



Book Week (last Friday) at St. Mary's saw a visit from the Yellow Brick Road and Dorothy Snr with most of the cast from the Wizard of Oz!

A Place at the Table: Social justice in an ageing society

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 25 September. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: 'A Place at the Table: Social justice in an ageing society'.

The Statement celebrates the value and dignity of older people in Australian life. It challenges us to recognise their significant contribution to society and emphasises that this contribution should not be valued in mere economic terms. The Statement calls for justice for those who are most vulnerable and warns about a view of older people as burdensome or dispensable.

"Flight" by Nadia Wheatley, winner of this year's Children Book Award.

The current Social Justice Statement about Refugees and Asylum Seekers called, 'For those who have come across the seas' is coming to a close however, the matter needs our sustained commitment towards a just outcome for the 1313 people who are still held in off-shore detention. "Flight" was awarded the Children's Book Council of Australia Picture Book of the Year. I like to think this prize is a vote of support for the millions of refugees who, like the characters in this story, are sacrificing everything they have in the hope of finding a safe home. You are encouraged to listen to Nadia Wheatley's acceptance speech (1:30min long). You might also consider reading this book as part of Advent, given the focus aligns with the flight into Egypt by Mary, Joseph and Jesus. Resources available from <https://riverbendschoolsbookclub.files.wordpress.com/2016/04/flight-teaching-notes.pdf>, <http://www.lamontbooks.com.au/media/68289/ps-flight.pdf>

ROSTERS—please note the same parishioners are on both weekends due to the start of the new roster. Apologies for any inconvenience

It's Roster season again and the Parish Council have been working hard to put the next 6 months worth of rosters together. The roster has been emailed but if you would like a hard copy—please see Joyce in the office. There is also a hard copy on the Notice Board. If you need to change a Ministry, please call someone to swop days. Many Thanks.

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, 4th September 2016 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - 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.

3rd/4th September 2016

RECENT DEATHS:

Gavin Quilty

ANNIVERSARIES:

Rose Kennedy, Kevin Cronin, Eileen Brown, John Goulter
Freda Ferguson, Rita Fernando, David Lardner, Jess O'Neill, Ken Robson, Barry Mulvihill, Dominic DiDomenico, Jean Hennessy, Patricia Cronin, Irene Byrne, Hugh Nailon Snr, Graeme Pitcher, Margaret Smith, William Smith, Kath Ryan, Leslie McNiece, Laurence McNiece, Maurice McNiece, John McNiece, Sarah Williamson, Margaret Waring, John Thomas, Fr Aurelius Maschio SDB, Norma Sutton, Mary Davis, Norma Sutton, June McKinnis, Vess Davey, Ruth Brain, Mary Waring, Margaret Ridgewell, Fr Edward Jerram, Kathleen Edwards, Tups Brady, John Griffin

SICK:

Ena Harrison, Margaret Kidd, Wendy Shea, Frank Dempsey, Maurice Rutter, Shirley Billet (thank you for your continued prayers), Kerrie Mulcahy, Natasha Martens.

Hospital: *If you are in hospital and would like to receive Communion, could a family member please contact the office.*

Please Pray for the Intentions of:

Baptisms: Welcome to the World!

First Reading Wis 9:13-18

Responsorial Psalm Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17. R. v.1

(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. (R.)
2. You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. (R.)
3. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. (R.)
4. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

Second Reading Phlm 9-10, 12-17

Gospel Acclamation Ps 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia!
Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.
Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 14:25-33

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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

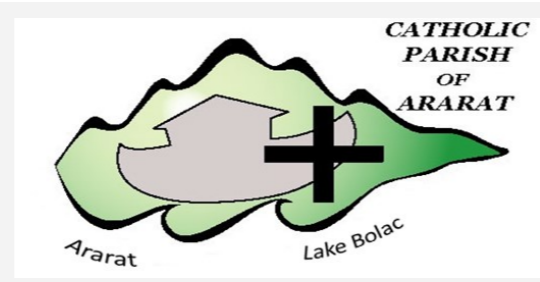
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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

	Ararat	Lake Bolac
Saturday	6.00pm	
Sunday	10.30am	8.30am
2nd Sunday of Every Month		8.30am Lay Assembly
Tues 6th	9am	Convent (note change of time)
	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Fri 9th	6pm	Hopkins

Calling All Readers!

