

St. Mary's Cafe

We are changing again!! Isn't that the theme of 2020. We will be resuming our take-away Café in Term 4, on Thursdays only at this stage. We will start off with pies and salad or quiche and salad. We will also be able to deliver. We will have a meat and vegetarian option.

We shall continue with a limited number of frozen meals too. Profit will be given to the

Ararat Emergency Relief Fund. We have a separate bank account with the fund and our Vinnies team is involved with the decision making about the distribution of these funds. For example, meal vouchers have been purchased from the RSL and the Blue Duck.

It's important to keep the funds running through our community.

We are doing a little promotion in our café -

If you buy a meal—you receive 2 Free drinks or a Free soup—GET IN QUICK

MENU

Pie & Salad	\$12
Quiche & Salad	\$10
Apple Crumble (For 2)	\$8
Evening Meal (For 2)	\$10-15 (phone for our weekly specials)



Free Delivery to all schools—between 12 noon and 1.30pm every Thursday during Term 4!
We have donated over \$1200 so far to the Ararat Emergency Relief Team.

Want to donate or pay for your meal via EFT—deposit into our charity account:

Westpac Bank Boundless Plains BSB 033-201 Acc: 208810

Masks

Happen to be passing the Presbytery and Church and have a dollar handy? Then grab yourself a mask and pop the coin in the tin or the brown box on the right. ALL coins donated to the Ararat Emergency Relief Fund. Hand Sanitiser provided too.

Finances

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**

ST Mary's Parish, Ararat

Parish Priest: Fr Andrew Hayes. **E-mail:** andrew.hayes@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Address: PO Box 92, Ararat VIC 3377

Phone: 03 5352 5460 **E-mail:** ararat@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Secretary: Joyce Clery

Details for Stawell Parish

Parish Account
BSB 013 815 Acc: 286326347
Presbytery Account
BSB 013 815 Acc: 286326355



Sunday 27th September & Sunday 4th October 2020

26th & 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

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

What's Happening with Sunday Mass?

Our current restrictions allow for ten people at Mass outside. We can use the churches for funerals and weddings, but Sunday Masses are outside. Last weekend we had Mass on the veranda at Lake Bolac and it was lovely, but we were lucky. The forecast rain and winds arrived after Mass. We're concerned about freezing mornings, especially for Ararat at 8.30am.

This is where we're at: we will monitor the forecasts and look to have Sunday Masses when we can be assured of decent weather. We might even move the Mass times. If 8.30am is too cold in Ararat then we could have Mass at a warmer time of the day. For now, stay home and say your prayers or visit Ararat and Stawell churches that are open every day for private prayer. Sundays? We will look to phone a few lucky people for Mass when the weather looks kind.

Readings Sunday 27th September

The Ezekiel reading was written at a time when people struggled with the reality that some people got sick and not others. Some thought that illness was a punishment from God. That's foreign to me. I'm quite sure that God isn't that mean. This reading comes at a salient time though as we come slowly out of lockdown. Let us pray for every soul taken into God and for their families. I'm watching a friend (on Facebook and on the other side of the Pacific) who is in bed with Covid and hooked up to an oxygen bottle. It's a tough time and difficult to fathom.

The Gospel is of a God of redemption. People have chances upon chances to come to God and to exemplify that in our lives. Let us be redemption people, people of second chances, and third. People who don't run out of loving. Singalong: "What the world needs now ..."

Readings Sunday 4th October

As though to exemplify last Sunday's Gospel, we hear "the stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." God of redemption, God of 2nd chances. "What the world needs now ..."

Recent Deaths

Tony Raeburn



Mass Online

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au has a number of helpful resources Some of the links are listed here:

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat: Mass livestreamed daily from the Cathedral at 10.00am can be viewed here or on facebook.

St Mary Mackillop Parish, Western Border: Mass celebrated on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays can be viewed here. Follow their facebook page

St Joseph's Parish, Warrnambool: Sunday Masses at 8.30am can be viewed here or follow the link on facebook.

St Patrick's Parish, Camperdown: Sunday Mass at 10.30am livestreamed here.

Phone Lines

Victorian Coronavirus Hotline — 1800 675 398

If you suspect you may have the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) call the dedicated hotline – open 24 hours, seven days.

Older persons COVID-19 Support line — 1800 171 866

Translations for Victorian Government coronavirus website - www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/translations

1800RESPECT

Confidential information, counselling and support service for people affected by or experiencing sexual assault, domestic or family violence and abuse.

Relationships Australia — 1300 364 277

Support services for individuals, families and communities.

