

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

An invitation to young women from the Sisters of the Good Samaritan

Join us for a day of prayer, reflection and conversation and find out more about us on Saturday, October 17, 2016 at 17 Simpson Street, East Melbourne from 10.00am – 4.00pm. For more information: www.goodsams.org.au. Flyer on Notice Board in Church.

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.

Grief to Grace – Healing the Wounds of Abuse

A spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held March 26 – 31, 2017. To request an application contact Anne by emailing info@griefftograceaus.org.au or phone 0407704539. For more information visit www.griefftograce.org

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, 2nd October 2016 Twenty-seventh 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 Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4

Responsorial Psalm Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

(R.) If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we

the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)

3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at [Meribah](#),

as on that day at [Massah](#) in the desert

when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

Second Reading 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14

Gospel Acclamation 1 Pt 1:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever;
it is the word given to you, the Good News.
Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 17:5-10

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1st/2nd October 2016

RECENT DEATHS:

Joyce Baker

ANNIVERSARIES:

Bernice Lane, Robert Carmody, Margaret Thomas, Teresa O'Loughlan, Anne Hinchey, Rachel Gration, Lilian Young, Gladys McKenzie-McHarg

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:

Libby Shea

Baptisms: Welcome to the World!

Confirmations & First Communions:

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

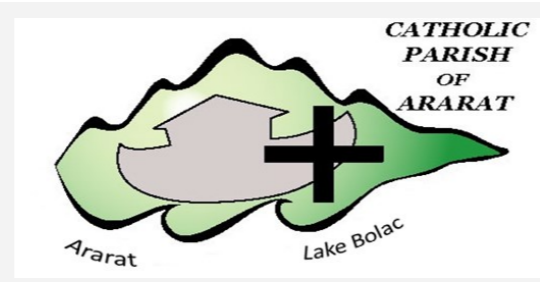
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Office Hours
Tues/Wed/Fri 9am—2pm

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

	<u>Ararat</u>	<u>Lake Bolac</u>
Saturday	6.00pm	
Sunday	10.30am	8.30am
2nd Sunday of Every Month		8.30am Lay Assembly
Thursday Oct 6th	9.30am	Convent—Exposition to follow
Friday Oct 7th	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

Oh, that today you would hear His voice! Listening brings faith; faith brings hope. Hope brings trust; trust brings courage to follow the Lord.

Church Toilets

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

"From my point of view, God is the light that illuminates the darkness, even if it does not dissolve it, and a spark of divine light is within each of us".
Read more at more at -**Pope Francis @Pontifex 2016**

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PRINCIPAL ST. MARY'S SCHOOL: Mr Tom Hogan
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PRINCIPAL MARIAN COLLEGE: Mrs Carmel Barker
Download newsletter—www.mcararat.catholic.edu.au
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.

Boundless Plains Concert

If you can't make any of the concert dates but would like to support the very worthy cause of helping the ASRC—Asylum Seeker Resource Centre, then please deposit whatever you can into the following bank account:

WESTPAC Bank Ararat
Account: Boundless Plains
Number: 208810
BSB: 033-201

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Oct 1st	P. Gemmola	T. Gemmola	H&A Collins		Marg Joyce & N. Billingsley	The Reynolds Family & P. McAloon	Jim Crowe	Marg Dempsey	Jo Donnan & K. Scherger
Sun Oct 2nd	C. Reid	J. Crowe	G. O'Loughlin, N. Billingsley & S. Reid	J. Start	L&D Anderson	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Oct 8th	P. McAloon	J. McAloon	A. Reynolds, L. Horsman & C. McAdie		Geoff White & M. Ryan	I. Brady, P. Gemmola & L. Styles	Geoff White & C. Brennan	M. Jeram & Marilyn Brady	M. Fe Galoso & A. Galoso
Sun Oct 9th	M. de Jong	J. Brennan	C. Bulger, M. de Jong & K. Chamings	T. Gemmola	L&D Anderson	(as above)	Jim Crowe	(as above)	(as above)

LAKE BOLAC—MASS

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

LAKE BOLAC—MASS

Lay Assembly
READER: H. Smith
PRAYERS: R. Liston
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: L. Breen
Lay Assembly: John & Jane

Saint of the Week

St. Therese of Lisieux, Feast day October 1st, Patron Saint of the Missons, Born 1873, Died 1897. Therese was born in France in 1873, the pampered daughter of a mother who had wanted to be a saint and a father who had wanted to be monk. The two had gotten married but determined they would be celibate until a priest told them that was not how God wanted a marriage to work! They must have followed his advice very well because they had nine children. The five children who lived were all daughters who were close all their lives. Tragedy and loss came quickly to Therese when her mother died of breast cancer when she was four and a half years old. Her sixteen year old sister Pauline became her second mother -- which made the second loss even worse when Pauline entered the Carmelite convent five years later. A few months later, Therese became so ill with a fever that people thought she was dying. Without realizing it, by the time she was eleven years old she had developed the habit of mental prayer. She would find a place between her bed and the wall and in that solitude think about God, life, eternity. Read more on www.catholic.org

Office Hours

Tues Sept 27th 9.15-4pm
Wed Sept 28th 9.15-4pm
Fri Sept 30th 9.15-4pm
Tues Oct 4th 10-2pm
Wed Oct 5th CLOSED
Fri Oct 7th 11-2pm
Tues Oct 11th 10-2pm
Wed Oct 12th CLOSED
Fri Oct 15th CLOSED
Tues Oct 18th 10-2pm
Wed Oct 19th CLOSED
Fri Oct 21st 9-3pm

Joyce is away in Ireland and the lovely Joan and Emma will be manning the fort! Emma has collected over 80 bags for "Share the Dignity" and would like to extend many thanks to everyone who has donated bags and essentials to go in them.