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### Finances

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Many thanks

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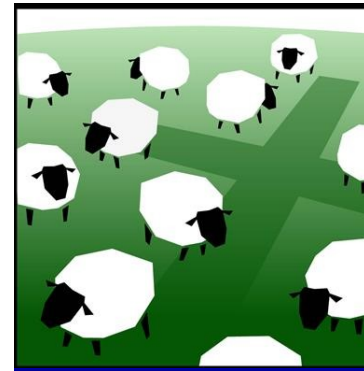
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### Praying with Pope Francis

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) is an international movement that is more than 170 years old. Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions cover all sorts of areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope and calling us to loving service. Praying each month 'The Pope Video' forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network – view at [www.thepopevideo.org](http://www.thepopevideo.org).  
Pope's intention for July: **July universal intention – social friendship:** We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

### Joke

As a young lad Paddy asked Grandpa Sullivan, "Grandpa, how did you ever get so old?" "Well," replies the grandfather, "every morning, I pour a teaspoon of gunpowder into my coffee, and I guess that's the reason." So the Paddy begins drinking coffee and doing the same. 90 years pass and Paddy finally dies having reached the age of 102. He left behind 5 kids, 18 grandkids, 43 great grandkids, several million dollars, and a 60 foot hole in the wall of the crematorium.



## St. Mary's Catholic Parish of Ararat and Lake Bolac

Sunday July 18th 2021

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr B

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

### First Reading Jer 23:1-6

The remnant of the flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks! 'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 22. R. v.2

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff,  
with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me  
In the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. (R.)

### Second Reading Eph 2:13-18

Christ, our peace, has made us one.

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed

the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

### 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 Mk 6:30-34

They were as sheep without a shepherd.

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

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### REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

#### Dividing Walls of Enmity

In the Temple precinct in Jerusalem there was a stone barrier separating the inner area into which only Jewish people could enter. A non-Jew would cross the barrier under pain of death. This is the 'dividing wall of enmity' to which St Paul refers, and which has been torn down by Jesus Christ in whom a new humanity is being created where discrimination or segregation is to have no place. It is to the great shame of the Catholic Church that it collaborated in putting the Jewish people behind dividing walls of enmity in the ghettos of Europe. It is to the great credit of St John Paul II that much of this enmity was overcome, symbolised when he pressed a prayer into a cleft between stones of the Wailing Wall of the Old Temple.

Every week we come to Mass in response to Our Lord's invitation in today's gospel: 'Come away and rest a while.' Our Lord is saying 'Come away by yourselves so that I can nourish you with Heavenly Bread and Spiritual Drink which is my Holy Communion with you.'

Yes, we do that as a moment celebrating our distinctive identity, but always as a prelude to the great task. We are to go out and break down the various 'dividing walls of enmity': racism, caste and class, historical grievances, sexist subjugation.

We could take a moment to pray that we imitate St John Paul II in pressing our prayers and actions into whatever opportunities present themselves so as to break down dividing walls of enmity within our families, local communities and even around the world.

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**MASS TIMES**

	<u>Ararat</u>	<u>Stawell</u>	<u>Lake Bolac</u>	<u>Landsborough</u>	<u>Glenthompson</u>
	(Immaculate Conception)	(St. Patrick's)	(St. Bernard's)	(St. Francis)	
<b>Saturday</b>			<b>6.30pm—Sat Vigil</b>	<b>6pm—Sat Vigil</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	of the 1st, 3rd, 5th Sun	of the 2nd & 4th Sun	8.30am (2nd & 4th Sun)

**Masses this Week**

Stawell: Tues to Fri 10am  
 Ararat:  
 Wed 21st 10am Garden View  
 Thurs 22nd 3pm Hopkins  
 Fri 23rd 11am Prayer / morning tea

**AGED CARE SCHEDULE**

<b>Eventide</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesdays 11.15am
<b>Lowe St</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays 11am
<b>Garden View</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays 10.30am
<b>ARV</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 10am

