



Lifeline: 131114 **Ararat Police:** 5355 1500 **Sexual Assault Crisis line:** 1800 806 292

Counselling service: Relationships Australia – 1800 052 674

Catholic Diocese of Ballarat Towards Healing – 1800 099 340

Sale of Willaura Church - Settlement for the sale of the Willaura Church has now been completed. The money has been invested in the Catholic Development Fund to be used for future capital works for the Ararat Parish.

Renovation of the Presbytery Offices -Renovations have now been completed. The inside of the Presbytery is positively gleaming! Painting of the outside will continue over time.

Church Heating in Ararat –We have been conducting an experiment for some weeks. A month ago we measured the church at Mass time to be 9°. Last Sunday it was 15°. To achieve this improvement we had the heaters on for two days prior to mass and used industrial fans in the choir loft to circulate the air. (When we turned the noisy fans off the temperature dropped 2° which seems to demonstrate that the fans were helping to bring the warm air down from the ceiling.) What further improvement can we make? Three of the heaters are not working so we will need to get them fixed. We will replace the noisy industrial fans with the domestic fans that we use during Summer. These will stay on during Mass. More information to come.

World Youth Day Information Session - Are you thinking about joining the WYD Pilgrimage to Krakow Poland in 2016? An information session for potential pilgrims (18-35 years old) will be held on **Wednesday, August 26 at 5.30pm at Warrnambool** in St Joseph's Parish Gathering Space, 169 Kepler Street. Contact Amanda on 0427 748867 for more information (or if you are not near Warrnambool!) **WYD Registrations open September 1, 2015.** More WYD Information on the Ballarat Diocese Youth and Young Adult Ministry webpage www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Sacred Heart College Ballarat Reunion – Class of 1965

A gathering is being planned for the Sacred Heart College, Ballarat class of 1965 and anyone who was part of this class from Year 7, 1960 to matriculation in 1965, on November 7, 2015 at the Barkly, Main Road, Ballarat at 12.00noon. For further information contact Jan Mullaly (Favaloro), email janmull65@gmail.com, ph. 0418 522180 or Carmel Frost (Frith) email carmel@frost.net.au or Anne Mibus (Watt) email annemibus@me.com

Responding to Extremism -Fr Robert Mc Culloch will explore extremism, acts of hatred and Christian compassion on Friday, August 21, 2015 at Nazareth House Hall, Mill Street, Ballarat. 6.00pm Mass, 7.30pm Responding to Extremism presentation followed by Q & A and supper. Entry by donation. All welcome. Enquiries ph. 0401175045 or 53322103, email annekav123@yahoo.co.uk



**20th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year B
16th August 2015**

As we celebrate, we acknowledge the Indigenous owners of the land on which The Church of The Immaculate Conception is built, the Tjapwuring people, and we respect the presence of the spirits of their ancestors among us.

FIRST READING Prv 9:1-6

Come and eat my bread; drink the wine I have prepared.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 33:2-3, 10-15. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. Revere the Lord, you his saints. They lack nothing, those who revere him. Strong lions suffer want and go hungry but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing. (R.)
3. Come children, and hear me that I may teach you the fear of the Lord. Who is he who longs for life and many days, to enjoy his prosperity? (R.)
4. Then keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. Turn aside from evil and do good; seek and strive after peace. (R.)

SECOND READING Eph 5:15-20

Be watchful that you may know the will of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 6:56

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 6:51-58

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

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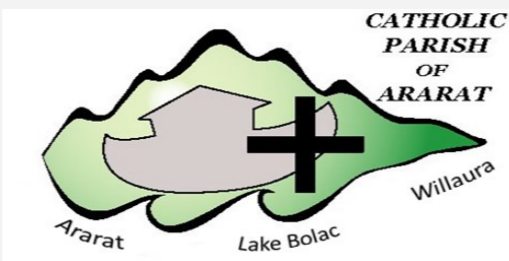
PARISH PRAYER

Loving God, Good Shepherd of us all,
gather us and form us into a welcoming Parish family.
Touch our hearts with your love so that we, in turn, may reach out in love to one another, In a neighbourly community.
We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord.
Amen.

