

## Meal Makers

- Please use the gloves
- Please collect container(s) and Label(s) from the table in the corner of the Parish Centre Verandah
- Please use Physical Distance of 4 metres
- Please wash your hands, especially after collection
- Please follow instructions on the label
- Please drop meals just inside the screen door during Office Hours Wed-Fr 10am to 3pm
- Please do not drop off meals outside these times

Huge thanks for helping

## Meal Deliverers

- Please wait instruction from Joyce
- Please phone the office to put someone on the list
- Please do not make physical contact with the recipient
- Drop the meal at the door step and phone the recipient to let them know it is there
- Please leave a clear message with your mobile number if you want to help
- Deliveries may not happen for a week, so we can build a list and build the stock in the freezer
- Please wash hands, use gloves and hand sanitiser

Again huge thanks for your help



### Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2020

"In the context of the pandemic that threatens human life and the global economy, today we reiterate the teaching of [#EvangeliumVita](#) to transmit the culture of life to future generations: an attitude of solidarity, care, and welcome."



Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 and help fathers like Barry continue to uplift their communities, and provide food for their families. Let's Go Further, Together. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

Dominic, 47 is a former teacher and father of six from Papua New Guinea. In 2016, he became involved with the Caritas Australia's Safe House and Family Anonymous programs and turned a difficult life and an unhappy relationship around. The program provides gender-based violence prevention training, counselling services and safe accommodation for women and children survivors of violence. Now a community trainer, he works with other men to help them to change their behaviour and build more harmonious family lives. Dominic and his wife, Christophylda say that their relationship has been transformed – and their family life is now harmonious, happy and safe



**PROJECT COMPASSION**  
GO FURTHER TOGETHER

## WHO CAN I CALL FOR HELP?

### LIFELINE

13 11 14

24 HOURS/7 DAYS  
CRISIS SUPPORT  
SUICIDE PREVENTION

### HEADSPACE

1800 650 890

AGES 12-25  
PHONE & ONLINE  
SUPPORT (eheadspace)

### HEADSPACE BALLARAT

5304 4777

AGES 12-25  
REFERRALS  
DROP IN SERVICE:  
MON-FRI 9AM-4PM  
VIA TELEHEALTH

### BEYOND BLUE

1300 22 4636

24 HOURS/7 DAYS  
ONLINE FORUMS & CHAT  
FUNCTION

### KIDS HELPLINE

1800 551 800

AGES 5-25  
24 HOURS/7 DAYS  
COUNSELLING

### NATIONAL CORONAVIRUS HELPLINE

1800 020 080

24 HOURS/7 DAYS  
INFO ON COVID-19

Sunday 29th March 2020

Fifth Sunday of Lent A



As we celebrate, we acknowledge the Indigenous owners of the land on which our Churches are built, the Tjapwuring people, and we respect the presence of the spirits of their ancestors among us.

### Fr. Andrew Hayes

We'll be ok!

Everybody washing your hands, keeping your distance and flattening the curve? If this goes on for months we will also need to remain socially connected. Don't leave family members and neighbours to hibernate until Spring. That won't be good for us either. Keep the conversations going. In Ararat? Take your children on a bear hunt. Do you have oldies who need shopping or cooking? I've been pleased in recent days to hear people trying to do the best distancing they can, rather than trying to comply "just." Let's keep healthy.

Have you kept up with the recommendations? No unnecessary gatherings. We can still baptise your babies. Now is the cheapest time ever to have a wedding – the priest, the couple and the two witnesses! Funerals are to be with a maximum of ten people. In our parishes we will have our (ten people) funerals at the cemetery.

Mass is continuing to be celebrated for you and your intentions. We've set up Blessed Sacrament chapels under the carport in Stawell and under the Parish Centre veranda in Ararat. There will be some prayers available, or bring your own. Collect a Sunday bulletin. Importantly, only two people at a time. We're not trying to comply "just."

### Mass Online

youtube: Search for [St Mary's Hamilton](#) (Fr Paddy Muga-vin is live streaming Mass each day)

youtube: Search for [Fr Rob Galea](#), Bendigo priest

St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne

<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

Pope Francis <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope-francis/mass-casa-santa-marta.pagelist.html>

Mass for You at Home: Network Ten on Sundays and Aurora Channel on Foxtel every day.

<http://www.mfyah.com/video.html>

Word on Fire: Bishop Robert Barron:

<https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass>

**Apps** [Laudate](#) (free) [Universalis](#) (less than \$20)

I have both of these apps on my phone and use them every day. They have the daily readings and reflections and lots of useful things to think and pray about.

### Websites

[Liturgyhelp.com](http://Liturgyhelp.com) is an Australian Catholic organisation who provide fantastic resources to parishes to prepare for each Sunday. Our parishes subscribe to this site. Liturgyhelp are providing free access to every parishioner to a limited section of the site. Highly recommended.

[Sacredspace.ie](http://Sacredspace.ie) is a ministry of the Irish Jesuits. I use this every day

### Parish Communication

We intend to publish weekly bulletins. Some will get these online. For those who cannot, please come to the outdoor chapels to collect yours.