**Readings July 25th**

First Reading  
[2 Kgs 4:42-44](#)  
 2nd Reading  
[Eph 4:1-6](#)  
 Gospel  
[Jn 6:1-15](#)

**Recent Deaths:**

Joyce Williams

**Anniversaries: 11th – 18th July**

Fr Jim Green, Margaret Skidmore, George Smythe, Vera Hayes, Laurence Cashin, Stan Parker, Carmel Kelly, Patrick Reed, Monica Cronin, Leo Heenan, Noel Coughlin, Peter McLoughlin, Mary Bryant, Kevin Harrison, Alan Wilson

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:**

Kate Wilson, Sally Rook, Eloise Foo, Benjamin Wolfson, Julie Neale and Margaret Hassall, Jenny Sharman, Anne-Marie Joyce

**A VOCATION VIEW**

When the apostles were trying to reflect on their ministry, Jesus asked them to "come by yourselves to an out-of-the-way place." Listening to God in quiet prayer is very important in vocational discernment. Listen to God's voice in an out-of-the-way place.

**Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2021**

Let us pray for all the sick that may no one be left alone, that everyone receive the anointing of listening, closeness and care. We can all give it with a visit, a phone call, an outstretched hand.

**St Bernard's Liturgy & Cleaning Roster 3 July**

*Reader Michael Phillips      Cleaning: Irene Meek*  
*Prayers of the faithful Tricia Higgins*

**Golden Gate Roster**

<b>June</b>	<b>6th</b> Harry & Anna	<b>13th</b> Jim & Jan	<b>20th</b> Libby	<b>27th</b> Harry & Anna
<b>July</b>	<b>4th</b> Tim & Jan	<b>11th</b> Libby	<b>18th</b> Harry & Anna	<b>25th</b> Tim & Jan

**Ararat Parish Office**

The Ararat office will be open on Friday Mornings.  
 From 10am-12pm

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**Covid Rules**

**LOCKDOWN RULES APPLY**

**Discernment Seminar**

via Zoom & in-person, 14 x Tuesdays, 9.15am-11am (AEST), 20 Jul - 16 Nov 2021. This seminar focuses on the movements of God's Spirit and spirits not-of-God in our lives and in our ministries. Discernment of spirits and discernment of God's will are explored. The series is led by Paul Beirne (MA, MDiv, DMin, PhD, Cert Spir Dir, Supervisor: Australasian Assoc of Supervision), Director of Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost \$450. Book and pay via <https://www.trybooking.com/BSUVX>, email [secretary@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:secretary@heartoflife.melbourne), Or tel (03) 9890 1101.

**World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly – July 25, 2021**

"I am with you always" (Mt 28:20) is the theme chosen by Pope Francis for this inaugural commemoration. The following resources, provided by Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life to assist in the celebration of this day, are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/world-day-for-grandparents-and-the-elderly-scheduled-for-july-25/>

**Year of St Joseph**

**Year of St Joseph Monthly Reflections**

Each month during the year of St Joseph, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference will publish a reflection on the various aspects of St Joseph's life and character <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>

**A new hymn in honour of St Joseph**

Australian Marist Br Michael Herry has written a new hymn, *One Quiet Man*, inspired by Pope Francis' proclamation of the Year of St Joseph. To listen to the song, please visit the Marist Music website <http://www.maristmusic.org.au/one-quiet-man-a-new-hymn-to-st-joseph>.

**Wimmera-Mallee Parish**

Bishop Paul has decreed the establishment of the new Saint Paul VI Parish, Wimmera-Mallee. The new parish includes the area of the former parishes of Hopetoun, Horsham, Nhill and Warracknabeal. Monsignor Glynn Murphy and Fr Jim McKay currently serve in these parishes and will continue their service in the new parish.

**Jesus the shepherd taught the sheep of his flock**

	Try to find these words	
<b>Sheep</b>	<b>rest</b>	<b>boat</b>
<b>crowd</b>	<b>shepherd</b>	<b>teach</b>
<b>alone</b>	<b>first</b>	<b>town</b>
<b>eat</b>	<b>leave</b>	<b>sorry</b>

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