

## JUSTICE MATTERS

Welcome to our new column where we will discuss issues of justice in our world and how it relates to Catholic Social Teaching.

What is Catholic Social Teaching?

Catholic Social Teaching sums up the teachings of the Church on issues of justice between groups in society. It seeks to bring the light of the Gospel to bear on the social justice issues that arise in the complex network of relationships in which we live.

Catholic Social Teaching promotes a vision of a just society that is grounded in biblical revelation, the teachings of the leaders of the early church, and in the wisdom gathered from experience by the Christian community as it has tried to respond to social justice issues through history. It draws on the sources of Scripture, tradition, reason and experience.

Over the coming weeks, we will look at justice issues and how it effects are sisters and brothers.

### Justice and Christian Living

This week the Parish Council listed the things that our parish is doing in support of the Church's preferential option for the poor. Would you like to support one or more of these efforts?

**Mosque:** Over 18 months we have raised \$8,000 for the about-to-be-built mosque in Ararat. We have had the local Muslims proclaim their sacred scripture from our pulpit. We are making a deliberate effort to promote friendship and good will.

**Prisoners:** We continue to serve the prisoners with six parishioners involved in this ministry.

**Refugees:** We continue to have a number of parishioners involved with our Rural Australians for Refugees group and have offered them office / storage space in our presbytery alongside the parish office. Our belief is that the RAR are teaching us valuable lessons about being church.

**East Timor:** Over 12 months we have hosted two fundraising efforts for people in East Timor.

**Women:** We are currently collecting handbags and filling them with goods for women under the "Share the Dignity" initiative. The parish priest proudly claims to have just purchased \$100 worth of tampons, something he had never done before! We are making a particular effort to befriend the Muslim women in our community.

**India:** The Lake Bolac community has been collecting for Sr Gottfrieda's mission in India for 30 years. In addition to money there is regular correspondence as to what is happening in the mission.

**Alienation and Poverty:** The parish receives some recompense for the time given to prison ministry. This money is used to address the existence of alienation and poverty, which often become the catalysts for prison sentencing. Money has gone to the mosque, East Timor, Share the Dignity.

**Asylum Seekers:** Sr Brigid Arthur is coming to speak to the parish and to help us to place the plight of refugees and asylum seekers into a Christian framework. Fr Andrew is setting up a series of fundraising concerts for asylum seekers.

**The Recycling Nun:** Sr John Spurr is the angel of recycling at Marian College. She is often to be found upended in wheelie bins sorting the recycling. Sr John is the key driver of the environmental face of justice. Her coffee mug is a recycling bin!

**Sunday Bulletin:** It is envisaged that we will have regular awareness raising articles on the weekly bulletin. Education is important.

**Vinnies:** Our parishioners continue to have a very active Vinnies Conference and Shop including sharing the emergency care duties among the churches.

**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, 28 Aug 2016  
Twenty-second 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.

27th/28th August 2016

### RECENT DEATHS:

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Peter Shea, John Thomas, Sarah McKibbin, Ruby Davey  
Cecelia Moran, Ivy Mullins, Claire Miles, John Keogh,  
Lawrence Keogh, Dominic Keogh, Irene Hockley, Kathleen  
Kennedy, Leo Stevens Jnr, Fr John Shelley, Harriet  
O'Boyle, Vincent Kennedy, Belinda Hearn, Mary Canty  
Daniel (Mick) Roche, Daniel (Mick) Roche, Martin Downes,  
Karen Vann, Gayle Harris, Patrick Harrington, Lisa Van  
Der Spank, Amy Dempsey, Arthur Clark, Frank Fitzpatrick,  
Norman Leggett, Neil Byrne, Kath Walker, Annie  
McNamara

### SICK:

Margaret Kidd, Wendy Shea, 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:

**Baptisms: Welcome to the World!**

### Confirmations & First Communions:

**First Reading** Sir 3:17-20, 28-29

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 67:4-7. 10-11. R. v.11

(R.) God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy.

O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. (R.)

2. Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place.

God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. (R.)

3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life. It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. (R.)

**Second Reading** Heb 12:18-19, 22-24

**Gospel Acclamation** Mt 11:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you;  
learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel** Lk 14:1. 7-14

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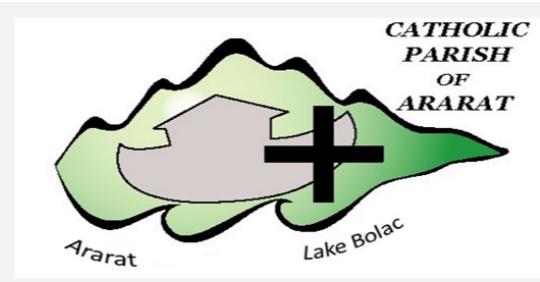
### **Prayer of Pope Francis for the Year of Mercy**

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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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 30 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Convent
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Convent
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Convent
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>	6pm	Hopkins

**A VOCATION VIEW**

Jesus keeps saying, "Let go. Come, follow me." If your pride is holding you back, or if you're looking for exaltation, let go. Come, follow His way.

