

Special Collections

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to extra collections in recent times. Lake Bolac had a collection for Rural Australians for Refugees and another for Sr Gottfrieda, \$700 in total. Our Boundless Plains tour has collected \$2000 thus far. Emma's handbag collection for Share the Dignity collected and filled 130 bags. We are yet to have our collection for October Mission Month – will take place in November. It's not lost on me that we have had a number of calls on people's finances. Thank you everyone for your generosity.

Confession

A reminder that Fr Andrew is available for confession after every Mass or by appointment.

Boundless Plains

We have begun our tour! First stop was Hamilton on Tuesday night. Next stop Warrnambool this afternoon (Sunday), then Wendouree on Thursday November 3. Ararat on the 6th and Torquay on the 13th. Still waiting to hear back from Madison Square Garden and Albert Hall. \$1500 has been raised thus far for the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre. Thank you to everyone who has contributed. Joyce and Fr Andrew

We'll let the critics do the talking:

"Breaking News" "Just Wow"

A performance not to be missed! We had the good fortune to see the first of Fr Andrew and Joyce's performances of "Boundless Plains" in Hamilton this week. The talents of both Fr. Andrew and Joyce Clery (our parish secretary) are extraordinary. We left feeling quite emotional and also grateful for the time and effort that's gone into this fund raising event for refugees. Teresa and Peter Gemmola.

"Heart warming, heart breaking, energetic and very clever ..." Liz, on behalf of the Hamilton and District RAR.

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

Please Note: Some Parishioners have kindly placed monies in a blank envelope on the collection plate recently. We would be most grateful if you could mark the envelope with "Parish Offering" if the money is intended for the Parish or otherwise it will go to the Presbytery.

ACBC Statement in support of offshore detainees

"It's time to bring them here" statement in support of offshore detainees by Archbishop Denis Hart, President Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (attached and on diocesan website).

St Vincent de Paul

Vinnies next meeting has been rescheduled to **Monday 31st October at 7 pm**

Vinnies annual mass for deceased members and volunteers will be held on Tuesday 8th November at 6pm Parishioners are invited to the mass

50th Anniversary of Extensions to St John's Church, Skipton

St John's Skipton will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the extensions to the Church on Sunday, November 20, 2016 with 10.30am Mass followed by a light luncheon in the Mechanics Hall next to the Church. All are very welcome to share in these celebrations. Enquiries and RSVP to Cath Kavanagh, ph. 5340 2394 or Kathy Heenan, ph. 53 407230.

Mass of Thanksgiving for the Jubilee Year of Mercy

You are invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving for the blessings of the Holy Year of Mercy to be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat by Bishop Paul Bird CSsR on Sunday, November 13, 2016 at 10.30am. Flyer on Church Notice board

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, 30th October 2016 Thirty First 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 Wis 11:22 – 12:2

Responsorial Psalm Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14. R. see v.1
(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

1. I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever. (R.)
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. (R.)
4. The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Thes 1:11 – 2:2

Gospel Acclamation Jn 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 19:1-10

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29th/30th October 2016

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mons. Henry Nolan, Laurie Rutter, Mary Jaensch, Juan Alforique Snr, Florentini Alforique, Aroviani Alforique, Servando Alforique, Joshine Radley, Julian Upton, Edward Lynch, Bridget Lynch, John Stapleton, Peter Dover
Bill Vilkavickos, Maria Hickey, Ivy Ferguson, James Norbury, Jeff Pendlebury, Anne Whitfield, Leanne Arnold, John Schwab, Jim Clinton, Max & Ethel Murray, Monica McGeogh, Tom Liston, Kevin Rowe & David Williams

SICK:

Ena Harrison, Margaret Kidd, Wendy Shea, Frank Dempsey, Shirley Billet, Kerrie Mulcahy, Natasha Martens.
(thank you for your continued prayers)

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:

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

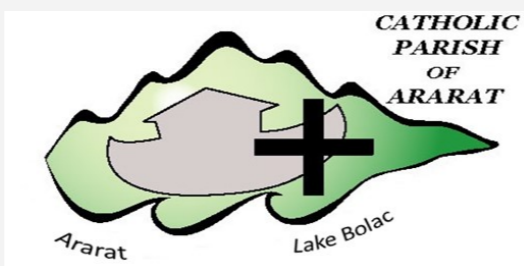
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Tues/Wed/Fri 9am—2pm

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
Wed 2nd	6pm All Souls Day	Church
Thurs 3rd	9.30am	Convent followed by Exposition
Friday 5th	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 whatever is necessary to see Jesus: climb a tree, make a retreat, confess your sins, read His life, help an enemy, say a prayer. He will stay with you today.

Church Toilets

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

“Jesus was a refugee. (He) had to flee to save his life.”

Read more at more at -Pope Francis @Pontifex 2016

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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 29th		H. Collins	A. Reynolds, L. Horsman & C. McAdie		R&M Jerram	E. Coburn & Jo Jackson	Geoff White	A. Joyce & Maureen Brady	M. Fe Galoso & A. Galoso
Sun Oct 30th	J. Start	N. Potter	C. Bulger, M. de Jong & K. Chamings	H&A Collins	Lois Rowe & Pat Lardner	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Nov 5th	H. Collins	G. North	T. Gemmola, G. North & MA McDougall		Marg Joyce & M. Ryan	P & M Brady & P. Gemmola	V. Hooper & Jim Crowe	P. Weeks & M. Cunningham	Jo Donnan & K. Scherger
Sun Nov 6th	N. Potter		M. Cunningham, Sr. John & C. Reid	M&D Lister	L&D Anderson	(as above)	V. Hooper	(as above)	(as above)

LAKE BOLAC—MASS

MASS
READER: R. Liston
PRAYERS: L. Breen
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: P. Upton
Lay Assembly: J. Higgins

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

Planned Giving Envelopes The PG Envelopes are now ready to be collected in the Church Foyer. Parishioners who contribute via Eft or Credit card—Joyce will email/post your Planned Giving letter of thanks. We have lost roughly 20 Givers over the course of the year. Please let us know if we can make the contributions easier for you. The revenue from the Planned Giving Program is utilised to pay wages, property costs, finance the Office, maintain the Churches and other Parish buildings as well as supporting the operation of the diocese. We have in excess of 350 Catholic Families in our Parish, all of whom at certain times look for support from the Church in many different ways, in times of sorrow as well as celebration. The burden of maintaining the Parish currently falls to just 130 families who have joined the Planned Giving Program and those who don't belong to the program but contribute on a regular basis. Our aim is to spread this responsibility to as many as possible, thereby easing the burden. Your contribution could be as **little as \$3 per week.**

Saint of the Week St. Jude—Feast day Oct 28th, Patron Saint of Desperate Causes, Situations and lost causes! St. Jude, known as Thaddaeus, was a brother of St. James the Less, and a relative of Our Saviour. He was one of the 12 Apostles of Jesus and his attribute is a club.

Masses for the Dead

Parishioners and friends are invited to special Masses to remember loved ones who have died. November 29 9.30am / Thurs December 1 7pm. Each Mass will be followed by supper.

CLOSE THE CAMPS

RALLY 1PM, SAT NOV 5TH

STATE LIBRARY
Cnr Swanston & La Trobe Sts, Melbourne

“BRING THE REFUGEES HERE”

Please see flyer on the Church Notice Board

After marching on Saturday come along to the market below on Sunday.....!

Great Western Maker's Market

10am-2pm **Sunday Nov 6th**

Come and enjoy a snack in our café while browsing for your Christmas presents at the quarterly Great Western Maker's Market.