

A Huge Week in the World's Airports– (from Fr. Andrew)

A big shout out to every person stuck in an airport. A big shout out to every person demonstrating in an airport. I loved the marching band! How to respond to a scary week in a way that is measured, conciliatory and non-binary? Just this for now. I point parishioners to some people I think are doing and saying good things.

Grandmothers Against Detention of Refugee Children Ballarat

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Rural Australians for Refugees Grampians Region

Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project

The Premier of Quebec, Philippe Couillard, after the mosque attack: "Quebec and Canada have to remain a beacon of tolerance."

The Prime Minister of Canada, Justin Trudeau: "To those fleeing persecution, terror & war, Canadians will welcome you, regardless of your faith. Diversity is our strength."

Pope Francis: "It's hypocrisy to call yourself a Christian and chase away a refugee or someone seeking help, someone who is hungry or thirsty, toss out someone who is in need of my help," "If I say I am Christian, but do these things, I'm a hypocrite."

Worth a thought: Sr Joan Chittister

I do not believe that just because you're opposed to abortion, that that makes you pro-life. In fact, I think in many cases, your morality is deeply lacking if all you want is a child born but not a child fed, not a child educated, not a child housed. And why would I think that you don't? Because you don't want any tax money to go there. That's not pro-life. That's pro-birth. We need a much broader conversation on what the morality of pro-life is.

Catholic Social Justice Series

To many people, slavery is an unpleasant page of history, something that existed in the ancient world...slavery continues to evolve in new forms and exists around the world today... sexually exploited... domestic workers... unwanted marriage... forced labour... illegal organ harvesting... In modern day slavery, people are usually retrained by psychological rather than physical chains (families will be harmed if they try to escape)

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 from last week:

The Djab wurrung occupied their lands for up to 40,000 years, although the oldest known occupation site, in [Gariwerd](#), is dated at 22,000 BP. It is likely the Djab wurrung were well aware of Europeans from their communications with coastal tribes. Their first explicit contact was with Major [Thomas Mitchell](#) exploring western Victoria in September 1836 when he surprised two women of the *Utoul balug* and their children near [Mount Cole](#). Two years later, in 1838, the squatters with their sheep started settling in Djab wurrung country. European Settlement from 1836 was marked by resistance to the invasion often by driving off or stealing sheep which then resulted in conflict and sometimes a massacre of aboriginal people. From 1840 to 1859 there were reports of 35 massacres and killings of Djab wurrung people, most occurring before the end of 1842. Very few of these reports were acted upon to bring the settlers to court Resistance also took the form of maintaining connections to country and culture through whatever means were available. On the Campbell brothers Mount Cole run, settled in 1840, the *Beeripmo balug* and *Utoul balug* clans were allowed to stay on the run and were actively supplied with food and clothing establishing a relationship of care and protection. The Campbell brothers discouraged white employees from visiting the out-stations further reducing possible interaction and conflict. Archeological evidence shows that the *Beeripmo balug* and *Utoul balug* maintained their connection to country, culture and food diet well into the 1860s on the property.

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, 5 Feb 2017 Fifth 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.

First Reading **Is 58:7-10**

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 111:4-9. R. v.4**

(R.) A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

1. He is a light in the darkness for the upright: he is generous, merciful and just. The good man takes pity and lends, he conducts his affairs with honour. (R.)
2. The just man will never waver: he will be remembered for ever. He has no fear of evil news; with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. (R.)
3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear; open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm for ever. His head will be raised in glory. (R.)

Second Reading **1 Cor 2:1-5**

Gospel Acclamation **Jn 8:12**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Gospel **Mt 5:13-16**

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RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Fr John Kelly, Ann Pola, Sr Dorothy Molley, Stanley Hucker, Noel Peck, Glenda Sertori, Cec McOwan, John Kelly, Margaret Tyndall, Thomas Creenaune, Anthony Gordon, Imelda Gordan, Betty Parker, Margaret Traynor, Lloyd McKenzie-McHarg, David McColl, Joyce Speechley, Eunice Downes, Teresa Glass, Peg Dacey, Mary Shea, Alice Bulger, William Smith, Fr Timothy Lynch, Jane Renouf, Elsie Fradd, Jean Vernon

