

Joke of the week:

Four Catholic ladies are having coffee together. The first one says: 'My son is a priest. When he walks in a room, everyone calls him "Father".' The second lady chirps: 'My son is a bishop. When he enters a room, they say "Grace".' The third lady adds: "Well my son is a cardinal. When he walks into a room, everyone says, "Your Eminence".' The fourth lady sips her coffee in silence, so the other three give her a subtle, 'Well..?'

'My son is six foot two, wealthy and gorgeous,' she says. 'When he walks in a room, people say, "Oh my God!"'

Saint of the week: St. Veronica Giuliani, born 1660, death 1727

Capuchin mystic who had many spiritual gifts. A native of Binasco, near Milan, Italy, born in 1660, she entered the Capuchins at Cittidi Castello, Umbria, in 1677. She remained there for the rest of her [life](#) and served as [novice](#) mistress for thirty-four years. A mystic, she was the recipient of a [stigmata](#) in 1697 and visions, the accounts of which are quite detailed. She impressed her fellow [nuns](#) by remaining remarkably practical despite her numerous ecstatic experiences. Veronica was named [abbess](#) of the [convent](#) in 1716, remaining in that role until her death. She is called one of the most extraordinary mystics of her era.

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.

Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement, titled: 'A Place at the Table: Social justice in an ageing society' Copies of the statement can be ordered online <http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/>

Hamilton Parish will host a menALIVE Men's Weekend on July 30 & 31, 2016. 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. The weekend commences Saturday at 8.30am and concludes at 1.30pm on Sunday. Billed accommodation will be available. More information can be found on the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or www.stmaryshamilton.org.au or phone John Hockey, 0439319823 '.

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, 10th July 2016: Fifteenth 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 Dt 30:10-14

Responsorial Psalm Ps 68:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37.
R. see v.33

(R.) Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

1. This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. (R.)

2. As for me in my poverty and pain
let your help, O God, lift me up.
I will praise God's name with a song;
I will glorify him with thanksgiving. (R.)

3. The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains. (R.)
4. For God will bring help to [Zion](#) and rebuild the cities
of [Judah](#). The sons of his servants shall inherit it; those
who love his name shall dwell there. (R.)

Second Reading Col 1:15-20

Gospel Acclamation See Jn 6:63, 68

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 10:25-37

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9th/10th July 2016

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Jack Ryan, Maurizio Cannata, Michael McRae, Vera McAloon, Maureen McMaster, Jean Thomas, Michael Rowe, Joseph Noonan, David O'Connor, Margaret Morris, Vince Gemmola, Robert Oliver, Laurie Walsh, Brian Molony, Norma Schwab, Rem Pezzutti, Heinz Helmich, Frances Miller, Fr Bill O'Connell, Helen Grano, Helen Stevens, George Driscoll, William Smith, Fr Peter Elder, Lorna Weeding, Fr Jim Green, Margaret Skidmore, George Smythe

SICK:

Margaret Kidd, (Please pray for Margaret, especially on Friday when she is to have a major operation)

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

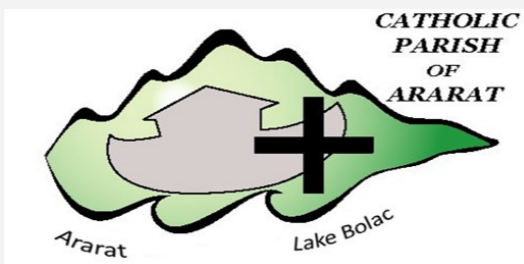
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Office Hours
Tues/Wed/Fri 9am—2pm

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

| | <u>Ararat</u> | <u>Lake Bolac</u> |
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| Saturday | 6.00pm | |
| Sunday | 10.30am | 8.30am |
| 2nd Sunday of Every Month | | 8.30am Lay Assembly |
| Tuesday | 9.30am | Word & Communion - Convent |

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

God knows what we want before we ask. God knows who we are before we discern. God invites us to pray: to ask and to discern.

“To say that you can kill in the name of God is blasphemy.”

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

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| Tues July 12th | 9am-2pm |
| Wed July 13th | 9am-3pm * |
| Fri July 15th | 9am-2pm |
| Mon July 18th | 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 |
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| Sat Jul 9 th | 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 10 th | 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) |
| Sun Jul 17 th | Pat Lardner | Rachel Cooper | ? & Tom Hogan | D&M Lister | Blessie Stoneman | (as above) | John Pola | (as above) | (as above) |
| Sat Jul 23 rd | Charlie Reid | ? | H&A Collins & M. Mason | N/A | R&M Jerram | The Arnold Family, & C. Martin | Geoff White | B. Perovich & Marilyn Brady | ? |

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

CWL Meeting, Tuesday 12th July 2016 at 1.30pm in the Parish Centre.

St Anne's Grandmothers Group Wednesday 13th June 2.00pm at Joan Bond's Queen St.

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. 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