

## MEETINGS & EVENTS

**Please Register ASAP** for the Liturgy formation Meeting on the 7th August. See white notice board in foyer.

### Join Pope Francis at World Youth Day

Live streaming of World Youth Day events from Poland is available on [www.xt3.com/live](http://www.xt3.com/live) including WYD Mass with Pope Francis (Sunday, July 31 at 6.00pm Victorian time). Videos of events also available for viewing afterwards 'on demand.' The WYD prayer and WYD news and live blog are available on the Ballarat Diocese website youth pages [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

### CWL Morning of Reflection

CWL general members invite you to a morning of reflection with Fr James Kerr at Nazareth House on Friday, August 12, 2016 at 10.00am. Morning tea available from 9.30am. There will be time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Penance. Mass will be celebrated at midday, followed by a light lunch. Bookings by Wednesday, August 10. Cost is \$12.00 per person to cover lunch, etc. We extend a warm welcome to all interested in a quiet time of reflection. Please contact Maureen, ph. 0431 273 953 or Sheila, ph. 0407 884 681. No CWL meeting on August 3.

### St Vincent de Paul Society

A significant number of our clients have expressed a desire for assistance with household budgeting. To address this need we are planning to offer sessions at our Relief Centre at O'Collins Hall on Tuesdays. Clients would meet by appointment with two volunteers. Please note this is not financial planning and all volunteers would be provided with training via the program, "Where Did All The Money Go?" designed to give volunteers knowledge of what practical assistance can be offered to people living on low incomes. If you feel that you would be interested in being part of this new and exciting initiative, you are invited to an information session at O'Collins Hall, Dawson Street, Ballarat on Wednesday, August 10 at 1.00pm. For further information contact Mary McAloon, ph. 0419 897 345

### St Mary's Church Hamilton 150th Anniversary

All are invited to celebrate the 150th anniversary of St Mary's Church Hamilton on the weekend on August 13 & 14, 2016. A celebration dinner will be held on Saturday, August 13 and Mass will be held on Sunday, August 14 at 10.30am. A complimentary lunch will follow the blessing of a commemorative stone. History tours and displays will also be a feature on the weekend. Dinner bookings can be made via [www.trybooking.com/KIZP](http://www.trybooking.com/KIZP) (follow this link – Celebration Dinner 150 Yrs – St Marys) or phone the Parish Office, ph. 5571 1161. For enquiries contact Anne Slattery, ph. 5570 8210 or 0418 370 539. Invitation on Church Notice board

### 'Staggering' and unjust indigenous jail rates

The staggering situation of Indigenous people who are in jail, despite the 1991 Royal Commission (25 years ago) follows Audrey Brown's Director's report of NAIDOC (National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee) Week. This brief is an invitation to see, and judge, before you decide on how you can act to this alarming situation and what is "becoming a national emergency for our Justice system". Flyer on Church 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, 31st Jul 2016 Eighteenth 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.

**30th/31st July 2016**

### RECENT DEATHS:

Catharina Sudaryati-July 18th (Gita Egan)

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Bill Kenyon, Les Clark, Denise Hourigan, Aileen Falvey, Sr Josephus Lannen, Peter Henderson, James Stapleton, Veronica Butler, Bishop Francis Thomas, Arthur Mark, Leila Spiller, Gina Galea, Irene Hunter, Ada Maconachie, Robert McKibbin, Stan Weeks, Robert Steer, Maureen Daly, Kenneth McAdie, Pat McDougall, Bruce Atkinson, Kevin Beer, Fr Leo McCormick, Rosalia Kolotelo, Lina Daghero and Denise Fromager

### 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 are in hospital and would like to receive Communion, could a family member please contact the office.*

**Please Pray for the Intentions of:** Libby Shea

### Baptisms: Welcome to the World!

Ezra David Baxter

### Confirmations & First Communions:

Lilly Cooper, Eoghan Purser, Eva McKinnis, Lachlan Clark, Tahliyah McAdie & Christam Castro.

**First Reading** *Ecc1 1:2; 2:21-23*

**Responsorial Psalm** *Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1*

*(R.)* In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust  
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'

To your eyes a thousand years  
are like yesterday, come and gone,  
no more than a watch in the night. *(R.)*

2. You sweep men away like a dream,  
like grass which springs up in the morning.  
In the morning it springs up and flowers:  
by evening it withers and fades. *(R.)*

3. Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?  
Show pity to your servants. *(R.)*

