. Imelda O'Collins, Terry Dutton-Bottoms, Winifred Murphy, Margaret Overington, Nancy Marx, Elizabeth Nyikos, Fr John Smith, Elizabeth Smith, Peter Pola, Eileen Downes, Ethel Foran, Matthew Joyce, Wilma Rowe, Archbishop James Goold, Jean Overington, Michael Pashula, Kath Coughlin

SICK:

Frank Dempsey, Maurice Rutter, Shirley Billet, Kerrie Mulcahy, Natasha Martens.

Please Pray for the Intentions of:

Libby Shea

Baptisms: Welcome to the World!

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

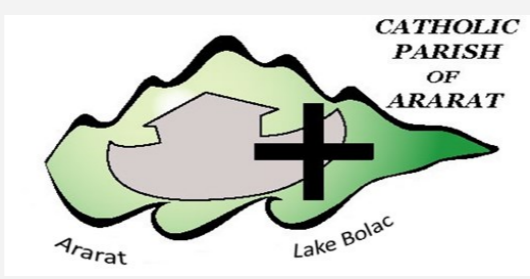
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Office Hours
Tues/Wed/Fri 9am—2pm

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 7th June	9.30am	Convent Exposition straight after
Wed 8th	9.30am	Convent
Thurs 9th June	9.30am	Convent
Fri 10th June	6.00pm	Hopkins

Presbytery Security

This week we had a humble break-in at the presbytery. A small amount of money was taken and no damage was done so we can be thankful. While we will take steps to have better locks on the windows this might be a reminder to everyone who uses the presbytery (counters and other groups who have meetings in the front room) to ensure that the front door is locked and lights are off when you leave. For my part I am thankful for the fantastic work and support of the police. Let us pray for the person responsible, for fairness and justice and wholeness and a return to good choices.

A VOCATION VIEW

"Have you done enough converting to be serious about following Jesus? Like John, "...go before the Lord to prepare his ways"

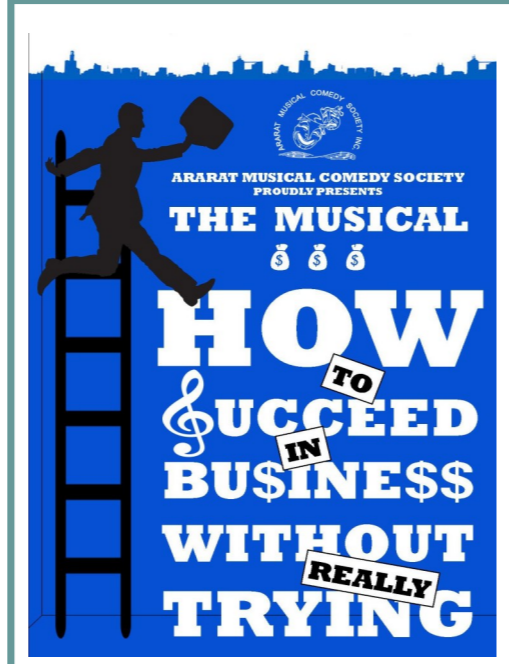
"Money has to serve, not to rule"

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



2016 DATES:

8pm Saturday, June 18th
1:30pm Sunday, June 19th
8pm Friday, June 24th
8pm Saturday, June 25th
1:30pm Sunday, June 26th

Ararat Performing Arts Centre
(Staring our very own Parish Secretary—AS a Secretary!)

Bookings: www.stagecenta.com
Stagecenta Hotline (02) 6253 1454
or in person at the Ararat Performing Arts Centre

QR Code for young people

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Jun 4 th	?	Peter Brady	A. Reynolds, L. Horsman & C. McAdie	N/A	Marg Joyce & M. Ryan	J. Clarke, C. Bush & J. Clery	?	M. Lister & Anne Joyce	Jo Donnan & K. Scherger
Sun Jun 5 th	J. Start	Christine Bulger	C. Bulger, M. de Jong & K. Chamings	Jewell Start	Pat Lardner & S. Pickering	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Jun 11 th	Peter Brennan	Pat McAloon	M. McDougall (2 more needed)	N/A	Geoff White	G. Carmichael, B. Holland & P. McAloon	Geoff. White	G. O'Loughlan	M. Fe Galoso & A. Galoso
Sun Jun 12 th	J. Clery	Nicole Potter	G. O'Loughlan, N. Billingsley & T. Rees	?	Lois Rowe	(as above)	V. Hooper	(as above)	(as above)

LAKE BOLAC—MASS

This Week

READER: Jane Higgins
PRAYERS: I. Meek
EUCCHARISTIC
MINISTER: M. Phillips
CLEANING: J. Aldous

LAKE BOLAC—Lay Assembly

Next Week

READER: T. Higgins
PRAYERS: A_M Randall
EUCCHARISTIC
MINISTER: Jane Higgins
Lay Assembly Irene & Rosemary

MEETINGS & EVENTS

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: The Exposition will be held for 1 hour after the 9.30am Mass on the **FIRST** Tuesday of each month (starting on Tuesday 7th June) during the winter months in the Chapel of the Convent

Planned Giving Envelopes

Time has flown and the next lot of Planned Giving Envelopes will be ready for collection next week. Let Joyce know in the office if you would like a receipt. As the envelopes are quite heavy, it is just too expensive to post them out so if you could collect them next week from the baskets in the Church Foyer—that would be great. Many thanks!

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.



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 Bernadette Harrington's Home



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