

**History of the Tjapwurong people—for the next few weeks we shall be bringing you some interesting facts about the Indigenous People on whose land the Church is built.**

Cont'd—In mid summer gatherings for ceremony and hunting took place at Mirraewuae, a marsh near [Hexham](#) rich with emu and other game. [LJG](#) Wimmera pioneer James Dawson witnessed a group of young Djab Wurrung men playing the [Marn grook](#) football game with a stitched up possum skin for the ball:

*"One of the favourite games is football, in which fifty or as many as one hundred players engage at a time. The ball is about the size of an orange, and is made of opossum-skin, with the fur side outwards..."* [G](#)

[Tom Wills](#) family moved to a station near Ararat around 1840, when he was 5 years old, and he grew up often playing with the local aboriginal kids and learning the local dialect. He was influential later in establishing and codifying Australian Rules football, although whether Marn Grook influenced the development of the game is still being debated. Some of the Djab wurrung clans are thought to have practiced burial of their dead in trees. According to Hyett there have been two recent discoveries to the west of Ararat of secondary tree burials, involving the re-interment of two or more individuals, and a primary interment of a child in a hollow tree in the vicinity of Stawell. [Z](#)

Djab wurrung was one of four primary languages spoken in western Victoria. Sub dialects included Djab wurrung, Knenknen wurrung, and Pirtpirt wurrung. The Djab wurrung language shared 90 percent common vocabulary with [Jardwadjali](#), 80 percent common vocabulary with [Dja Dja Wurrung](#), 70 percent with [Werqia](#) and [Wemba-Wemba](#), 48 percent with [Dhauwurd wurrung](#) and 42 percent with [Buandig](#)

**Business Manager Position – Catholic Diocese of Ballarat**

Advertisement for the position of the Diocesan Business Manager is attached and can also be found on [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) – Our Diocese/Employment.

**Australian Pastoral Musician Network Conference 2017**

Advance notice for the APMN Conference to be held in Perth from October 5-7, 2017. Flyer on notice board.

**Pope Francis' Letter to Young People**

Pope Francis' writes to young people regarding the XV General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on 'Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment'. Go to [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) to learn more



**2017 - Year for the Eradication of the Shepherd**

In bible times the shepherds were considered by many to be of less worthy social standing. They were marginalized by the social and religious elite. In 2017 we still have "shepherds" who are less worthy of sanctuary in our country, less worthy of our company, less worthy of a place in line for holy communion. In 2017, in St Mary's Parish, we are committed to the eradication of the "shepherd", to the eradication of the label "less worthy."

**Church Toilets**

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

**Lifeline:** 131114      **Ararat Police:** 5355 1500

**Counselling service:** Relationships Australia – 1800 052 674

**Sexual Assault Crisis line:** 1800 806 292

**Catholic Diocese of Ballarat Towards Healing** – 1800 099 340



**Sunday, 29 Jan 2017**  
**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A**

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.

**28th/29th January 2017**

**RECENT DEATHS:**

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Dell Delaney, Ken Walker, Lindsay Lee, Fr Frank Harney, Beverly Woods, Joan Abbott, Mark Hunt, Robert Thistlethwaite, Frank Thomas, Carmela Zammit, Joseph Zammit

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:**

*If you would like a sick person prayed for, ask for their permission. Names will be included for the duration of ONE MONTH after which family or friends can request more time.*

Bernie Sorsogon (Manilla), Barry Wilson, Wendy Shea, Shirley Billet, Natasha Martens.

**Please pray for the intentions of:**

Linden Horsman

**First Reading** [Zep 2:3; 3:12-13](#)

**Responsorial Psalm** [Ps 145:7-10. R. Mt 5:3](#)

**(R.) Happy the poor in spirit;**  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. **(R.)**
3. It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, [Zion's](#) God, from age to age. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** [1 Cor 1:26-31](#)

**Gospel Acclamation** [Mt 5:12](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Rejoice and be glad;  
Your reward will be great in heaven.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel** [Mt 5:1-12](#)

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**PARISH PRAYER**

Loving God, Good Shepherd of us all,

gather us and form us into a welcoming Parish family.

