



Here in the parish office we thought this cartoon worthy of reprinting. Steve Sack is an American cartoonist who won a 2013 Pulitzer Prize for editorial cartooning. He is editorial cartoonist for the Minneapolis Star Tribune. (startribune.com)

Liturgy Formation 2016 / Launch of Let the Children Come

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!

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission will be presenting Liturgy Formation sessions in the diocese in 2016 on *Funeral Ministry, Formation for Lectors* and the launch of the sacramental program, "Let the Children Come" - July 24 at Birchip Parish, August 7 at Ararat Parish and August 21 at Hamilton Parish. As this day includes the launch of "Let the Children Come", all parishioners are strongly encouraged to attend and especially all readers. More information is available from the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au. Registration form on foyer

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, 12 Jun 2016:
Eleventh 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.

11th/12th June 2016

RECENT DEATHS:

John Joseph Gleeson (Perth)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Elizabeth Nichols, Don Reynolds, Kathie Hennessy, David Wilson, Elizabeth Donovan, John Peters, Frank Tellefson, Nola Walker, Fr Tom Russell, Fr Patrick Downes, Alma McLoughlin, Pat O'Neill, Laurie Higgins, John Smerdon, Margaret Bushick, Fr Michael Jones, Margaret Sullivan

SICK:

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

Please Pray for the Intentions of:

Libby Shea

Baptisms: Welcome to the World!

Elijah Lewis— Son of Amy and Adam Lewis.

Confirmation:

First Reading 2 Sm 12:7-10. 13

Responsorial Psalm Ps 31:1-2. 5. 7. 11. R. see v.5

(R.) Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.

1. Happy the man whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted. O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile. (R.)

2. But now I have acknowledged my sins: my guilt I did not hide. I said 'I will confess my offence to the Lord.' And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin. (R.)

3. You are my hiding place, O Lord; you save me from distress.

You surround me with cries of deliverance. (R.)

4. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just! O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart. (R.)

Second Reading Gal 2:16. 19-21

Gospel Acclamation 1 Jn 4:10

Alleluia, alleluia!

God first loved us

and sent his Son to take away our sins.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 7:36 – 8:3

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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,

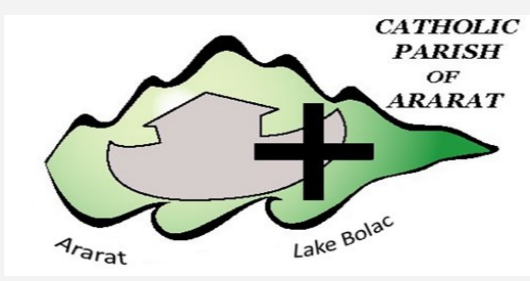
proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,

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

Wed 15th	9.00am	Convent (note time change)
Thurs 16th June	9.30am	Convent
Fri 17th June	9.00am	Church with Marian College

Fr Andrew's Holidays

Fr Andrew will be away from the parish from Friday June 17 until Saturday July 22. While he is away Fr Peter Wood will be in the parish from Friday night until Sunday lunch each week. He will be available for funerals when necessary. All contacts will still be made through the parish office in the usual manner.

A Petition in Support of Refugees

A worthy petition to sign—it's on the notice board in the Church in Ararat with a pen right beside.

A VOCATION VIEW

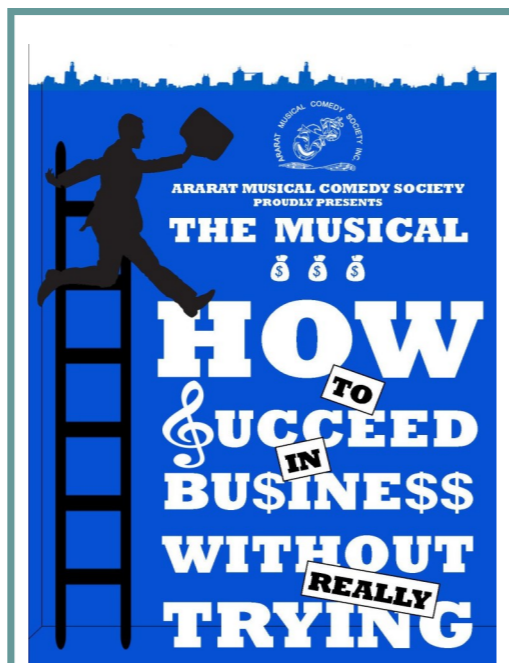
Can you imagine Jesus, facing His fate in the Garden of Gethsemane, deciding, "No, I'll not go through with this?" No, vocation means perseverance.

"You cannot be in a position of power and destroy the life of another person"
Read more at more at -Pope Francis @Pontifex 2016

St. Mary's Parish

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Ararat, 3377 Ararat, 3377

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
(Starring 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

Church Toilets

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Jun 11th	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 12th	J. Clery	Nicole Potter	G. O'Loughlan, N. Billingsley	?	Lois Rowe	(as above)	V. Hooper	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Jun 18th	?	Kevin Joyce	H&A Collins & M. Mason	N/A	D. Dijon & Sr Maree	A&V Joyce	Geoff White	B. Perovich & Marilyn Brady	?
Sun Jun 19th	?	Charlie Reid	M. Cunningham, C. Reid & Sr. J. Spurr	Margaret Olle	L&D Anderson	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)

LAKE BOLAC—Lay Assembly
This Week

READER: T. Higgins
PRAYERS: A-M Randall
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Jane Higgins
Lay Assembly: Irene & Rosemary

LAKE BOLAC—MASS
Next Week

READER: M-A Otto
PRAYERS: R. Liston
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: R. Smith
CLEANING: R. Liston

MEETINGS & EVENTS

CWL Meeting

The next CWL meeting will be held in the Parish Centre on Tuesday June 14th at 1.30pm.



Weekly Times Article

Did you see Ararat featured in the Weekly Times this week? "In Ararat, local Christian communities – Catholics, Uniting Churches etc – have contributed \$7000 to help build a mosque there ... The people in Ararat united to stand and support their Muslim community." The article quotes Mayor Paul Hooper saying, "... There's no community that's worked harder at breaking down barriers than our Muslims ... They have opened their houses and their places of worship, they have offered meals in the community." The article finishes with "in times when we see disturbing images of people fighting on our city streets over immigration and racism, it is important to remember that some are choosing trust over fear."

Planned Giving Envelopes & PG Bingo

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! We have the following envelopes without a Planned Giver so if your favourite number is below and you'd like to pick one and go on the program—see Joyce in the office! 20, 35, 55, 78, 85, 121, 137, 139, 146, 147, 149, 150.



WINTER APPEAL 2016

We are asking for your unwavering support once again for the St. Vincent de Paul Society's Winter Appeal. It is hoped that parishioners will donate food, blankets, clothing and/or a cash donation. Special envelopes are in a marked basket in the Church foyer.

You can then pop your envelope into the Church collection baskets and the Church office will pass them on to Vinnies in Barkly St or you can pop the envelope into the Vinnies shop itself. **All funds raised in Ararat STAY local.** Last year the Victorian V de P Conferences provided over \$10 million in assistance to people in need.

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