4. In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands. *(R.)*

**Second Reading** *Col 3:1-5, 9-11*

**Gospel Acclamation** *Mt 5:3*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

**Gospel** *Lk 12:13-21* Copyright ICEL Used

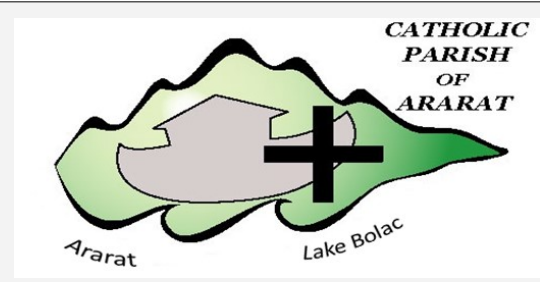
### **Prayer of Pope Francis for the Year of Mercy**

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

**CHURCHES -** Immaculate Conception, Ararat  
St. Bernard's, Lake Bolac

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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
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	9.30am	Convent (followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament)
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	9.30am	Convent
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> August	9.30am	Convent

**A VOCATION VIEW**

Another sign of Vocation is that your heart is more intent on things of heaven rather than on things of earth. God is everything: the only thing.

**Welcome All!**

A very warm welcome to all those visiting St. Mary's this weekend joining in the celebration of the Sacraments.

“Dear young people, do not bury your talents, the gifts that God has given you! Do not be afraid to dream of great things!”

Read more at more at -Pope Francis @Pontifex 2016

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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

**Saint of the week:**

St. Ignatius Loyola, Feast day July 31st, Patron Saint of Educators and Education.

B—1491 D-1556 Born Inigo Lopez de Loyola in 1491, the man known as Ignatius of Loyola entered the world in Loiola, Spain. At the age of sixteen, he began a short period of employment working for Juan Velazquez, the treasurer of Castile. By the time he was eighteen, he became a soldier and would fight for Antonio Manrique de Lara, Duke of Nájera and Viceroy of Navarre. Seeking wider acclaim, he began referring to himself as Ignatius. Ignatius was a variant of Inigo. The young Ignatius also gained a reputation as a duelist. According to one story, he killed a Moor with whom he argued about the divinity of Jesus. Ignatius fought in several battles under the leadership of the Duke of Najera. He had a talent for emerging unscathed, despite participating in many battles. His talent earned him promotions and soon he commanded his own troops. In 1521, while defending the town of Pamplona against French attack, Ignatius was struck by a cannonball in the legs. One leg was merely broken, but the other was badly mangled. To save his life and possibly his legs, doctors performed several surgeries. There were no anesthetics during this time, so each surgery was painful.

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Jul 30 <sup>th</sup>	C. Brennan	Kevin Joyce	?	N/A	Margaret Ryan	A&V Joyce & C. Brennan	?	M. Jerram	?
Sun Jul 31 <sup>st</sup>	J. Clery	Pat Lardner	P. Brady, Sr. Maree & J. Start	Elizabeth Shea	Elizabeth Shea & P. Lardner	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Aug 6 <sup>th</sup>	?	Mardi McOwan	A. Reynolds, L. Horsman & C. McAdie	N/A	R&M J erram	I. Brady, P. Gemmola & L. Styles	?	M. Cunningham	Jo Donnan & K. Scherger
Sun Aug 7 <sup>th</sup>	J. Start	Peter Brady	C. Bulger, M. de Jong & K. Chamings	Jewell Start	Pat Lardner & S. Pickering	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)

**LAKE BOLAC—MASS**

**This Week**

**READER:** D. Phillips  
**PRAYERS:** K. Gleeson  
**EUCCHARISTIC**  
**MINISTER:** D. Haslett  
**CLEANING:** L. Breen

**LAKE BOLAC—MASS**

**Next Week**

**READER:** M. Phillips  
**PRAYERS:** K. Gleeson  
**EUCCHARISTIC :**  
**MINISTER:** L. Breen  
**CLEANING:** M-A Otto

**Building Bridges Rather than Walls**

The murder of Fr. Jacques Hamel in France this week was horrifying wasn't it! In my reading this week I came across a reflection by Fr Rod Bower of the Anglican Parish of Gosford, NSW. Among his reflection were these two statements:

- Fr. Jacques lived his life committed to the way of peace, forgiveness and reconciliation, a life dedicated to the building of bridges rather than walls. Our response to his death must honor his life and the teachings of his master.
- To use the murder of Fr. Jacques to vilify Islam and further marginalize the Muslim community is to dishonor his life and everything the Christian priesthood should stand for. It is in every way an illegitimate response. I choose to pay tribute to him and to honor his life by living the teachings of the one we both serve. The Prince of Peace.

#lamPriest Anglican Parish of Gosford

**Joke of the week:**

“Dear God, so far today I have done alright, I haven't gossiped, I haven't lost my temper, I haven't been greedy or grumpy, Or nasty, selfish or over indulgent. I'm very thankful for that, but in a few minutes God I'm going to get out of bed And from then on I'm probably going to need a lot more help! AMEN!”