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OFFICE HOURS:
Wednesday: 8.30 am - 4.30 pm
Friday: 8.30 am - 4.30 pm

ARARAT MASS PROGRAMME FOR THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY 19th	9.30 am	Mass in Convent
THURSDAY 20th	9.30 am	Mass in Convent
FRIDAY 21st	6.00 pm	Hopkins Correctional Centre
SATURDAY 22nd	6.00 pm	Ararat
SUNDAY 23rd	8.30 am	Lake Bolac
	10.30 am	Ararat

A VOCATION VIEW

A woman clothed with the sun, the moon under her feet and on her head a crown of twelve stars. Hers is the most beautiful story of vocation, when Mary said, "Let it be done unto me according to thy will." Can you make the choice?

"Mary is full of grace. She is a sure refuge for us in times of temptation."

-Pope Francis @Pontiflex August 2015

15th/16th August 2015

RECENT DEATHS:

Denise Fromager

ANNIVERSARIES:

Agnes Declerq, Marjorie Carlsonm, Br. James Threadgold, Eileen Carroll, Jean Williams, Jeanette Ryan, Fr Rodger Shepherd, May Harrington, Kevin Moore, Michele Di Domenico, John Harvey, Mary Colwell, Sergio Tognon, Mary Hickey, Diana Cashin, Frank McAloon, Leila Petersen

SICK:

Gita Egan (and baby),
Barry Wilson, Shirley Billet,
Bernard Joyce

THIS WEEK 15th/16th

FACILITATOR

SAT: Carmel Brennan SUN: Greg Carroll

READERS

SAT: Glenyce North SUN: Terry Arnold

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SAT: A. Reynolds, R. Jerram, Sr. Maree

SUN : K. Chamings, M. de Jong

COUNTERS

T. Rees, B. Rieniets, P. McAloon

GOLDEN GATE COMMUNION

Jewell

FLOWERS Joan Bond, Una Hunt

CHURCH CLEANING

Margaret Olle

WELCOMERS

SAT: Marg & Ron Jerram

SUN: Brian & Margaret Joyce

LAKE BOLAC

READER: Jane Higgins

PRAYERS: T. Higgins

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: I. Meek

CLEANING: L. Breen

NEXT WEEK 22nd/23rd

FACILITATOR

SAT: Peter Gemmola SUN: Marg Olle

READERS

SAT: Harry Collins SUN: Kath Leggett

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SAT: M. Stapleton, A. Reynolds

SUN : M. de Jong, C. Bulger

COUNTERS

The Arnold family, T. Weeks, C. Martin

GOLDEN GATE COMMUNION

Elizabeth

FLOWERS Joan Bond, Una Hunt

CHURCH CLEANING

Libby Shea, Marg Ryan

WELCOMERS

SAT: Marg & Ron Jerram

SUN: Brian & Margaret Joyce

LAKE BOLAC

READER: D. Phillips

PRAYERS: I. Meek

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: D. Haslett

CLEANING: M-A Otto

MEETINGS & EVENTS

PALMS AUSTRALIA -Please see the paper insert with today's notice sheet.

Sacramental Program -We will be holding a Morning tea on Sunday 6th September after 10.30 am mass for the children preparing to make their Sacraments to meet with Parishioners. It would be great to see many of you there.

JUST FOR LAUGHS

So Jesus came upon a crowd who were about to stone a woman. He looked at the crowd and said "let the person who has not sinned cast the first stone" Shortly after saying this a woman came out of the crowd and hurled a stone. Jesus turned and said, " I hate when you do that Mom."

Q: Why was Noah the best businessman in the Bible?

A: He floated his stock while everybody else was being liquidated.

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