

Confession

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

Boundless Plains

We are nearly finished our tour! First stop was Hamilton on Oct 25th, next was Warrnambool and last night was Wendouree. Ararat is this Sunday Nov 6th and Torquay on the 13th. Still waiting to hear back from Madison Square Garden and Albert Hall. \$3500 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.

Justice Matters

Didn't the twitterverse light up this week after the federal government's proposal to ban, permanently, asylum seekers from ever coming into Australia! Lots of things came across my desk this week which were aghast and calling people to action. Want to be better informed? Google: Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC)

Human Rights Law Centre (HRLC)

#LetThemStay or/and #BringThemHere

Community Action Workshops – Ballarat - Sunday 4 December 2016, 9:30am-5pm

The ASRC Community Engagement Team is working with communities across Victoria to reframe the way Australia talks about the rights of people seeking asylum. We want to share with local communities the tools to speak positively and effectively about these issues. These workshops are for those who want to take action and will involve working with others in their local area to achieve a sustainable change in community attitudes. For more information visit

www.asrc.org.au/campaigns/righttrack Join us for a day of strategy, collaboration and action. www.trybooking.com/NMBP

CWL Meeting

The next Catholic Women's League meeting will take place on Tuesday, Nov 8th at 1.30pm in the Parish Centre.

Christ in Christmas

Vinnies have Christian Christmas cards available at \$2.50 per pack. Let's do our bit to maintain Christmas as a celebration of the birth of Christ! Vinnies annual mass for deceased members and volunteers will be held on Tuesday 8th November at 6pm

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

St. Ann's Grandmother's Group

The next Grandmother's group meeting is Wednesday Nov 9th at 2pm in Bernadette Harrington's house.

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, 6th November 2016 Thirty 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.

First Reading **2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14**

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 16:1. 5-6. 8. 15. R. v.15**

(R.) Lord, when your glory appears,
my joy will be full.

1. Lord, hear a cause that is just,
pay heed to my cry.

Turn your ear to my prayer:
no deceit is on my lips. (R.)

2. I keep my feet firmly in your paths;
there was no faltering in my steps.

I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God.
Turn your ear to me; hear my words. (R.)

3. Guard me as the apple of your eye.
Hide me in the shadow of your wings.

As for me, in my justice I shall see your face
and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your
glory. (R.)

Second Reading **2 Thes 2:16 – 3:5**

Gospel Acclamation **Rv 1:5. 6**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;
glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Lk 20:27-38**

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5th/6th November 2016

RECENT DEATHS: Fr. Chris Reay (P.P Kerang/Cohuna)

ANNIVERSARIES:

David Grinter, Hazel Jewell, Patricia Smith, Fr Frank Crowe, Peter Van Opstal, Majorie Holt, Hugh Fitzpatrick, Norma McGrath John Evans, Brendan McKenzie-McHarg, Frances Kearney, Margaret McRae, Gerard Mercovich, Leo Green, Keith Jerram, Albert Thomas, Moira Flynn, Paddy Brennan, Hilda Cowell, Rodolfo Auxilio, Julian McKenzie-McHarg, Enid Dower and Allan Hewitt

SICK:

Barry Wilson, 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:

Congratulations to Ivana Donnan, Grace Dunmore, Annabelle Price & Maddy Rodger on receiving their Sacraments on Sunday November 6th.

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

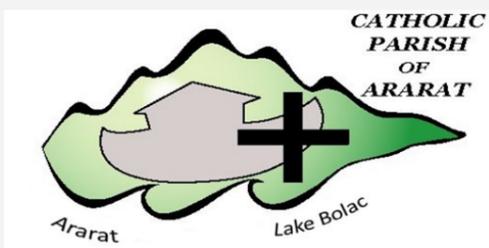
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Tues/Wed/Fri 9am—2pm

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
Masses this Week		
Tues 8th	6pm Church	Mass for deceased members of Vinnies
Wed 9th	6pm	Church
Fri 11th	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

As the Church-year comes to a close, may the Lord Jesus strengthen your heart for every good work and word. May you live your vocation.

Church Toilets

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

Although the life of a person is in a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow. You have to trust God.

Read more at more at **-Pope Francis @Pontifex 2016**

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PRINCIPAL MARIAN COLLEGE: Mrs Carmel Barker
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PARISH SECRETARY: Ms Joyce Clery

Christmas Mass Times

Note that Christmas Day is a **Sunday** this year. These are **not** the usual Sunday Mass times. There are special times for Christmas.

Sat Dec 24th 6pm Ararat
Midnight Ararat

Sat Dec 24th 7.45pm Lake Bolac

Sun Dec 25th 9am Ararat

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

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.

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
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)
Sat Nov 12th	P. Brennan	G. White	M. Mason, P. Brady & AM Joyce		Sr. Maree & M. Ryan	J. Clarke, C. Bush & J. Clery	G. White	A. Joyce & Marilyn Brady	M. Fe Galoso & A. Galoso
Sun Nov 13th	J. Clery	S. Reid	C. Reid, M. Ollie & J. Start	M de Jong	Kathy Leggett & S. Pickering	(as above)	P. Gemmola	(as above)	(as above)

LAKE BOLAC—MASS

MASS

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

LAKE BOLAC—MASS

Lay Assembly

READER: M-A Otto
PRAYERS: T. Higgins
EUCCHARISTIC :
MINISTER: R. Smith
Lay Assembly: Irene & Rosemary

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. Leonard, Feast day Nov 6th, Patron of: political prisoners, imprisoned people, prisoners of war, and captives, women in labour, as well as horses. He lived as a hermit at [Limoges](#) and was rewarded by the king with all the land he could ride around on a donkey in a day for his prayers, which were believed to have brought the Queen through a difficult delivery safely. He founded Noblac monastery on the land so granted him, and it grew into the town of Saint-Leonard. He remained there evangelizing the surrounding area until his death. He is invoked by women in labor and by prisoners of [war](#) because of the legend that [Clovis](#) promised to release every captive Leonard visited.

Great Western Makers' 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 Makers' Market.

Fair Trade Chocolate and Other Products

At the Parish Council meeting last week we discussed the abhorrent practice of underpaying workings in plantations producing chocolate and other products. We bring to your awareness the Fair Trade logo. Look for the logo when purchasing.

