

### Joke of the week:

An older couple were lying in bed one night. The husband was falling asleep, but the wife was in a romantic mood and wanted to talk. "You used to hold my hand while we were courting", she said. Wearily, the man reached across, held her hand for a second, then tried to get back to sleep. A few moments later she said: "Then you used to kiss me".

Mildly irritated, he rolled over, gave her a peck on the cheek—and settled back down to sleep. Thirty seconds later she said: "Then you used to bite my neck". Angrily the man threw back the covers and got out of bed. "Where are you going?" his wife asked in surprise. "To get my teeth!".

### Saint of the week:

St. Thomas was born a Jew and was called to be one of the twelve Apostles. His birth and death dates are unknown, but his feast day is celebrated July 3. He lived before the formal establishment of the Catholic Church but is recognized as the patron saint of architects.

He was a dedicated but impetuous follower of Christ. When Jesus said He was returning to Judea to visit His sick friend Lazarus, Thomas immediately exhorted the other Apostles to accompany Him on the trip which involved certain danger and possible death because of the mounting hostility of the authorities.

At the Last Supper, when Christ told His disciples that He was going to prepare a place for them to which they also might come because they knew both the place and the way, Thomas pleaded that they did not understand and received the beautiful assurance that Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

St. Thomas is best known for his role in verifying the Resurrection of his Master. Thomas' unwillingness to believe that the other Apostles had seen their risen Lord on the first Easter Sunday earned him the title of "doubting Thomas."

### Heating Strategy!

The heaters in the Church will be turned on every Saturday Morning and need to be switched off after Mass on Sunday Morning. The parish office will look after Friday mornings but we would like to ask some parishioners to make sure they are switched off on Sunday after the 10.30am Mass. We shall also aim to turn on the fans in the Choir Loft so that the warm air circulates.

### menALIVE Men's Weekend - Hamilton—on very soon!

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

### Church Toilets

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

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, 3rd July 2016: Fourteenth 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 **Is 66:10-14**

### Responsorial Psalm **Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. v.1**

**(R.)** Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise.  
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! **(R.)**
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;  
shall sing to you, sing to your name!  
Come and see the works of God,  
tremendous his deeds among men. **(R.)**
3. He turned the sea into dry land,  
they passed through the river dry-shod.  
Let our joy then be in him;  
he rules for ever by his might. **(R.)**
4. Come and hear, all who fear God.  
I will tell what he did for my soul.  
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer  
nor withhold his love from me. **(R.)**

### Second Reading **Gal 6:14-18**

### Gospel Acclamation **Col 3:15. 16**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
and the fullness of his message live within you.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel **Lk 10:1-12. 17-20**

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### 2nd/3rd July 2016

#### RECENT DEATHS:

Fr. Mick Fitzpatrick (Brother of Jim Fitzpatrick)

#### ANNIVERSARIES:

John Tieman, Bridget Janicki, Fr Paddy Bohan, Robert Murton, Tom Gleeson, Robert Jerram, Bill Jaensch, Beryl Christian, Allen Christian, Guiseppe Bottiglieri, Mary McCormick, Gerry Oliver Margaret Pippard, David McAdie, Vincent Sertori, Mons Bill McMahon, Horace Howlett, Isabella Tonkin, Barbara McCubbin, Fr Len Monk Fr Coley McKenzie Fr Coley McKenzie

#### SICK:

Margaret Kidd, Wendy Shea, Fr. Brendan Davey, Frank Dempsey, Maurice Rutter, Shirley Billet (thank you for your continued prayers), Kerrie Mulcahy, Natasha Martens.

**Hospital:** *If you would like to receive Communion and you are in hospital—can your family member please contact the office and leave a message.*

#### Please Pray for the Intentions of:

Libby Shea

#### Baptisms: Welcome to the World!

#### 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

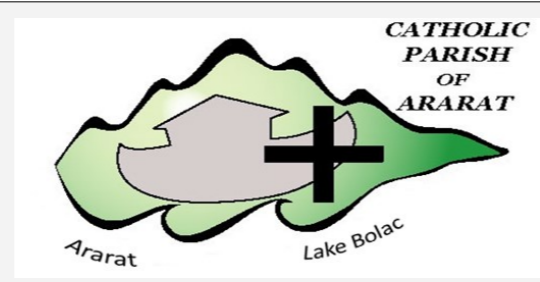
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**Office Hours**  
Tues/Wed/Fri 9am—2pm

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

	<u>Ararat</u>	<u>Lake Bola</u>
<b>Saturday</b>	6.00pm	
<b>Sunday</b>	10.30am	8.30am
<b>2nd Sunday of Every Month</b>		8.30am Lay Assembly

**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 Monday morning each week. He will be available for funerals when necessary. All contacts will still be made through the parish office in the usual manner.

