

Vinnies

Do you have a couple of free hours? Vinnies would love you to join our happy volunteer team. If so, please call 53525560 and ask for Kath Leggett. The shop is open Mon-Thurs 10-3pm, Fri 10-2pm and Sat 10-12pm. Many thanks and looking forward to hearing from you!



Planned Giving Program

The revenue from the Planned Giving Program (PGP) is utilised to pay wages, property costs and finance the office, maintain the churches and other parish buildings as well as supporting the operation of the diocese. We have in excess 360 Catholic families in our Parish, all of whom at certain times look for support from the church in many different ways—in times of sorrow as well as celebration. The burden of maintaining the parish now falls to less than 100 families. There are those who have not joined the program but continue to contribute on a regular basis. Our aim is to spread the responsibility to as many as possible, thereby easing the burden. **Your pledge/contribution could be as little as \$3 per week.** Those regular contributions will assist us in meeting the financial commitments of the parish. Please contact Joyce via email ararat@ballarat.catholic.org.au or phone 5352 5460 should you wish further information.

Please accept sincere thanks for any support you give to the parish.

Painting of the Foyer in the Ararat Church

We are in the process of securing a local painter to spruce up the foyer in the church. It will be great to have it looking the best it can be. We were kindly donated magazines from Office National during both lockdowns. Grab a magazine or drink and pop your small contribution into the wooden box to the left of the table. The monies collected will go straight to the Ararat Emergency Team.

We are also very happy to report that the work done on the leak in the church ceiling is successful!

Advance Notice – dates for 2021:

Rite of Election: Saturday, February 20, at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 12.30pm.

Mass of the Oils: Monday, March 29 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 6.30pm.

World Day of Prayer for the Sick: February 11, 2021

An information letter and prayer card are attached for the World Day of Prayer for the Sick.

Ararat Church Roster

Please phone/email Joyce if you wish to be a Special Minister or return to duty. We will be putting together a roster for the following roles; Facilitator, Readers, Eucharistic Minister, Cleaners, Flower arrangers, Hospitality Ministers, Collectors. Many thanks in advance

St Bernard's Liturgy & Cleaning Roster 2021

DATE	READER	PRAYERS of FAITHFUL	CLEANING
Wk 5 - Saturday 30 th January	Helen Smith	Michael Phillips	Jane Higgins
Wk 1 - Saturday 6 th February	Michael Phillips	Irene Meek	Helen Smith
Wk 3 - Saturday 20 th February	Irene Meek	Val Reid	Leanne Breen

St. Mary's Catholic Parish of Ararat Parish Sunday 24 Jan 2021

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time B

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.

First Reading Jon 3:1-5. 10

A reading from the prophet Jonah

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

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

(R.) Teach me your ways, 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.
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 1 Cor 7:29-31

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

The world as we know it is passing away.

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

Gospel Acclamation Mk 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is near: believe the Good News! Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 1:14-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come,' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.' As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him. Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

Gospel Reflection

This week's Gospel shows us clearly that those Jesus chose to follow him closely were the most ordinary of people. Anyone today wanting to enter into some sort of public life would gather around them a team of advisers, an image stylist, a public relations expert, a market analyst and probably a guard or two. Who did Jesus choose to be 'entourage'? A few fishermen, some friends of friends and even a tax collector – one the most despised occupations of his time. The very ordinariness of these disciples was a deliberate action on the part of Jesus. It was a clear statement that his message was not for the learned scholars and interpreters of the Torah but rather for the everyday person. Throughout the gospels we see that the vast majority of encounters and interactions that Jesus has are with common, everyday people. When he encounters the officials of the Jewish faith – the scribes and Pharisees – it is inevitably in a conflict situation. Those to whom he directs his ministry are the common people – those who have felt the brunt of Roman oppression and the strict interpretation of Jewish Law. The gospel passage also gives us an insight into what a charismatic figure Jesus must have been. Fishing was a good solid livelihood. Fish was a staple in the diet of Galileans and so supplying that staple would have provided a regular income. But on encountering this man Jesus, the fishermen abandon their nets and begin to follow him. They must have immediately seen something in him that impressed them. It seems hard to believe that physically tough men such as fishermen would have been easily impressed – much like today. So the impact that Jesus made on these men must have been quite special to make them walk away from everything that they knew.

