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Counselling service: Relationships Australia – 1800 052 674

Catholic Diocese of Ballarat Towards Healing – 1800 099 340

## SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

The Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement for 2015–16 challenges Australians to think again about our national response to asylum seekers, especially those who come to Australia by sea. It invites us to recognise the desperation that has driven these people to seek refuge far from their homes.

The Statement's title is *For Those Who've Come Across the Seas: Justice for refugees and asylum seekers*. The title, taken from the words of our National Anthem, is intended to remind all Australians of how this nation has aspired to be a place of welcome and inclusion.

In this Statement, the Bishops address the divisive national debate over asylum seekers, especially those who arrive by boat. They confront Australia's current deterrence-based response and remind us of the needs of the nearly 60 million people who are displaced around the world.

The Statement takes its inspiration from the actions and words of Pope Francis on his 2013 visit to the Italian island of Lampedusa, where he met the survivors of a refugee tragedy and mourned for those who had died. It begins and ends with the Pope's own words and is strongly based on the Scriptures and Catholic teaching.

The Bishops' document traces the experiences of asylum seekers from their flight from persecution and danger, through their perilous journeys, to their experience in Australia of indefinite detention, deprivation and insecurity. It asks why both sides of Australian politics have felt the need to introduce such cruel and self-defeating policies as offshore processing and indefinite detention.

**Syrian Crisis** -Many people have asked, "What can I do?" Below are the names of organisations working in this area.

Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project (BASP) [basp.org.au](http://basp.org.au)

[Caritas.org.au](http://Caritas.org.au)

Rural Australians for Refugees (Ararat) Bonnie Carter 0427762582 [59bloss@gmail.com](mailto:59bloss@gmail.com)

[Mums 4 Refugees](#) / [ChilOut Revived](#) / [ASRC Foodbank](#) / [Asylum Seeker Resource Centre \(ASRC\)](#) / [Grandmothers Against Detention Of Refugee Children - Bendigo](#) / [Friends of Refugees](#) / [Refugee Council of Australia: Home](#) / [National Directory of Asylum Seeker and Refugee Service ...](#) / [Refugee Welcome Zones - Refugee Council of Australia](#) / [Refugee Advocacy Network - A coalition of Victorian groups ...](#) / [Refugee Action Collective \(Vic\)](#) / [Asylum Seeker Organisations | Julian Burnside](#)



**26th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year B**  
**27th September 2015– Social Justice Sunday**

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

## **FIRST READING** Nm 11:25-29

*Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?*

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9

(R.) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.  
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)
2. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. (R.)
3. So in them your servant finds instructions; great reward is in their keeping.  
But who can detect all his errors? From hidden faults acquit me. (R.)
4. From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me.  
Then shall I be blameless, clean from grave sin. (R.)

## **SECOND READING** Jas 5:1-6

*Your wealth is rotting.*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** See Jn 17:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth:  
make us holy in the truth.  
Alleluia!

## **GOSPEL** Mk 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

*Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.*

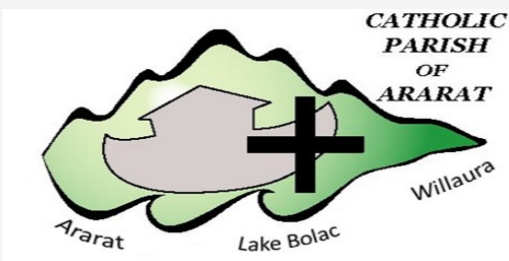
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## **PARISH PRAYER**

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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SAINT PATICK'S, WILLAURA

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PRINCIPAL MARIAN COLLEGE: Mrs Carmel Barker



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Friday: 8.30 am - 4.30 pm

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### ARARAT MASS PROGRAMME FOR THIS WEEK

TUESDAY 29th	9.30 am	Mass in Church
FRIDAY 2nd	6.00 pm	Prayers Hopkins Correctional Centre
SATURDAY 3rd	6.00 pm	Ararat
SUNDAY 4th	8.30 am	Lake Bolac
	10.30 am	Ararat

### A VOCATION VIEW

Some people do not respond to God's call because they feel they are not worthy to do God's work. And they are not - nobody is! But still God calls. There is enough ministry for many more. Answer God's call.

“ In spite of injustices and sufferings, the Lord's victory is certain.”