Australian Red Cross — 1800 RED CROSS

Vinnies Ararat Phone: (03) 5352 5560

Salvation Army Australia — 13 SALVOS

Ararat Office Hours

Wed	Sept 30	Closed
Thurs	Oct 1	Closed
Fri	Oct 2nd	Closed
Wed	Oct 7th	Normal hours resume

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sept 27th

First Reading Ez 18:25-28

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel
The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.
The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

- 1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)
3. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

Second Reading Phil 2:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 21:28-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.
Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

Gospel Reflection

This week's gospel passage is one of many within Matthew's gospel that show Jesus at odds with the religious authorities of his day. The picture of the religious leaders that comes through Matthew's gospel is one of hypocrisy. Jesus is frequently portrayed as criticising the leaders for holding too strongly to the letter of the law and ignoring the spirit of the law and the call to compassion. This week's passage has Jesus seeking the opinion of the chief priests and elders on a hypothetical situation (a common style of debating a point of law in the Jewish tradition). He describes two sons, each asked by their father to go and work in the family vineyard. The first says 'No' but later does his father's bidding. The second says 'Yes' but doesn't follow through on his commitment.

Jesus is criticising the religious leaders of his time who, with their words, said 'Yes' to God but by their actions said 'No'. He most certainly would have upset the leaders by telling them that tax collectors and prostitutes would enter the kingdom of God before them. Whilst these tax collectors and prostitutes were regarded by the religious authorities as 'sinners' beyond redemption, Jesus holds them up in the image of the first son of the story. Although they may have said 'No' to God through their poor choices, ultimately they are saying 'Yes' to God in their acceptance of Jesus and the message of the kingdom of God. On the other hand, the leaders have said 'Yes' to God publicly through abiding by all the religious laws and maintaining a 'religious profile' but in their hearts and actions they have not truly said 'Yes!'

@gregsunter

"Hey guys! Let's take one more picture together before we get fired."



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St. Mary's Parish Board Room
Hire our boardroom for a very attractive fee. Nespresso Coffee on offer and convenient facilities. Ring the parish office to book – 5352 5460.
Hire costs start @ \$50 per day (includes Nespresso Coffee!!)

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Vocation View—Year A

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"We cannot act overly proud just because we have responded to God's call. Responding is our duty and source of happiness; serving God with perseverance and happiness fulfils us.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"An employer would probably fire any employee who never does the job properly. God's plan calls us to live our vocation daily in the best way we can."

Other News

Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission Mental Health Webinar

The Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission is hosting a zoom webinar for anyone who wants to know more about mental health in Australia and to empower participants to understand mental health, the supports available here in Australia and provide an opportunity to reach out, encourage hope and bring fullness of life to those we love and care for. The Zoom webinar will be held on Sunday, October 4, 2020 from 2.00pm – 3.00pm. For more information, registration details and to download the flyers, go to the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/social-justice/>

106th World Day of Migrants and Refugees – this Sunday, September 27, 2020

The Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office has prepared a Migrant and Refugee Kit, which includes stories from local communities, reflections and prayers https://www.acmro.catholic.org.au/resources/migrant-refugee-kit?fbclid=IwAR00HRtrkYbmKFV4Tjyo9SqFOMYSEeUVn3dUN-aWote00KR2-JArGmZS8_8

Next step on Plenary Council journey:

As part of the ongoing journey for the Plenary Council, work has commenced on the preparation of the *instrumentum laboris*, or working document, for the Council. Fr Kevin Lenehan is part of the *instrumentum laboris* writing team <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/next-step-on-plenary-council-journey/>

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program Online Study

Low-cost online study and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parish and other ministries. 5 week study cycles include Sacraments, Scripture, Youth Ministry, Liturgy, Leadership and more. Registrations open now until October 12 for the next cycle which begins October 18. More information at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or email djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au

St Vincent de Paul Society, “Assist a Student” Program for Victoria

The program assists very poor students in countries to our north to attend school who may otherwise, without this assistance, not be able to afford to attend. It is aimed at breaking the poverty cycle the student finds themselves in and it encapsulates the Vincentian message of “a hand up, not a hand out”. A \$100 donation provides access to education. Any administrative costs are met by the Australian St Vincent de Paul Society. For more information go to https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Our_Impact/International_Impact/Assist_a_student_today/

Saint of the week Further Reading www.catholic.org

St. Michael the Archangel, [Feastday](#): September 29

[Patron](#): of grocers, soldiers, doctors, mariners, paratroopers, police, and sickness .

Saint Michael the Archangel isn't a saint, but rather he is an angel, and the leader of all angels and of the army of God. This is what the title "Archangel" means, that he is above all the others in rank.

St. Faustina Kowalska, [Feastday](#): October 5

[Patron](#): of Mercy, Birth: 1905 Death: 1938 Beatified: Pope John Paul II on April 18, 1993

Canonized: Pope John Paul II on April 30, 2000

Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska of the Blessed Sacrament was born as Helena Kowalska, in Glogowiec, Leczyca County, north-west of Łódź in Poland on August 25, 1905. She was the third of 10 children to a poor and religious family.

