

Fr Andrew's New Concert – Sunday November 6, 4.30pm, Parish Centre

Boundless Plains – The Spoken Word – is a series of concerts to raise funds for the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre. Each concert will be a recital of Andrew's favourite poetry, featuring the works of Banjo Paterson among others. The recital promises to be high octane, to be poetry as you may not have heard it before and will feature the sublimely talented Joyce Clery. If you've not seen Joyce in concert you've missed something astonishing. Preshow drinks and nibbles will feature the award winning wines of Best's of Great Western. Donations at the Door \$10 and beyond. Primary Children Free

Andrew does ask that you let him know you're coming. Locals can add their names to a list in the church foyers. Others can email frandrewboundlessplains@gmail.com

Lake Bolac—Ecumenical Social Afternoon

St. Bernard's Ecumenical Social Afternoon will be celebrated on **Friday September 30th at 2pm**. Guest speaker is **Pat Lardner**. Afternoon tea provided, all welcome.

Vinnies Conference

The Vinnies Conference wish to thank the parents and children of St Mary's for your generosity in contributing to the annual appeal for the poor. The school has decided to name this annual appeal the Fr Brendan Davey St Vincent de Paul Appeal. Thankyou everyone.

Lay Pastoral Ministry Program - start in October or next year.

The Lay Pastoral Ministry Program offers low-cost opportunities for online study and formation for lay workers in the diocese, both employees and volunteers. The **October** study cycle starts soon so **contact us now** - or you can start next year. If you are interested, first check out the details on the diocesan website (link to Lay Pastoral Ministry Program at bottom right of front page), then contact Amanda Smith, ph: 5337 7125, email: amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Information for Parents about Safe Schools Coalition Australia

The Australian Catholic Bishops Commission for Family, Youth and Life have published information for parents regarding the Safe Schools Coalition Australia program being conducted in government schools. More information is available from the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Beyond the Year of Mercy

A retreat afternoon, which is open to all adults, is to be held at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Ballarat on Sunday, October 30, 2016 from 1.30pm concluding with 5.00pm Mass. The afternoon will be led by Sr Veronica Lawson, a Sister of Mercy from Ballarat, biblical scholar and author of "Blessings of Mercy." Registrations through the Cathedral Parish Office ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5331 2933.

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, 18th September 2016 Twenty-fifth 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 **Am 8:4-7**

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 112:1-2. 4-8. R. see vv.1. 7**

(R.) Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore! **(R.)**

2. High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth? **(R.)**

3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the dungheap he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people. **(R.)**

Second Reading **1 Tm 2:1-8**

Gospel Acclamation **2 Cor 8:9**

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Lk 16:1-13**

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17th/18th September 2016

RECENT DEATHS:

Graham Carmichael

ANNIVERSARIES:

Alice Harrington, William Sea, Mona Hoane, George Brady
Fr Peter Claridge, Jim Sanders, Joseph Nunan, Enid Froggatt, James Hogan, David Sweeney, Nell Smith, Nicholas Dempsey, Marc Watson, Mary Brick, Robert Milesi, Bill McKinnon, Alice Parker, Jack Parker

SICK:

Ena Harrison, 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:

Penny Bulger—daughter of Christine and Mark Bulger. Congratulations Penny!

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

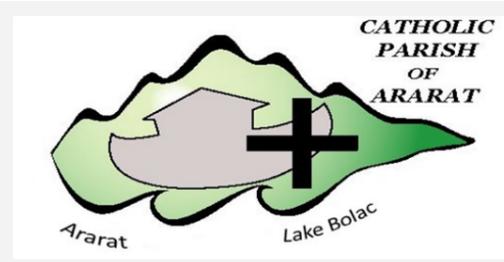
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Tues/Wed/Fri 9am—2pm

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 20th	2pm	Willaura Hostel
Thurs 22nd	9.30am	Convent
Fri 23rd	6pm	Hopkins

Calling All Readers!

You will find the following week's readings in the Facilitator folder for you to take home and peruse.

A VOCATION VIEW

Do you think it is the Lord who is motivating you to make lots of money, to use people, to grab for power, to attend to the needs of others?