Touch our hearts with your love so that we, in turn, may reach out in love to one another,

in a neighbourly community. We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

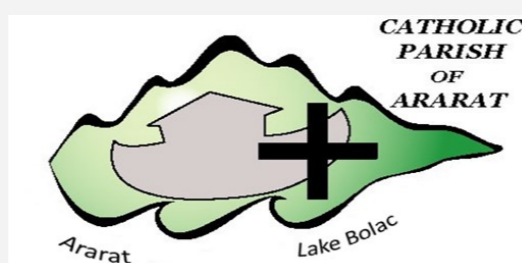
**CHURCHES -** Immaculate Conception, Ararat & St. Bernard's, Lake Bolac

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**Office Hours**  
**Tues/Wed/Fri 9am—2pm**

**MASS TIMES**

**Ararat**                      **Lake Bolac**

**Saturday**                      **6.00pm**

**Sunday**                      **10.30am**                      **8.30am**

**2nd Sunday of Every Month** (Lay Assembly)                      **8.30am**

**Masses this Week**

Tues 31st 9.30am Convent  
 Wed 1st 9.30am Church  
 Fri 3rd 6pm Hopkins

**LAKE BOLAC—MASS**

**READER:** D. Phillips  
**PRAYERS:** K. Gleeson  
**EUCCHARISTIC**  
**MINISTER:** M. Phillips  
**MASS:** J. Higgins

**LAKE BOLAC—MASS**

**READER:** Jane Higgins  
**PRAYERS:** M-A Otto  
**EUCCHARISTIC**  
**MINISTER:** D. Haslett  
**CLEANING:** M-A Otto

**Joke of the week:**

Joyce is away today and I don't do jokes, so until the funny lady comes back I will share some other things.

**The Trees**

Thank you to the gardeners who do a great job keeping the place neat and tidy. They have recommended that the trees along the front fence of the presbytery be removed. They are nearing the end of their useful life (the trees not the gardeners). They (the trees) will be replaced with something smaller.

**The Shepherds**

I read this in The Guardian during the week, in reference to the International Holocaust Remembrance Day: "The Holocaust was the systematic genocide of European Jewry by Adolf Hitler and Nazi Germany. More than six million Jews were murdered, along with Gypsies, gay people, political dissidents and others that the Nazi regime found undesirable." Struck a chord with me in thinking about our list of those who we deem to be less worthy.

**The Date**

The push to shift Australia Day is gaining traction isn't it? What's the perspective of Christian love in this debate? I would weigh in and tell you the answer but I've run out of

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Jan 28 <sup>th</sup>	C. Brennan	P. Brady	H&A Collins		M. Ryan	B. Holland & P. McAloon	G. White	M. Stapleton	Jo Donnan & K. Scherger
Sun Jan 29 <sup>th</sup>	P. Lardner	P. Brennan	G. O'Loughlin, N. Billingsley & S. Reid	Teresa	L&D Anderson	(as above)	V. Hooper	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Feb 4 <sup>th</sup>		H. Collins	A. Reynolds, L. Horsman & C. McAdie		Marg Joyce	A&V Joyce	G. White	M. Egan & M. Brady	A. Galoso & M. Fe Galoso
Sun Feb 5 <sup>th</sup>	J. Start	N. Potter	C. Bulger, M. de Jong & K. Chamings	Matt de Jong	Pat Lardner & S. Pickering	(as above)	Jim Crowe	(as above)	(as above)

**NEW ROSTER!**

The new Church Roster is up on the notice board. Please take a look. If you did not receive the Roster via email, but would like to, please let Joyce know in the office.

**Great Western Makers Market**

Sunday February 5th is the next Makers Market starting at 10am. Come along and enjoy some home-made crafts and a good cup of coffee!

**St. Vincent de Paul**

The next meeting of Vinnies will be held on Tuesday 7th February 2017

**Saint of the week:** St. Thomas Aquinas, Patron Saint of students and all Universities. B-1226, D-1274. Thomas is believed to have been born in the castle of Roccasecca in the old county of the Kingdom of Sicily, which is now known as the Lazio region of Italy, in 1225. His parents were well-off, but as the youngest son Thomas was expected to enter the monastery.

"The worship of the ancient golden calf and returned in a new and ruthless guise in the idolatry of money."

Read more at more at -Pope Francis @Pontifex 2017

**A VOCATION VIEW**

A child's handful of pulled dandelions will bring joy to a mother. A small act of kindness will surprise the lonely heart. Who will bring joy and kindness today?

**PRINCIPAL ST. MARY'S SCHOOL:** Mr Tom Hogan

Download newsletter—www.smararat.catholic.edu.au

**PRINCIPAL MARIAN COLLEGE:** Mrs Carmel Barker

Download newsletter—www.mcararat.catholic.edu.au

**PARISH SECRETARY:** Ms Joyce Clery



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**Palms Australia**

**Palms Encounters: An experience to share this Easter and beyond.**

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