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Julian Burnside AO QC

Human rights and refugee advocate, Julian Burnside, will present "Is this really Australia?" at the Hamilton PAC on Sunday April 10 at 2pm. Info in church foyers or email refugee2015hamilton@outlook.com

Mercy Associates Pilgrimage

The Mercy Associates invite you to join them on a Pilgrimage to the Academy of Mary Immaculate, Nicholson Street, Fitzroy - the first Sisters of Mercy establishment in Victoria - on Wednesday, April 20, 2016. On this Pilgrimage we will travel, reflect, pray and talk together on mercy and compassion in our lives and the world today. Catherine McAuley was the founder of the Sisters of Mercy and Ursula Frayne was one of Catherine's early companions in Dublin. Ursula led a group of Sisters to Australia and established works of mercy and compassion in Melbourne. We will visit Ursula's grave, memorial chapel and creation windows and have a tour of The Academy. A pre-pilgrimage Information Session will be held on Monday, April 11 from 2.00pm – 3.00pm in the Mercy Gathering Room, Gent Street, Ballarat (off Victoria Street). For further information please contact Ursula Diamond-Keith, email gudiamond-keith@live.com.au or ph. 0407717626 or Margaret McDonald, email nannymacca@gmail.com or ph. 53435315 or Rita Hayes rsm, email ritahayes@mercy.org.au or ph. 53313026.

Saint of the week: Maria Crescentia Höss (HöB), T.O.R., (1682-1744) is a Roman Catholic saint. She was a contemplative nun of the Third Order Regular of St. Francis. Unlike monasteries of the nuns of the Franciscan Second Order, known as the Poor Clares, nuns of the Third Order were completely local, living under the authority of the bishop of the diocese where they were located. The history of the Third Order of St. Francis—of which these women were a part—had a range of organizational models, in that many communities of religious women did not embrace the enclosure, but considered active works of charity, tending to the poor and sick, as part of their religious and Franciscan charism. Monasteries like that of Kaufbeuren were established to pursue the purely contemplative life, usually in an urban setting.

Joke of the Week:

A kindergarten teacher was walking around observing her classroom of children while they were drawing pictures. As she got to one girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like."

Without looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

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



Sunday, 3 Apr 2016: Second Sunday of Easter - (Divine Mercy Sunday) - Year C

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 **Acts 5:12-16**

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 117:2-4, 22-27. R. v.1**

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.

1. Let the sons of **Israel** say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of **Aaron** say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.' **(R.)**

2. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,

a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;

we rejoice and are glad. **(R.)**

3. O Lord, grant us salvation;
O Lord grant success.

Blessed in the name of the Lord

is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;

the true God is our light. **(R.)**

Second Reading **Rv 1:9-13, 17-19**

Gospel Acclamation **Jn 20:29**

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;

happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

Gospel **Jn 20:19-31**

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2nd/3rd April 2016

RECENT DEATHS:

Benita Pieters

ANNIVERSARIES:

Jean Crebbin, Frank Kenny, James Brown, Fr Tom Linane, Robert Jerram, Enrique Tolentino, Mauva Monroe, Thelma McRae, Bill Phyland, Malcolm Bates, Eric Beer, Ron McMaster, Jack Costello, Fr Thomas Moriarty

SICK:

Shirley Baker, Margaret Kidd, Maurice Rutter, Shirley Billet, Fr. Brendan Davey, Kerrie Mulcahy, Natasha Martens and Wendy Shea.

Please Pray for the Intentions of:

Tom Rees, Libby Shea and Audrey Brown

Baptisms: Welcome to the World!

Logan—Son of Georgia & Benjamin Newson

Prayer of Pope Francis for the Year of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ,

you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,

and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.

Show us your face and we will be saved.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing,

so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord,

and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor,

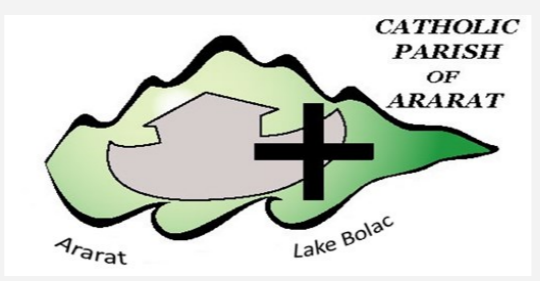
proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,

and restore sight to the blind. Amen

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St. Bernard's, Lake Bolac

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Office Hours
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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

	<u>Ararat</u>	<u>Lake Bolac</u>
Saturday	6.00pm	
Sunday	10.30am	8.30am
2nd Sunday of Every Month		8.30am Lay Assembly

Masses this Week

Friday 8th	10.30am	Retirement Village
	6.00pm	Hopkins

Fr. Andrew—This week I will be having a three day rest. I will be in the office on Friday.

