

Good Friday Collection 2017

The annual collection for the support of the Church in the Holy land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the Missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from the Good Friday Collection. Last year Australian Catholics donated \$1.4 million to this cause, despite tough Economic times, rural droughts and increasing costs of living which put a Strain on family budgets and financial resources. Your generosity is Greatly appreciated. Please also pray that peace and harmony will Become a reality in the birthplace of Jesus.

Project Compassion

Many thanks to all those parishioners who have donated to Project Compassion this Lent. So far this year the Parish have raised **\$1403.60** for Project Compassion/CARITAS. The total in **2016 was \$2562.70** but that figure represents funds that were raised for Project Compassion right up to June in that year, so the money does trickle in over time. The office will publish a total at the end of April.



Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for supporting us this year as we demonstrate how love for our neighbours can transform lives. You are helping to empower our most vulnerable neighbours worldwide to build a better future for their families and communities.

Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit www.caritas.org.au to make your donation online.

www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion 1800 024 413



CHURCH ROSTER

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Apr 15th	P. Gemmola	Beck Rodger	H&A Collins		Marg Joyce	E. Coburn & Jo Jackson	C. Brennan	Calling on more flower people!	M. Fe Galoso & A. Galoso
Sun Apr 16th <i>Easter Sunday</i>	C. Reid	J. Crowe	G. O'Loughlin, N. Billingsley & S. Reid	J. Start	Pat Lardner & S. Pickering	(as above)	John Pola	(as above) Please call the office!	(as above)
Sat Apr 22nd	P. McAloon	J. McAloon	A. Reynolds, L.Horsman & C. McAdie		Sr Maree	P & M Brady & P. Gemmola	G. White & V. Hooper	A. Joyce & Marilyn Brady	P. Weeks
Sun Apr 23rd	J. Clery	J. Brennan	C. Bulger, & K. Chamings	H&A Collins	L&D Anderson	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)



Sunday, 16 Apr 2017
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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 Acts 10:34. 37-43

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24
(R.) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of [Israel](#) say: 'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

Second Reading Col 3:1-4

Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into [Galilee](#). That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation 1 Cor 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 20:1-9

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15th/16th April 2017

RECENT DEATHS:

Peter Upton, Elaine Hooper

ANNIVERSARIES:

Julia Lavery, Walter Doery, John Brown, Joan Gleeson, Shirley McKenzie-McHarg, Neil Albert, Frances Pola, Vin Smith, Margaret Clark, Emanuel Jotn Penza-Vella, Ellen Hennessy, Edward Bulger, George Shea, Eric Carter, Jim Brennan, Colin Gleeson, Albert Stainsby, Jim Lavery, Ian Kirkham, Val Gemmola, Sr Catherine O'Halloraran, Alex Murray, May Richards, Cosmos Fernando

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Bernie Sorsogon (Manilla), Barry Wilson, Wendy Shea, Shirley Billet, Natasha Martens.

If you would like a sick person prayed for, ask for their permission. Names will be included for the duration of ONE MONTH after which family or friends can request more time.

Please pray for the intentions of:

Linden Horsman

Baptism—Welcome to the World!

Sawyer Jackson—son of Josephine and Scott

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.

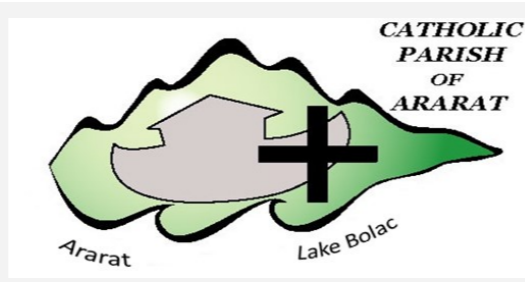
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MASS TIMES

	<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		
Tues 18th	9.15am	Church
Thurs 20th	11am	Low St
Fri 21st	6pm	Hopkins

LAKE BOLAC—MASS April 16th

READER: D. Phillips
PRAYERS: T. Higgins
EUCCHARISTIC
MINISTER: I. Meek
Cleaning:

LAKE BOLAC—MASS April 23rd

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Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2017

“It is true that there are so many difficulties in married life, so many, when there is insufficient work or money, when the children have problems—so much to contend with. And many times the husband and wife become a little fractious and argue between themselves. They argue, this is how it is, there is always arguing in marriage, sometimes even the plates fly. Yet we must not become saddened by this; it is the human condition. The secret is that love is stronger than the moment when they are arguing, and therefore I always advise spouses, do not let a day when you have argued end without making peace.”

