

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!

Catholic Health Australia launches new Mission Scholarship Program for future Aged Care leaders

Catholic Health Australia is offering a new scholarship to attend the prestigious Ministry Leadership Program at the Australian Catholic University. The scholarship is open to people working at a managerial level in the Catholic aged care sector and will help expand the successful mission program to new participants. To find out more about the program and the scholarship criteria go to <https://cha.org.au/mission/69-mlp/mission/911-the-father-gerard-arbuckle-catholic-health-australia-scholarship-program>

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 3 - Saturday 16 th January	Rosemary Liston	Tricia Higgins	Judy Upton/Karen Gleeson
Wk 5 - Saturday 30 th January	Helen Smith	Michael Phillips	Jane Higgins
Wk 1 - Saturday 6 th February	Michael Phillips	Irene Meek	Helen Smith



St. Mary's Catholic Parish of Ararat Parish Sunday 17 Jan 2021

Second 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 1 Sm 3:3-10.19

A reading from the first book of Samuel

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am'. Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.' Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv. 8.9

(R.) Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

- I waited, I waited for the Lord. and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. **(R.)**
- You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. **(R.)**
- In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. **(R.)**
- Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Cor 6:13-15. 17-20

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

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too. You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him. Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, which is in you since you have received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 1:41. 17

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah:

Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace. Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 1:35-42

They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him.

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

Gospel Reflection

Jesus' invitation to 'Come and See' is a powerful image in this week's gospel. It is not a simple reply to the question of where Jesus is living; in some ways it is a summary of his whole ministry – come and see what I am on about and become part of it. It is typical of the invitational nature of Jesus' ministry. Throughout the gospels, Jesus offers and invites, he does not force his ministry onto anyone. When he invites us to 'Come and See' it is an invitation to 'give it a go'; take a chance; let go of what we know.

To 'Come and See' is exactly what Jesus invited the apostles to do. In this week's reading, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, takes up the invitation and becomes a follower of Jesus. He is so impressed with what he sees in Jesus that he finds his brother and tells him that they've found the Messiah and that Simon should come and join them. Jesus immediately gives Simon a new nickname: the Rock (Peter). There are many instances throughout the Bible of people taking or being given new names. Abram became Abraham; Jacob became Israel; Saul became Paul. This change of name is used as a sign that they have encountered God in a special way and have taken on a new life – a new commitment to God. In this instance, Simon is becoming a disciple of Jesus, a trusted and influential one at that. Unlike the call of Samuel in today's first reading, in which the call to discipleship is heard as a booming voice, Andrew and Simon experience the call through personal encounter with Jesus. A booming voice from the sky might be helpful, but for most of us the call comes in much more subtle ways through our prayer and reflection on interaction with others.

Fr Andrew Hayes

Masses this Week

Stawell: Tues to Fri 10am

Ararat:

Tues 19th 9.30am

Fri 22nd 11am with lunch

Australia Day in Ararat

We're not having our combined prayer for Australia Day this year at St Mary's. Why? We've been told enough times that this is a very hurtful day to celebrate our nation. Is there another day for us to pray together that would be more healing? Should we continue to pray on Australia Day but with a deliberate focus on reconciliation? What ought we do? For now, we at least need not to hurt people.

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: A good Vocation prayer to say everyday, from the time we are ten years old till we are ninety years old, is found in today's first Scripture Reading: 'Speak, Lord for your servant is listening.' Just try it with sincerity starting today.

ANNIVERSARIES: Jan 18th—24th

Rex Billingsley, Lorna McPherson, Margaret Start, Nell Laffy, Sr Agnes Lyng, Mario Diana, Liam Fitzpatrick, Peter McLean, Peter Gorst, Michele DiDomenico, Mick Davey, Fr Charlie Fiscalini, Michael Hennessy, Patrick Kelly, Doris & Ian McCullough, Fr Paul Keenan, SJ Catherine Doery, Joan Quaiffe, Thelma Liston, Ron Mason and Ken Waring

Recent Deaths

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

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. Agnes

Feastday: January 21

Patron: of young girls, chastity, rape survivors, and the Children of Mary Birth: 291 Death: 304

St. Agnes of Rome was born in 291 AD and raised in a Christian family. Agnes was very beautiful and belonged to a wealthy family. Her hand in marriage was highly sought after, and she had many high ranking men chasing after her. However, Agnes made a promise to God never to stain her purity. Her love for the Lord was great and she hated sin even more than death!

Read more on—www.catholic.org/saints

Readings Jan 24th 2020

First Reading [Jon 3:1-5, 10](#)

Second Reading [1 Cor 7:29-31](#)

Pope Francis—Twitter

We possess a great wealth that depends on what we are: the life we have received, the good within us, the indelible beauty God has given us by making us in his image. All these things make each of us precious in his eyes, each one of us is priceless and unique in history.

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Peter Gemmola

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

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St. Vincent de Paul Society:

Vinnies Shop 03 5352 5560

President: Peter Brady

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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

John Dunn Funerals 03 5352 1047

ids@westnet.com.au

Ballarat Cathedral Office 03 5331 2933

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

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

Ararat Bishop's Christmas Collection

2019 \$1740

2020 \$1400