

St. Mary's Menu

Hot Lunches

Available Wednesdays & Thursdays

Cream Smoked Bacon, Chicken & Leek	
Pastie	\$15
Mediterranean bean and vegetable	\$12
Country Style Pastie	
Salad of the Day	\$8
Soup of the Day & bread roll	\$7

Frozen Meals

Pay It Forward & Feed a Family of 4

Dish of the Day, delivered in a hamper with Baker's Delight Bread & a Desert	\$20
Indian Chicken Curry	\$10
Indian Dhal Curry	\$8
Desert of the Day	\$8
	<i>for two</i>
	\$15
	<i>for four</i>

From the Pantry

Quince Jam	\$5
Shortbread biscuits	\$5
Yorkshire Tea & Scones	\$10

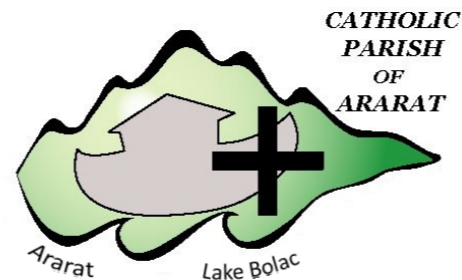
(3 scones served with jam & whipped cream and 3

Yorkshire Tea bags. **Please order the day before**)



Mike hails from Yorkshire and his specialty is vegetarian and vegan friendly food. If you have a specific request, please email us at the office. Mike is a qualified chef and St Mary's Café Food Safety Officer. The Indian Curries are made by Noel – an Indian chef who lives in Dadswell Bridge.

(Mike Flower)



- Please order by Wednesday 9am for Wed **or Thurs** Pick-Up.
- Phone 5352 5460 **or** email ararat@ballarat.catholic.org.au
- Pick up between **12 noon and 1pm**.
- Parish Centre Door – Marian College Side
- Please EFT your money to the following account: Main Church Account Westpac Bank BSB 033 201 Acc 810035
- Or have the cash ready to pop in a tin.
- Please do not pick up your order if you are unwell.
- Please adhere to the strict physical distancing at the Parish Centre Door
- Thank you for your support in this venture.
- Our team of volunteers deliver the *Pay it Forward hampers* every Friday

Would you rather donate?

If so, we would really appreciate donations of the following:

Sugar, butter, pastry sheets, tinned apples, flour, fruit, vegetables, jam jars, herbs, spices or plastic containers.

Drop off at the presbytery during office hours – **Wed-Fri 10am to 3pm**

Many thanks for your support during this venture!

6th Sunday of Easter

17th May 2020



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

Masses Online in the Diocese

Masses online are coming out of Hamilton, Warrnambool, Mildura and St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat. Links to these Masses are on the diocesan website. At the top of the lead page is a section marked "Pastoral Guidance Regarding Covid 19." Links can be accessed from there.

We're back in the Churches – Alleluia!

In the state of Victoria places of worship are now able to operate under very limited circumstances. We will be allowed a maximum of ten people. We will be required to keep names and phone numbers of each attendee. Serious cleaning will be required. We're now accustomed to the distancing. It's important that we keep people healthy! How will we organise the ten? For the moment Masses will be by invitation only. We'll have a weekly raffle and let people know when your numbers come up. When it's your turn you will be invited.

Churches Open

As of this weekend we hope to have the churches in Stawell and Ararat opened each day as we did before the lockdown. Parishioners will be very welcome to pop in for a visit at any time. As above, we will need to record names and phone numbers, sanitise hands and chairs, limit visitors to 10 at a time, sit at a distance and so on.

Funerals in the Churches

Now that the next phase has begun we will re-open the churches for funerals. We can have twenty people in the church and thirty at the cemetery, with the same arrangements as above. We'll need lists of attendees with phone numbers, and so on.

Mass Times

We are returning to public liturgy. The following will be our new Mass times: **Max 10 people, by invitation ONLY**

Ararat 8.30am—by ballot system

Stawell 10.30am— by ballot system

Landsborough 6pm Sat Vigil 2nd 4th Sundays

Lake Bolac 6.30pm Sat Vigil 1st 3rd 5th Sundays

(Glenthompson have Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sundays)

Online Pentecost Pilgrimage

With Pentecost just around the corner parishioners might consider this free online pilgrimage: www.pentecostpilgrimage.com The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is a primary sponsor. There are lots of interesting speakers from around the world including the founder of "Mother Effect," some Australian archbishops, a Hawthorn premiership player and a reformed gangster. The Hawthorn player is not the reformed gangster. There's no way back once you've played for Hawthorn, or Collingwood, or Port Adelaide. This online pilgrimage is well worth a look!