ANNIVERSARIES: Sept 28th—Oct 4th

Robert Prydderch, Alex Shields, Marjorie Stapleton

Margaret Ryan, Joe Hayes, Mary Kelly, Kaz Grabowski

Judith Haberecht-Reid, Natasha Eastick, Tom Ryan

Seamus Hennessy, Elywn Lillis, Frederick Waring

Carmen Claridge, Bill Canty, Glen Lister

Gerry Lillis Ian Brown Daniel Resnik

Bernice Lane John McLaughlin, Robert Carmody

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Pope Francis—Twitter

[#Solidarity](#) needs subsidiarity. There is no true solidarity without social participation, without the contribution of families, associations, cooperatives, small businesses, and other expressions of society. [#GeneralAudience](#)

Readings Oct 11th 2020

First Reading [Is 25:6-10](#)

Second Reading [Phil 4:12-14. 19-20](#)

Prayers for the Pandemic

When this is over, may we never again take for granted

A handshake with a stranger,

Full shelves at the shops, Conversations with neighbours,

A crowded theatre. Friday night out,

The sharing of Eucharist, A routine check-up,

The school rush each morning. The roar of the G,

Each deep breath, A boring Tuesday, Life itself.

And when this ends,

May we find that we have become more like the people

We wanted to be,

We were called to be, We hoped to be.

And may we stay that way –

Better for each other because of the worst.

- Laura Kelly Fanucci

Prayer for the Moment

We Bring Your Love. *Loving God, **Help us** to focus on what we have not on what is removed or changed. **Strengthen us** when we feel discouraged or overwhelmed. **Embrace us** so that we know your loving presence within us and among us. **Walk with us** as we bring your love, and carry your light, into our world. Amen.* Sandra Lucas, MDiv., BCC

Pope Francis' Prayer for Protection from Coronavirus

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the

Roman People, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that,

as you did at Cana of Galilee,

joy and feasting might return after this moment of

trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love,

to conform ourselves to the Father's will

and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our

sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to

bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the

Resurrection. Amen.

First Reading Is 5:1-7

The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel. Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a Vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem

and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations. It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. (R.)
2. Then why have you broken down its walls? It is plucked by all who pass by. It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field. (R.)
3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)
4. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. (R.)

Second Reading Phil 4:6-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation See Jn 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 21:33-43

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?'

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

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The metaphor of the vineyard, cherished by both ancient Israel and the early Christians, suggests that while vines might be hardy, they are also vulnerable. So is the reign of God. It must be tended and protected from what might endanger it, so that it may produce abundant and delectable fruit. In the gospel account, the vine does indeed produce an abundant crop. In fact, it is the very productivity of the vineyard that sets the stage for the treachery described. We can see ourselves in both uses of the vineyard metaphor. There are times when, regardless of what God seems to be doing for us, we simply rebel against God's plans. We stand in defiance. There are other times when we, who are disciples of Jesus, act as if the kingdom is ours. We might even marginalise or force out others with whom we do not agree, so that we have sole control.

When we consider the justice of God, it is important that we place it within the right context, lest we create a picture of God that is false and misleading. It is because of God's tender love for the vineyard that treachery cannot be tolerated. If we have produced unacceptable fruits, it is for our own good that God steps in and dismantles the structures that enabled us to produce bad fruit. It is appropriate that God would snatch the vineyard from our grasp and entrust it to one who will faithfully carry out God's plans.

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ANNIVERSARIES: Oct 5th—Oct11th

Margaret Thomas, Teresa O'Loughlan, Anne Hinchey, Rachel Gratton, Kevin Molloy, Lilian Young, Gladys McKenzie-McHarg, Margaret Stapleton, Margaret O'Connor, Matthew Brennan, Annie Brennan

Margaret Smith, William Smith, Katherine Lesley, Maurice McNiece, Jack McNiece, James Caine

Mary Caine, James Donne, Mary Donne, Mary Ryan-Kate Masterman, Michael Hevey

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Arrangements during Stage 3 Restrictions

Masses and Funerals

Funerals are 20 people in the church. Masses can be 10 people outside, weather permitting—by invitation only for Mass.

Prayers

Fr Andrew and Srs Maree and John will continue to pray for the intentions of parishioners

The Sunday readings and prayers of the faithful will be on the bulletins

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au has a number of helpful resources

Mass on Television Mass for You at Home

6am Sunday on Channel 10

Bulletins Bulletins will be prepared weekly

Some bulletins will be hand delivered

Bulletins will be emailed to those who have given us your addresses Bulletins can be found on the parish websites

If you miss out on all of those options, bulletins can be collected from the doors of the parish offices.

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Sunday 04 Oct 2020

Priest: Brothers and sisters, let us turn to the Lord with confidence, for God is ready to hear our prayer for those in need.

Reader: That our Church will watch over the vineyard of the Lord with tenderness and care.

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That messengers and prophets will remain safe as they seek to expose corrupt and unjust regimes. In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the poor and vulnerable will be protected from greed and exploitation.

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That workers and managers will work together with mutual respect and tolerance.

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That this community will bear fruit and faithfully carry out God's plans.

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the sick will be filled with Christ's peace, In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That God will draw those who have died and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time, into deepest life, In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: God of Hosts, you sent your only Son into the vineyard to produce a rich harvest. Hear the prayers of your people that we may remain faithful to your word and bear fruit that will last. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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