Church Toilets

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

"The Roman Curia has its defects, but it seems to me that people often overemphasize its defects and talk too little about the health of the many religious and laypeople who work there."
Read more at more at **-Pope Francis @Pontifex 2016**

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PARISH SECRETARY: Ms Joyce Clery

Prayer for Refugees

God of our wandering ancestors
Long have we known
That your heart is with the refugee
That you were born into time
In a family of refugees
Fleeing violence in their homeland
Who then gathered up their hungry child
And fled into alien country
Their cry, your cry, resounds through the ages
"Will you let me in?"
Give us hearts that break open
When our brothers and sisters turn to us with that same cry
Then surely all these things will follow
Ears will no longer turn deaf to their voices
Eyes will see a moment for grace instead of a threat
Tongues will not be silenced but will instead advocate
And hands will reach out
Working for peace in their homeland
Working for justice in the lands where they seek safe haven
Lord protect all refugees in their travels
May they find a friend in me
And so make me worthy
Of the refuge I have found in you
Amen.

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Sep 17th	H. Collins	P. Gemmola	T. Gemmola, G. North & MA McDougall		D&M Lister	A&V Joyce	G. White	Joan Bond	H. Collins & E. Shea
Sun Sep 18th	N. Potter	K. Leggett	M. Cunningham, Sr. John & C. Reid	M&D Lister	Lois Rowe	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Sep 24th	P. Brennan	I Brady	M. Mason, P. Brady & AM Joyce		R&M Jerram	The Arnold Family, T. Weeks & C. Martin	Geoff White & R. Jerram	J. North & Anne Joyce	P. Weeks & J. Start
Sun Sep 25th	J. Clery	S. Reid	C. Reid, M. Ollie & J. Start	M de Jong	L&D Anderson	(as above)	Jim Crowe	(as above)	(as above)

LAKE BOLAC—MASS

MASS
READER: D. Haslett
PRAYERS: I. Meek
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: R. Smith
Lay Assembly: I. Meek

LAKE BOLAC—MASS

MASS
READER: V. Albert
PRAYERS: D. Haslett
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: John Higgins
CLEANING: J. Aldous

Saint of the Week St. Joseph of Cupertino, Feast day September 18th, Patron Saint of Aviators, Flyers, Studying and those suffering mental handicaps. Birth 1603, Death 1663
St. Joseph was born in 1603 at Cupertino, in the diocese of Nardo in the Kingdom of Naples. After spending his childhood and adolescence in simplicity and innocence, he finally joined the Franciscan Friars Minor Conventual. After his ordination to the holy priesthood, he gave himself up entirely to a life of devotion to the Lord and his church. His deep devotional life led him to the kind of holiness which is forged through humility, voluntary mortification, and obedience. He was consecrated to the Blessed Virgin Mary and promoted devotion to her among all classes of people as wonderful path to a deeper Christian life and love for Jesus Christ. It is said that his mother often considered him a nuisance and treated him harshly. Joseph was purported to be slow to learn and absent-minded. He was said to frequently wander aimlessly, with his mouth gaping open. And, he had a bad temper, so, he was not at all popular. He tried to learn the trade of shoemaking, but failed. He asked to become a Franciscan, but they initially would not accept him. Finally he did join the Capuchins. However, for a very short period of time. Eight months later, they sent him away. Sources say it was because he could not seem to do anything right. He dropped piles of dishes and kept forgetting to do what he was told. His mother was not at all pleased to have the eighteen-year-old Joseph back home again, so she finally got him accepted as a servant at the Franciscan monastery. He was given the friars habit and put to hard work taking care of the horses.
About this time, Joseph began to change. He grew in humility and gentleness, fruits of the Holy Spirit at work in a person. He became more careful and successful at his work. He also began to pray more do more voluntary acts of penance

Joke of the Week

You've got Mail!
John O'Byrne was mowing his front lawn, when his neighbour, Paddy Maguire, came out of his house and went straight to the mailbox. Paddy opened it, looked inside, slammed it shut and stormed back into his house. A little while later, Paddy came out again, went to the mailbox, opened it and slammed it shut again. Angrily he went back into his house.
As John was getting ready to edge the lawn, Paddy came out of his house again and marched straight over to the mailbox. Red with frustration he checked it a third time and slammed it closed, this time harder than ever. Puzzled by his neighbour's actions, John inquired "Is something wrong?". Paddy replied, "Ya, there certainly is, my stupid computer keeps telling me I have mail!"