You will find the following week's readings in the Facilitator folder for you to take home and peruse.

A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus says clearly; "Anyone who does not take up the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple." You and Jesus can carry your cross together. Then, you can follow!

Church Toilets

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

"When a child has a bad dream and wakes up crying, Dad goes and says, 'Don't be afraid, don't be scared. I'm here.' The Lord speaks this way, too ."

Read more at more at **-Pope Francis @Pontifex 2016**

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PARISH SECRETARY: Ms Joyce Clery

Prayer for Refugees

God of our wandering ancestors
Long have we known
That your heart is with the refugee
That you were born into time
In a family of refugees
Fleeing violence in their homeland
Who then gathered up their hungry child
And fled into alien country
Their cry, your cry, resounds through the ages
"Will you let me in?"

Give us hearts that break open
When our brothers and sisters turn to us with that same cry
Then surely all these things will follow
Ears will no longer turn deaf to their voices
Eyes will see a moment for grace instead of a threat
Tongues will not be silenced but will instead advocate
And hands will reach out
Working for peace in their homeland
Working for justice in the lands where they seek safe haven

Lord protect all refugees in their travels
May they find a friend in me
And so make me worthy
Of the refuge I have found in you
Amen.

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Sep 3rd	C. Brennan	G. North	H&A Collins		Marg Joyce & M. Ryan	J. Clarke, C. Bush & J. Clery	G. White	M. Stapleton	Jo Donnan & K. Scherger
Sun Sep 4th	P. Lardner	M. McQwan	G. O'Loughlin, N. Billingsley & S. Reid	J&J Crowe	L&D Anderson	(as above)	Jim Crowe	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Sep 10th	K. Joyce	P. McAloon	A. Reynolds, L. Horsman & C. McAdie		Geoff White & M. Ryan	G. Carmichael, & P. McAloon	Geoff White & Carmel Brennan	M. Jeram & Marilyn Brady	M. Fe Galoso & A. Galoso
Sun Sep 11th	J. Start	P. Lardner	C. Bulger, M. de Jong & K. Chamings	H&A Collins	Kathy Leggett & Shirley Pickering	(as above)	John Pola & P. Gemmola	(as above)	(as above)

LAKE BOLAC—MASS

MASS

READER: Jane Higgins
PRAYERS: V. Albert
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: M. Phillips
CLEANING: H. Smith

LAKE BOLAC—MASS

LAY ASSEMBLY

READER: I. Meek
PRAYERS: M-A Otto
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Jane Higgins
Lay Assembly: Reg & Helen

Joke of the week by Gary Larson



Superman in his later years

Saint of the Week

Bl. Teresa of Calcutta: Feastday Sept. 5th, Patron of World Youth Day.

The remarkable woman who would be known as Mother Theresa began life named Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu. Born on August 26, 1910 in Skopje, she was the youngest child born to Nikola and Drane Bojaxhiu, Receiving her First Communion at the age of five, she was confirmed in November 1916. Her father died while she was only eight years old leaving her family in financial straits. Gonxha's religious formation was assisted by the vibrant Jesuit parish of the Sacred Heart in which she was very involved as a youth. Subsequently moved to pursue missionary work, Gonxha left her home in September 1928 at the age of 18 to join the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary, known as the Sisters of Loreto, in Ireland.

For more go to: www.catholic.org/saints



HANDBAGS WANTED!

If anyone has a bag/s or backpack in good condition for me to fill with everyday essentials for homeless men and women to be given out for Christmas (Collection is by end of October), please hand them in to Joyce at the Parish Office. For more information as to what could go into the bag, please see the flyer on the Church Notice Board. Thank you—EMMA COBURN