-Pope Francis @Pontifex 18th September 2015

The latest issue of *Kairos* is now available at the back of the church. \$2 each.  
Featuring “Greening the Church - Reflecting on Laudato Si’ “

### 26th/27th September 2015

#### RECENT DEATHS:

#### ANNIVERSARIES:

Edmund Gleeson, Margaret Johnson, Bruce Harrison,  
Robert Prydderch, Alex Shields, Marjorie Stapleton, Margaret Ryan  
Joe Hayes, Mary Kelly, Kaz Grabowski, Tom Ryan, Seamus Hennessy, Elywn Lillis,  
Frederick Waring, Carmen Claridge, Bill Canty, Glen Lister,  
Gerry Lillis, Ian Brown, Daniel Resnik, Bernice Lane

#### SICK:

Shirley Billet, Bernard Joyce

#### Liturgy of Lament and Hope

A Liturgy of Lament and Hope will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral in Ballarat at 2pm on Sunday November 1. This is being arranged in the context of the hearings of the Royal Commission relating to child abuse. The liturgy will offer people from throughout the diocese an occasion to lament the wrongs that have occurred in our Church, to ask forgiveness, and to pray for healing for all involved. The liturgy will include Scripture readings and prayers. Following the liturgy there will be a cuppa and time for a chat in the cathedral hall.

### THIS WEEK 26th/27th

#### FACILITATOR

SAT: Anne-Marie Joyce SUN: Sioux Reid

#### READERS

SAT: Peter Brady SUN: Charlie Reid

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SAT: R. Jerram, A.Reynolds

SUN : K. Chamings, M. Cunningham

#### COUNTERS

G. Carmichael, B.Holland, P.McAloon

#### GOLDEN GATE COMMUNION

Derek & Maureen

FLOWERS Anne Joyce, Maureen Lister

#### CHURCH CLEANING

Bernadette Harrington

#### WELCOMERS

SAT: Maureen & Derek Lister

SUN: B. Harrington & S. Pickering

#### LAKE BOLAC

READER: M. Phillips

PRAYERS: M.A Otto

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: P. Upton

CLEANING: T. Higgins

### NEXT WEEK 3rd/4th October

#### FACILITATOR

SAT: Angela Reynolds SUN: Maryanne McDougall

#### READERS

SAT: Mardi McOwan SUN: John Brennan

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SAT:T. Gemmola, M. Stapleton, L.Horsman

SUN : M. deJong, G. O'Loughlan, N. Billingsley

#### COUNTERS

A & V Joyce

#### GOLDEN GATE COMMUNION

Anne-Marie

FLOWERS Anne Joyce, Maureen Lister

#### CHURCH CLEANING

Shirley Pickering, Kaye Chamings

#### WELCOMERS

SAT: Marg & Ron Jerram

SUN: B.Stoneman & G. O'Loughlan

#### LAKE BOLAC

READER: V. Albert

PRAYERS: R. Phillips

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: M. Phillips

CLEANING: C. Peacock

### MEETINGS & EVENTS

**First Reconciliation** -will be held on Wednesday 21st October at 3.45pm and 7pm. Children preparing to receive their Sacraments are encourage to attend. All most welcome to come.

**St. Mary's Parish Morning tea** - We will be holding our next morning tea on Sunday 25th September after 10.30 am mass. It would be great to see many of you there.

**Seminary Building Appeal** -There will be a building appeal conducted for the extension of the seminary this weekend September 26th/27th.

**Parish Assembly - October 25** -Much has happened in the parish in the last 12 /18 months. All parishioners are invited to our Parish Assembly on Sunday October 25, 1.30pm, in the Parish Centre. There is much on which to report. There is much to look forward to. We need your thoughts and ideas.

**Making a Scene at Christmas** - December 19th/20th in the Parish Centre. Put it in your diary. Do you have an interesting crib to exhibit? Talk to Fr Andrew.

**Children and the Toilet** -Just a reminder that all children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult when going to the toilets during Mass. This is for the safety of the children.

### Social Justice Sunday

For years Australian society has been deeply divided by the debate over asylum seekers and refugees. Both sides of politics exaggerate the challenge that refugees present to this country, and compete with each other in trying to devise policies that punish people who are in fact victims. The panic and mistrust that is stirred up by this debate is out of all proportion to the true scale of the issue. Worse, Australia has been allowed to forget its tradition as a society committed to humanity and inclusiveness - a tradition that is rooted in the Gospel message of love and generosity. The Church has a clear commitment to give pastoral and material support to victims of war and violence and to defend their human dignity.

#### Luke's Gospel

Fr Kevin Lenehan will present a one hour lecture about Luke's Gospel on Wednesday October 14 at 4pm. This hour will be filmed and made available around the diocese. We need an audience!