Fr Andrew Hayes

Masses this week:

Stawell: Tues to Fri 10am

Sun 24th 10.30am, Sun 31st 10.30am

Ararat: Wed 27th 9.30am,

Fri 29th 11am with lunch

Sun 24th 8.30am, Sun 31st 8.30am

Landsborough: Sat 23rd 6pm,

Lake Bolac: Sat 30th 6pm

Joint Parish Council Meeting

This Thursday, January 28th, our two Parish Pastoral Councils will meet together for the first time. We will discuss how we're going with sharing a priest and what further things we can share. A particular question will be what we think we need to do to prepare to become one parish, and whether we aim to make that happen in July this year or July 2022. Why July? It makes the finances easier. Parishioners can be assured that you will be consulted. We'll have more to say after the councils have met.

Ararat QR Code



Location Code

A5W FTY

You will need to have downloaded the APP onto your phone. It will not work if you just take a "photo" of the image above. There will be someone to help. But we would urge you to come 10 minutes earlier to Mass if you are unsure of what to do.

A VOCATION VIEW: There was a man _____ sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe. Is your name in the Gospel today?

ANNIVERSARIES: Jan 25th—31st

Alan Dovaston Eric Ericksen Ray Toner Irene Hogan
Christopher Lillis Francis Shevlin Lillian Burston
Mons. Eugene Galligan Mollie Flynn Molly Kenny
Reginald Olle Dennis Donovan Maurice Donovan
Sarah Hogan Leah Smith Colleen Hodge
Anna McKenna Mary Hennessy
Mons. Louis Conway Wendy Vernon Mary Riddington
Elizabeth Brennan Frank Melbourne
Dell Delaney Ken Walker Lindsay Lee

Recent Deaths

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Lorna & Peter Raeburn, Julie Neale and Margaret Hassall

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.

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 5358 1119 Stawell (Thursdays)

Saint of the Week St. Angela Merici

Feastday: January 27 **Patron:** of the sick, disabled and physically challenged people and those grieving the loss of parents
Birth: March 21, 1474 Death: January 27, 1540 St. Angela Merici was an Italian religious educator and founder of the Ursulines whose deep prayer life and relationship with the Lord bore the fruit of mystical encounters with God. She was born on March 21, 1474 in Desenzano, a small town on the shore of Lake Garda in Lombardy.

Read more on—www.catholic.org/saints

Readings Jan 31st 2020

First Reading [Dt 18:15-20](#)

Second Reading [1 Cor 7:32-35](#)

Pope Francis—Twitter

The world's faith depends on [#ChristianUnity](#); in fact, the Lord asked that we be one "so the world might believe" (Jn 17:21).

The world will not believe because of our convincing arguments, but because we have borne witness to that love that unites us and draws us near. [#Prayer](#)

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Download Church Bulletin -

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Safe Guarding Officer: Emma Coburn

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Parish Council Chairperson:

Charlie Reid

Finance Committee Chairperson:

Peter Gemmola

Funeral Ministry:

Joan Fitzpatrick, Sr. Maree, Harry Collins & Sioux Reid

Catholic Women's League:

Jan Crowe (President) & Anna Collins (Secretary)

St. Vincent de Paul Society:

Vinnies Shop 03 5352 5560

President: Peter Brady

Manager: Kathleen Leggett

PRINCIPAL ST. MARY'S SCHOOL: Roxanne Leed

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PRINCIPAL MARIAN COLLEGE: Mrs Carmel Barker

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Parish Centre

Our Parish Centre is used for various activities—from Graduate Teacher Professional Development Days, Family Celebrations, Formal Meetings to a gathering place after a funeral.

It is a space that can accommodate up to 100 people comfortably and has an industrial kitchen. If you would like more information—please contact the office (Joyce) on 03 5352 5460

Other Important Numbers

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

Vinnies Ararat Welfare Phone: 0459 163 461

Salvation Army Australia — 13 SALVOS

St Vincent de Paul, Stawell – 0437 344 323

Stawell Inter Church Council Welfare Cottage –
0408 038 949

Ararat Vinnies: 03 5352 5560

John Dunn Funerals 03 5352 1047

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Finances

If you would like to donate to a parish, please see the details below. Many thanks

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

Details for Stawell Parish

Parish Account BSB 013 815 Acc: 286326347

Presbytery Account BSB 013 815 Acc: 286326355