### Parish Collections

We will still need to pay the bills. Please continue to contribute to the parish and presbytery collections.

### Options for payment

Details for Ararat Parish:

Parish Account "Main Church Account" Westpac Bank BSB 033 201 // Acc 810035

Presbytery Account "Presbytery Account" Westpac Bank BSB 033 201 //Acc 810043

### 2 Parish Office

Come in to the parish offices with your envelopes (Thursdays in Stawell / Wednesday to Friday in Ararat)

### 3 Project compassion

Don't forget your Project Compassion contributions. This can be done online or by clearly labelling envelopes and putting them in with your planned-giving.

### Fr. Andrew Hayes

### Parish Priest

### Outdoor Blessed

### Sacrament Chapel





### First Reading Ez 37:12-14

I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 129. R. v.7

**(R.) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice! O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. **(R.)**
2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive? But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. **(R.)**
3. My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word. My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak. (Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.) **(R.)**
4. Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. **(R.)**

### Second Reading Rom 8:8-11

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies. People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

### Gospel Acclamation See Jn 11:25. 26

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

### Gospel Jn 11:3-7. 17. 20-27. 33-45

*I am the resurrection and the life.* The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said: 'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.' When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.' Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

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### Gospel Reflection

The third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent in Year A feature significant passages from the gospel of John. The first of the three readings was the story of the Samaritan woman at the well, to whom Jesus described himself as Living Water. The second was the healing of the blind man and Jesus declaring himself to be the Light of the World. In today's passage about the death and raising of Lazarus, Jesus declares, 'I am the resurrection and the life.' Living Water; Light of the World; and the Resurrection and the Life – three important images of Jesus that all emerge from the gospel of John. Each of the events relate to Jesus' response to some physical need: thirst; blindness; and death. However, in each case, Jesus not only responds to the physical need but also reveals a truth about himself that leads people to belief.

The raising of Lazarus marks a turning point in the gospel of John. Chapter 11 concludes with the Jewish authorities plotting to arrest Jesus and then Chapter 12 begins the final week of Jesus' life in Jerusalem. The significance of this episode is highlighted by the disciples who question Jesus about the wisdom of going back to Judea when the people there had wanted to stone Jesus to death. In going to save the life of his friend, Lazarus, Jesus knows that he is journeying towards his own death. In fact, the end of Chapter 11 makes clear that it is some of the witnesses to the raising of Lazarus who go and complain to the authorities and precipitate the action against Jesus. In the gospel of John, it is the episode with Lazarus that effectively signs Jesus' death warrant. The gospel makes clear that Jesus gives up his own life so that Lazarus may live.

@gregsunter

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Bill Laffan, Margaret Walsh, Leo Stevens, Maurice Brown, Joan Weeks, Edmund Abberton, Frank Liston, John Oliver, Frank Pola, Bowie Shevlin, Margaret Leigh, Tom Smith, Ben Patterson, Fr Meredith Delahenty, Brian Young, Erin Hooper, Des Phillips, Jean Crebbin, Frank Kenny, Elaine Fuga-Hooper, James Brown, Fr Tom Linane

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Please contact the office if you would like your name to be on the sick list. Names are kept on this list for one month—and be put on again.

Anyone in hospital wishing to have communion, please contact the office on 53525460

Geraldine McKendrick, Margaret Clery (Joyce's Mum)

### Ministry to the Sick:

Please email Fr. Andrew during these difficult times to discuss Ministry to the sick on

Andrew.hayes@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Or phone the office on 5352 5460



### No MASSES For Now

**Parish Priest: Fr. Andrew Hayes**

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**(Closed Public Holidays)**

### Plenary Council

#### Joy, hope filled & Servant Community

We can still be a Joy-filled Community—help the vulnerable in our community, stay safe, follow the physical distancing, have a chat on the phone, call for help if you need it—no room for pride at this time!

**Next Week's Readings**

**Apr 5th 2020**

**First Reading**

[Is 50:4-7](#)

**Second Reading**

[Phil 2:6-11](#)

### Prayers of the Faithful

**Priest:** With the Lord there is mercy and redemption. Let us turn to God who hears our every prayer.

**Reader:** That those affected by disease may be strengthened by God's love and comfort. We especially remember communities affected by the spread of the coronavirus.

In your mercy: **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That those in the medical profession working in difficult and uncertain circumstances will be granted courage and endurance. We pray especially for those assisting in the coronavirus outbreak.

In your mercy: **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That nations will put right their failings of the past.

In your mercy: **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That those who grieve will be comforted by Christ who wept at the tomb of Lazarus

In your mercy: **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That those who are preparing for the Easter sacraments will meet Christ face to face and be set free.

In your mercy: **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That those who have died and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time will rise with Christ on the last day,

In your mercy: **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That the Holy Spirit will guide the church in Australia to listen humbly with open heart as it prepares for the 2020 Plenary Council.

In your mercy: **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That Catholic organisations will be supported by our Lenten almsgiving especially Caritas Australia through Project Compassion.

In your mercy: **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Priest:** God of compassion, your Spirit calls all back to life in Christ. Hear our prayers and set us free from the darkness of sin. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord,

**All: Amen.**

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