Scripture this Sunday

Belief in the risen Lord is growing! The Acts of the Apostles was written in about year 80 or 90. This is 50 or 60 years after Jesus. Faith in the risen Lord is now spreading to Samaria. Samaria! This is the last place that the people of the time might expect faith to grow. Remember the Good Samaritan story. The Samaritans were despised, mistrusted, and the feeling was mutual. That faith was growing in Samaria was fantastic. The responsorial psalm, though written centuries before fits the milieu. "Let all the earth cry out to God with joy." We're nearly ready for Pentecost when people from all around were in Jerusalem, all to be re-enlivened in God's Spirit. I think it's lovely that we are being allowed into the churches again just now, the first timid re-entry into our new different normal. Still got to keep people healthy.

Our Lady is Missing

A carved in Bavaria wooden statue of Our Lady is missing in Ararat. She's in a small green case. Find the case you'll find Mary. Maybe she was taken home for prayer and then forgotten. We would very much like to have her back. Reward offered: They make great cheesecakes in Bavaria. Mike will make you a Bavarian cheesecake! Today's Yorkshire Tea was lovely. Thanks Mike! Now, where's Mary? C'mon people. Find Mary.

Pope Francis—Twitter

"May God have mercy on us and put an end to this tragedy, this pandemic, as well as the pandemics of hunger, war, and children without an education. This we ask as brothers and sisters, everyone together."

First Reading Acts 8:5-8. 14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. see v.1

(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! (R.)
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. (R.)
3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. (R.)
4. Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Pt 3:15-18

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life. Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 14:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live.

On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

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Gospel Reflection

Although this week's gospel passage comes from the Last Supper discourse, it is the perfect reading for this time in the liturgical cycle. In next week's liturgy we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord and the following week we celebrate Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. This week's reading is the perfect precursor to these coming weeks. Prior to this section of the Last Supper discourse, Jesus has told the disciples that he will be leaving them. He alludes to that fact again in this section but also spells out that he will ask the Father to send to the disciples another advocate (sometimes translated as paraclete or counsellor). By referring to the Spirit as 'another' advocate or paraclete, Jesus names himself as having been an advocate. The Spirit is to continue the work that Jesus has begun in and with the disciples, standing as witness and strength for them to help them when the world turns against them. Jesus says to the disciples that 'In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live.' Christian people believe that Christ continues to be present in the world even though he is no longer physically present. Jesus' reference to 'the world' is a reference to those who do not believe. It is only those who believe who continue to recognise and affirm his ongoing presence in the world. Whilst the Spirit, the advocate or paraclete, will act in the world to bring about the reign of God, it is in the hearts and minds of those who believe where the Spirit will act most strongly

@gregsunter

ANNIVERSARIES:

Eileen Williams, John (Jack) Cavanagh, Joan Minoque, Robert Murphy, Fr Robert Meade, Albert Spiller, Michael Carroll, Lukas Bryant, Mons. Thomas Hussey, Terrance Hussey, Desmond Joyce, Sr Kathleen Desmond, Alma McAdie, Fr Henry Allen OSA, Malcolm McLeod, Reg Palmer, Alice Heenan, Mary Stevens, James Kelly, Cataldo Busittil, Margaret Dowd, Theophilus Coker, Bertha Coker, Josephine Coker, Joseph Coker, Sabina Coker

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

Sally Rook, Geraldine Mckendrick

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

MASS (*we are using planned giving numbers for a ballot system. If your number comes up, you will be invited to MASS. 10 is the max. number. If you are not on the Planned Giving but would like to go into the ballot, please phone Joyce at the office*)

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(Closed Public Holidays)

Ararat Virtual Relief Centre

The Ararat Rural City Council are operating their Virtual Relief Centre (53550980). This is another way that people might receive help if you are struggling.

Prayers of the Faithful

6th Sunday of Easter

Priest: My sisters and brothers, trusting in God's mercy, let us pray for the needs of the world and those of all humanity

Reader: For nations seeking peace and harmony in the world. In the spirit we pray

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For ourselves, called to live in Christ with gentleness and reverence. In the spirit we pray

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For communities and nations experiencing suffering due to the Covid-19 pandemic. In the spirit we pray

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For students, facing uncertainty in their lives. In the spirit we pray

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For those who are suffering financial hardship because of the pandemic. In the spirit we pray

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For communities and nations experiencing suffering due to the Covid-19 pandemic. In the spirit we pray

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For scientists, working to develop vaccines for Covid-19 and other diseases. In the spirit we pray

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For those who have died and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time and this week and for their loved ones and friends. In the spirit we pray

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: You care for us, O God, and have sent us your Advocate. Hear our prayers and enable us to reveal your love and life to all the earth. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen. © Creative Ministry Resources Pty Ltd

Next Week's Readings

May 24th 2020

First Reading

[Acts 1:1-11](#)

Second Reading

[Eph 1:17-23](#)