A VOCATION VIEW

You've got an incredible message to make credible. It is not like selling used cars! It is proclaiming eternal life, forgiveness and Great Love!

“Jesus Christ is risen! Love has triumphed over hatred, life has conquered death, light has dispelled the darkness!”

Read more at [Pope Francis @Pontifex 2016](#)

St. Mary's Parish
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PARISH PRIEST: Fr Andrew Hayes
PRINCIPAL ST. MARY'S SCHOOL: Mr Tom Hogan
PRINCIPAL MARIAN COLLEGE: Mrs Carmel Barker
PARISH SECRETARY: Ms Joyce Clery

Retired Volunteers

We have had some volunteers retire from duties recently and the Parish would like to thank them for their service over the years. If anyone would like to fill their shoes in the capacity of **Eucharistic Minister, Facilitator, Counter, Collector & Flower Arranger**—please let Joyce know at the office.

An Irish Toast

*May you have warm words on a cold evening,
a full moon on a dark night,
and a smooth road all the way to your door.*

— traditional Irish.

Liturgy Formation 2016 – Date Claimer

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission will be presenting Liturgy Formation sessions in the following parishes: Birchip – July 24; **Ararat - August 7**; Hamilton – August 21. Bishop Paul will launch the renewed and revised Diocesan Sacraments of Initiation Catechetical Resource, “Let the Children Come” and workshops will be Funeral Ministry and Formation for Lectors. Flyer in on the Notice Board

Code for young people



Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Commun-	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Apr 2nd	Bill Slatter	Peter Brady	A. Reynolds, L. Horsman & C. McAdie	N/A	Marg Joyce & M. Ryan	A&V Joyce	V. Hooper & Jim Crowe	P. Weeks & Una Hunt	Jo Donnan & K. Scherger
Sun Apr 3rd	J. Start	Kaye Chamings	C. Bulger, M. de Jong & K. Chamings	Jewell Start	L&D Anderson	(as above)	L. Styles	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Apr 9th	J. Start	Jenny McAloon	G. North, & M. McDougall	N/A	R&M Jerram	I. Brady, P. Gemmola & L. Styles	G. White	M. Cunningham & Marilyn Brady	M. Fe Galoso & A. Galoso
Sun Apr 10th	Rachel Cooper	T. Gemmola	G. O'Loughlan, N. Billingsley & T. Rees	T. Gemmola	Lois Rowe & Pat Lardner	(as above)	Tom Rees & P. Gemmola	(as above)	(as above)

LAKE BOLAC—MASS

This Week

READER: M-A Otto
PRAYERS: V. Albert
EUCCHARISTIC
MINISTER: I. Meek
CLEANING: J. Higgins

LAKE BOLAC—Lay Assembly

Next Week

READER: L. Breen
PRAYERS: J. Aldous
EUCCHARISTIC
MINISTER: Jane Higgins
Lay Assembly Trish & Mary-Anne

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Worthy Causes

Fr Andrew has found some worthy causes for those who haven't run out of money yet.

Our Muslim friends are asking for contributions towards their new mosque. Contributions can be made at the Bendigo Bank (or online) BSB: 633 000 Account no: 12544 2632 Account Name: Ararat Islamic Welfare Association Inc.

Our parish has a young person attending World Youth Day in Poland! She is Chloe Mason who was in Yr 12 at Marian College last year. Chloe is studying teaching at Australian Catholic University. On April 23/24 she will be at Masses to share her story and to ask for your support.

More info: www.wydvictoria.org.au or www.ballarat.catholic.org.au and follow links to Youth and Young Adult Ministry page. Contact Amanda on 0427 748 867 or youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Uniting Church Fete - Saturday April 16 – Last year we bought all their jam. This year let's buy them out of relish!

Rural Australians For Refugees – Folk for Refugees Music Festival April 16 Hall's Gap info: 5356 4402 tickets: www.trybooking.com/18472

Parish Office is CLOSED for the Week of April 4th—8th Inclusive

We apologise for any inconvenience. Joyce will return from holiday Tuesday April 12th

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