**Friendly Reminder— many thanks**

If you are going in to the Presbytery for any reason when the office is unattended, please could you make sure all the lights are switched **OFF and the front door is LOCKED**. With Fr. Andrew being away and Fr. Peter Wood only in residence during the weekend—the lights may not be attended to until Tuesday by Joyce. Many thanks!

**Statue of Lady**

Our Statue of Our Lady has been located and is now back in circulation within the parish! If you would like to have it in your home, please write your name on the roster pinned to the notice board in the Church Foyer. Thank you!!

**A VOCATION VIEW**

How enjoyable to sit and talk with a friend. How vocational to sit and talk with your friend Jesus. Take time just to BE WITH Jesus.

I like it when someone tells me 'I don't agree.' This is a true collaborator. When they say 'Oh, how great, how great, how great,' that's not useful.

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

**Lay Pastoral Ministry Program**

This program offers the opportunity for lay workers (paid or volunteer) to study individual subject/s or to undertake a six subject Certification course. The first teaching cycle starts July 10th and fees can be subsidised by the Parish. Please see the Leaflet on the Church notice board.

**Berry Street—Ballarat**

"Charity begins at home" - please take a moment to read the Berry St leaflet on the notice board. The centre is a refuge for women and children fleeing family abuse and domestic violence in the Ballarat and surrounding regions. The centre has been actively helping children, young people and families recover from the devastating effects of violence, abuse and neglect since 1877. Your donation is greatly appreciated.

**Parish Office Hours in July**

Fri July 1st	9am-4pm *
Tues July 5th	CLOSED
Wed July 6th	CLOSED
Fri July 8th	10am-12pm
Tues July 12th	9am-2pm
Wed July 13th	9am-3pm *
Fri July 15th	9am-2pm
<b>Mon July 18th</b>	9am-3pm *
Tues July 19th	9am-5pm*
Wed July 20th	CLOSED
Fri July 22nd	9am-12pm

\* note change of time or day  
Back to normal hours from Tues July 26th

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Jul 2nd	J. Start	Jenny McAloon	?	N/A	M. Ryan	Rebecca Rodger & Jo Jackson	Geoff White	M. Stapleton	Jo Donnan & K. Scherger
Sun Jul 3rd	Pat Lardner	Jan Crowe	M. Cunningham, C. Reid & Sr J. Spurr	J&J Crowe	L&D Anderson	(as above)	Jim Crowe	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Jul 9th	T. Gemmola	?	A. Reynolds, L. Horsman & C. McAdie	N/A	Marg Joyce	B. Rieniets & P. Brady	V. Hooper	M. Egan & M. Brady	A. Galoso & M. Fe Galoso
Sun Jul 10th	H. Collins	A. Collins	C. Bulger, M. de Jong & K. Chamings	H&A Collins	Pat Lardner & S. Pickering	(as above)	V. Hooper	(as above)	(as above)

**LAKE BOLAC—MASS**

**This Week**

**READER:** D. Haslett

**PRAYERS:** V. Albert

**EUCCHARISTIC**

**MINISTER:** R. Liston

**CLEANING:** J. Higgins

**LAKE BOLAC—Lay Assembly**

**Next Week**

**READER:** H. Smith

**PRAYERS:** M-A Otto

**EUCCHARISTIC :**

**MINISTER:** I. Meek

**Lay Assembly:** Peter & Leanne

**MEETINGS & EVENTS**

**East Timor Appeal**

On **Sat July 2nd and Sun July 3rd** we welcome Noel Gregory who is fundraising on behalf of **Sr. Helen Nolen** (Mercy Sister originally from Chinkapook) selling hand-made ties by local women in East Timor. Sr. Helen has been working tirelessly for the past ten years helping set up preschools, buying hand-made ties from the local women so they can pay for the school fees and then on-selling the ties to folks in Australia. Sr. Helen is retiring from her post and is on her way home so this fundraiser is a "Closing down Sale" so to speak. Noel is prepared to haggle but the small ties go for as little as \$5! He will be available to barter in the Church Foyer after the evening Mass on Saturday and morning Masses in Lake Bolac and Ararat.

We thank you for your support and I are mindful of the numerous requests for donations, so we are very grateful.

**Liturgy Formation 2016 / Launch of Let the Children Come**

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](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au). Registration form on foyer



**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