

Boundless Plains

Last (?) Concert Sun Nov 13th Torquay Uniting Church at 4.30pm Here's what the audience had to say! -

"I really enjoyed Sunday's performance and felt privileged to be there. You and Joyce were both great. I specially liked the mix of items with the poignant and powerful messages about refugees woven throughout a serious topic presented simply and with humour. It is so good to know that your Boundless Plains recitals have raised so much for the ASRC and will benefit people who have sought refuge in Australia. I came away from the church on Sunday feeling moved and inspired. Thank you! Helen Francis"

"On behalf of Duane and myself we would like to say a big Thank you to both you and Joyce for sharing your talents with us. Your words and presentation were very moving and presented brilliantly. It is a pleasure to come along and support any good and just cause such as this one. A little bit can make a big difference. Kind regards Mary and Duane Stapleton"

"Loved last nights' gig. I found it quite emotional! A big congrats to Joyce tooshe really did *nearly* steal the show! Rose Rowe"

"Boundless Plains is not to be missed. I have not heard the joy and excitement of Banjo Patterson's epic brought to life so beautifully. My heart was warmed and moved by what we need to fight for as proud Australians. Get on board everyone and welcome our most vulnerable. Thanks Fr [Andrew Hayes](#) and Joyce (star of the show)" - Donna Wood

A Penny for My Thoughts on Donald Trump

Many people in America are desperately poor. Unemployment is high in many places. The national debt is crippling high. That's usually the sort of thing that summons a change of government. Nothing alarming or unusual. No need to leave the planet. That's democracy.

What scares me is the grotesque language and manner and world view of Donald Trump. I think respect for women, minorities and poor people (Muslims and Mexicans) are important. I think civil language, respectful public discourse and rhetoric that brings countries together are important. Donald Trump doesn't seem to agree.

Changing the government when you think things aren't going well is what democracy is for. It would be nice if democracy also delivered civic leaders for our children to look up to. Whether in Australia or America or anywhere on the television, when we see leaders seemingly lacking in compassion, grace, class ... (name the qualities we admire in our leaders) ... this becomes the time for each of us to step up and be exemplars ourselves. Let's overflow with compassion and grace.

Carols in the Anglican Church

All are welcome to come to our Nine Lessons and Carols Service on 18 December at 7.30 pm, featuring the Ararat Brass Band and Sing Australia, followed by Supper in the Parish Hall. This is the traditional sequence of readings and carols in the Anglican Church, first developed by King's College Cambridge in the 1920s, that tells the whole story of our redemption (in highlights!) from the Garden of Eden to Christmas morning.

140years Ss Michael & John's Parish, Horsham

Ss Michael & John's Parish, Horsham celebrates 140 years this year. Mass to celebrate this event is on Sunday, November 20 at Ss Michael & John's Church, Horsham at 10.30am, the Feast of Christ the King. After Mass, all are welcome to a parish dinner at the Coughlin Park Centre at 12.00noon, with a game of bowls and activities for the children to follow. Please contact the Parish office, ph. (03) 5382 1155 to book or for further information.

Justice Matters

Want to be better informed? Google: Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC)
Human Rights Law Centre (HRLC) #LetThemStay or/and #BringThemHere

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!

St. Anne's Grandmother's group

Christmas Break-up at Chalambar Golf Club, **Dec 2nd** (Friday) at 12.15pm. RSVP Mary 53522060 or Marg 53523815

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, 13th November 2016 Thirty Third 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 **Mal 3:19-20**

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 97:5-9. R. see v.9**

(R.) The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

1. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. **(R.)**

2. Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples.

Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord. **(R.)**

3. For the Lord comes, he comes to rule the earth. He will rule the world with justice and the peoples with fairness. **(R.)**

Second Reading **2 Thes 3:7-12**

Gospel Acclamation **Lk 21:28**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia!

Gospel **Lk 21:5-19**

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12th/13th November 2016

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Grace Schwab, Irene Wilson, Hughie Lees, Wilham Parker, Fr Nik Serzants, Ray Gellie, Tom O'Neill, Elma Upton, Irene Prydderch, Jean Cunningham, Arthur Morrison, Janine Shalders, Brian Clothier

Peter Carter, Margaret Brady, Margaret Darcy, Fr Mick Kehoe, Dorothy Woodford, Lillian Marshall, Bill Gordon, Michael Parker, Bryan Coffey, Colin Stewart and Hugh McKenzie-McHarg

SICK:

Barry Wilson, Margaret Kidd, Wendy Shea, Shirley Billet, 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

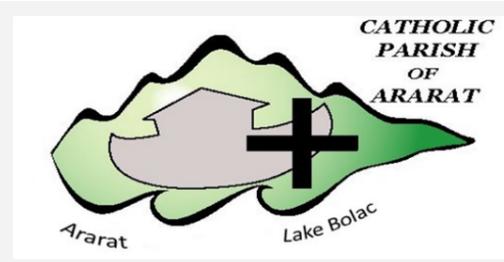
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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

	<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		
Wed 16th	9.30am	Convent
Thurs 17th	6pm	(Marian College Graduation)
Fri 18th	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

You know that at the end of earth-time, every thing will be stubble. Be sure there is a monument to your earth-love in heaven. Listen to Jesus.

Church Toilets

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

"Find new ways to spread the word of God to every corner of the world."

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

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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 didn't make it to 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 12 th	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 13 th	J. Start	S. Reid	C. Reid, M. Ollie & J. Start	M de Jong	Kathy Leggett & S. Pickering	(as above)	P. Gemmola	(as above)	(as above)
Sun Nov 20 th	C. Reid	C. Bulger	G. O'Loughlin, N. Billingsley & S. Reid	J. Start	Marg Joyce & N. Billingsley	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Nov 26 th	P. McAloon	G. North	A. Reynolds, L. Horsman & C. McAdie		D. Dijon & M. Ryan	A&V Joyce	G. White	J. North & M. Cunningham	?

LAKE BOLAC—MASS

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

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Joke of the Week

A mechanic who worked out of his home had a dog called Mace. Mace had a bad habit of eating all the grass on the mechanic's lawn. The mechanic had to keep Mace inside and so the grass was overgrown. One day the mechanic was working on a car in the backyard and dropped his wrench losing it in the long grass. He could not find it for the life of him so he decided to call it a day.

That night Mace escaped from the house and ate all the grass. Next morning the mechanic went outside and saw his wrench glinting in the sunshine. Realising what had happened, he looked up to heaven and proclaimed—"A grazing Mace, how sweet the hound who saved a wrench for me!"

Planned Giving Envelopes

Thank you to all who have collected their Planned Giving envelopes. Those who give via EFT or credit card do not need their envelopes unless they specifically requested them. We will look at reducing our printing costs next financial year and perhaps allocate the Direct Credit parishioners to specific numbers that do not have an envelope. Watch this space!

Saint of the Week

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Feastday: November 13 **Patron of immigrants, hospital administrators.** Birth: 1850 Death: 1917

She was born as Maria Francesca Cabrini on July 15, 1850 in Sant' Angelo Lodigiano, Lombardy, Italy. Frances became dedicated to living a life for religious work. Frances arrived in New York City, Filled with a deep trust in god and endowed with a wonderful administrative ability, Frances founded 67 institutions, including orphanages, schools, and hospitals



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.