A VOCATION VIEW

You have been given new life in Christ. Forsake earthly materialism, in order to live life to the full.

Lifeline: 131114 **Ararat Police:** 5355 1500
Counselling service: Relationships Australia – 1800 052 674
Catholic Diocese of Ballarat Towards Healing – 1800 099 340
Sexual Assault Crisis line: 1800 806 292

Sisters of the Good Samaritan - The Good Oil 2017 Young Writers' Award

The Good Oil 2017 Young Writers' Award seeks to encourage and support the development of younger writers interested in exploring ideas, contemporary issues and stories about people and happenings from a contemporary Christian perspective. The award is open to ALL secondary school students and post-school young adults in Australia, Japan, the Philippines and Kiribati. Entrants are invited to submit a piece of writing, between 750 and 1000 words adopting one of the following writing styles: journalistic feature writing (e.g. profiles of people or issues-based articles based on interviews); opinion writing; creative writing or first person reflective writing. In their chosen writing style, entrants are asked to explore the theme “Who is my neighbour?”. Entries for the award close on Tuesday, July 11, 2017. Thanks to the generous support of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan and Good Samaritan Education, a total of \$3,000 in prize money is on offer. More details can be downloaded from the Good Samaritan Sisters' website www.goodsams.org.au



www.jcr.org.au

Church Toilets

All children—Primary school age and under— must be accompanied by an adult. Thank you for your understanding.



A message from Fr. Andrew

A Happy and Blessed Easter!

I wish for every parishioner and visitor to our parish this weekend a wonderful Easter. I'm writing this on Holy Thursday morning and it's all happening! The smell of roast lamb is filling the house and office. The sweet apple and walnut haroses is ready and the bitter herbs. The three millennia old Jewish prayers are printed and ready. The Passover (Seder) meal will be a beautiful preparation for the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper tonight. Just now the funeral booklet for Peter Upton is printing. What a great day to be buried, the day before Good Friday. Judy is grieving her husband. Sawyer Thomas Jackson is to be baptised on Sunday. His certificate is ready. Families are coming home from the school holidays. Travel safely people. These are all important things for people and families. Across our desks this morning Joyce and I have been talking about how fulfilling our work is. For me, I love it, and hope that is obvious. I hope that I'm giving parishioners a lot to think about. I hope that the Good Friday Passion transports you to Jerusalem, that you can imagine being there, the sights, the smells, the noise, the dust, the terror of being caught up in a brewing crucifixion. I hope that you wonder how on earth the tomb came to be empty on Sunday morning. I hope that you never forget the look on Mary of Magdala's face. I hope that you all find the whole Church thing both baffling and enlivening. I do. Happy Easter!

Good news for the shepherds!

Had a good chat to Bishop Paul this week about our “Eradicate the Shepherds” campaign. Too many people have complained to me and to the bishop about not wanting the poor shepherds to be eradicated. Jesus is the good shepherd. Half the parish are shepherds. Seems that using the shepherds as a symbol of downtrodden “bottom of the heap” people that they were in bible times has been a step too far. So, how about this for an idea? The bishop suggested that the remainder of the year be the “Year to Embrace the Shepherd.” The shepherds will still be the symbol of all people who are excluded but now we'll embrace those people with all the love we can muster. So how about we embrace the shepherds, (the bible time social outcasts) the broken shepherds, the poor shepherds, the Muslim shepherds, the shepherds on Manus Island, the same sex attracted shepherds, the twice married shepherds, the shepherds making chocolate for slavery wages etc., anyone and everyone who feels duded. And remember, Mary started it all when she welcomed the Shepherds before all others into the stable. That's why the symbol appears during the Hail Mary. What do you think of the new symbol?