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

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 - CONTACT US Immaculate Conception, Ararat & St. Bernard's, Lake Bolac

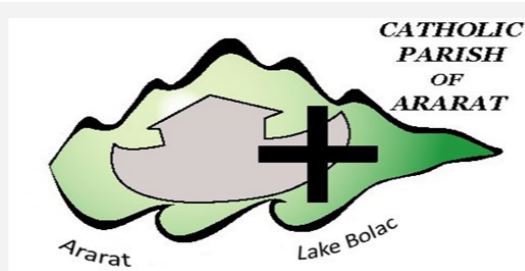
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Office Hours
Wed/Thurs/Fri 10am—3pm

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 7th	9.30am Convent (followed by exposition)	
Thurs 9th	9.30am Church	
Fri 10th	10am Marian College Opening Mass (at M College)	
	6pm Hopkins	

LAKE BOLAC—MASS

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

LAKE BOLAC-Lay Assembly

READER: L. Breen
PRAYERS: I. Meek
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: R. Smith
Lay Assembly: Trish & Mary-Anne

"The media only writes about the sinners and the scandals, he said, but that's normal, because 'a tree that falls makes more noise than a forest that grows.'"

Read more at more at **-Pope Francis @Pontifex 2017**

A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus speaks on Vocations: "You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world. Your light must shine before people so that they may see your goodness in your acts, giving praise to your heavenly Father."

Church Toilets

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

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



Fair Trade Chocolate and Other Products

St Mary's Parish abhors the practice of underpaying workers in plantations producing chocolate and other products. We bring to your awareness the Fair Trade logo. Look for the logo when purchasing.

Joke of the week:

On the bus Paddy got chatting to Murphy who was carrying a bag on his back. 'What's in the bag?' asked Paddy
 'I'm not going to tell', replied Murphy
 'Go on, do.' pleaded Paddy.
 'Ah, all right then, it's ducks.' announced Murphy
 'If I guess how many ducks you have in the bag, will you give me one of them?' enquired Paddy
 'Look', said Murphy, 'If you guess the correct number, I'll give you both of them.' 'Five!' said Paddy triumphantly.

Saint of the week: St. Joan of Lestonnac, Patron of abuse victims, people rejected by religious orders, widows. Born 1556, Dies 1640
 St. Joan de Lestonnac was born in Bordeaux, France, in 1556. She married at the age of seventeen. The happy marriage produced four children, but her husband died suddenly in 1597. More info on www.catholic.org

NEW OFFICE HOURS

Wed/Thurs/Fri 10am-3pm

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Feb 4th		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 5th	J. Start	N. Potter	C. Bulger, & K. Cham-mings	J&J Crowe	Pat Lard-ner & S. Pickering	(as above)	Jim Crowe	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Feb 11th	H. Collins	Beck Rodger	T. Gemmola & G. North		R&M Jerram	Arnold Family, T. Weeks & C. Martin	Geoff White & Carmel Brennan	J. North & M. Cunningham	J. Clery
Sun Feb 12th	N. Potter	R. Cooper	M. Cunningham, Sr. John & C. Reid	D&M Lister	Blessie Stoneman	(as above)	John Pola & P. Gem-mola	(as above)	(as above)

St. Vincent de Paul

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

Grandmother's Club

Wednesday Feb 8th @ 2pm at Bernadette Harrington's place

Multicultural Harmony Award

Fr. Andrew and Manzoor A Mian were both honoured with the above award on Australia Day. We congratulate them both!

Planned Giving Envelopes

That time is upon us again when we need to order the printing of the Planned Giving envelopes. To reduce costs, the plan is to not order envelopes for those parishioners who direct debit through their bank account or credit card but leave you with a number from 101-150. Should your current number fall in between these numbers—then we will aim to have you keep it. Otherwise, should you wish you contribute a little extra something on the odd occasion, then you could avail of a Parish Envelope and write your Planned Giving allocated number on the envelope for recording purposes. This would overall mean that you may find your "Envelope" number changing.

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 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."