**Church Toilets**

All children—Primary school age and under— must be accompanied by an adult. Thank you for your understanding.

**"If we destroy Creation, it will destroy us"**  
Read more at more at **-Pope Francis @Pontifex 2016**

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Download newsletter—www.smararat.catholic.edu.au  
**PRINCIPAL MARIAN COLLEGE:** Mrs Carmel Barker  
Download newsletter—www.mcararat.catholic.edu.au  
**PARISH SECRETARY:** Ms Joyce Clery

**Sacrament program**

There are numerous children now enrolled on the "Live Your Christian Life" Sacrament program. We shall be streamlining the logistics of this program but should you wish to enrol your child please contact the office on 03 53525460. Or email Ararat@ballarat.catholic.org.au to register for the next meeting with Fr. Andrew. There are boxes with ribbons in the foyer and these represent the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. 7 Gifts are contained in these boxes for the children receiving their Sacraments. Thanks to the Grade 3/4 over at St. Mary's Primary School.



**Saint of the week:**

St. Augustine of Hippo, Patron Saint of Brewers. Death 430

St. Augustine of Hippo is the patron of brewers because of his conversion from a former life of loose living, which included parties, entertainment, and worldly ambitions. His complete turn-around and conversion has been an inspiration to many who struggle with a particular vice or habit they long to break!

His famous quote is "Lord make me perfect, but not yet"

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Aug 27 <sup>th</sup>	C. Brennan	Rachel Cooper		N/A	Marg Joyce & M. Ryan	The Arnold Family & C. Martin		M. Lister & Anne Joyce	
Sun Aug 28 <sup>th</sup>	Pat Lardner	Jan Crowe	P. Brady, Sr. Maree & J. Start	J&J Crowe	L&D Anderson	(as above)	Jim Crowe & V. Hooper	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Sep 3 <sup>rd</sup>	C. Brennan	G. North	H&A Collins		Marg Joyce & M. Ryan	J. Clarke, C. Bush & J. Clery	G. White	M. Stapleton	Jo Donnan & K. Scherger
Sun Sep 4 <sup>th</sup>	P. Lardner	M. McQwan	G. O'Loughlin, N. Billingsly & S. Reid	J&J Crowe	L&D Anderson	(as above)	Jim Crowe	(as above)	(as above)

**LAKE BOLAC—MASS**

**MASS**  
**READER:** L. Breen  
**PRAYERS:** J. Aldous  
**EUCCHARISTIC**  
**MINISTER:** P. Upton  
**CLEANING:** C. Peacock

**LAKE BOLAC—MASS**

**MASS**  
**READER:** Jane Higgins  
**PRAYERS:** V. Albert  
**EUCCHARISTIC :**  
**MINISTER:** M. Phillipps  
**CLEANING:** H. Smith

**Joke of the week**

An elderly gent was trying to set a password on his computer.  
**Windows:** Please enter your new password **User:** cabbage  
**Windows:** Sorry the password must be more than eight characters **User:** boiled cabbage  
**Windows:** Sorry, the password must contain one numerical character.  
**User:** 1 boiled cabbage  
**Windows:** Sorry the password cannot have blank spaces **User:** 50boiledcabbages  
**Windows:** Sorry, the password must contain at least one upper case character.  
**User:** 50BLOODYboiledcabbagesShovedWhereTheSunDon'tShineGiveMeAcessNow!  
**Windows:** Sorry that password is already in use.

**ROSTERS**—please note the same parishioners are on both weekends due to the start of the new roster. Apologies for any inconvenience

Its Roster season again and the Parish Council have been working hard to put the next 6 months worth of rosters together. If you have given the office your email then you should receive a copy early next week. There will be a hard copy on the Church notice board for you to peruse but if you would like a copy—please see Joyce in the office.



**HANDBAGS WANTED!**

If anyone has a bag/s or backpack in good condition for me to fill with everyday essentials for homeless men and women to be given out for Christmas (Collection is by end of October), please hand them in to Joyce at the Parish Office. For more information as to what could go into the bag, please see the flyer on the Church Notice Board. Thank you—EMMA COBURN