



Project Compassion Lent Calendar



First Sunday of Lent 5th March 2017

Like many of her neighbours in her rural village in the Philippines, Dinia struggled to feed and educate her children. She now has the skills to earn a better income for her children and help her neighbours.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help people in rural areas of the Philippines build better futures for their families and their neighbours.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

St. Mary's School Fete—March 24th 2017

St. Mary's Primary school would like to invite you all to their major fundraiser of the year! The fete will start at 5pm and finish at 8pm. The school did not have a fete last year so we're hoping for a full attendance on Friday March 24th. Bring along your friends and family and enjoy an evening of warm hospitality, tasty BBQ and delicious cakes—to name but a few stalls!! If you can't make it that weekend, may you would like to donate a little something. Drop off any cakes/plants/crafts to the school or Presbytery on or the day before the Fete or if you would like to donate money please use the following Electronic Funds Transfer Details: **St. Mary's Primary School BSB: 083-408 Acc: 866003114**

Rev Tim Costello to Visit Ararat

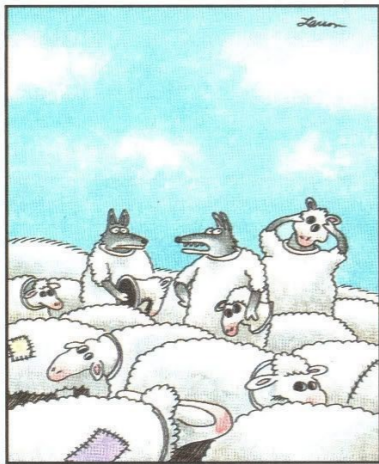
Arrangements have been made with World Vision for Tim Costello to speak at Ararat Uniting Church Hall, 279 Barkly Street Ararat on **Thursday 6 April 2017 at 7.30pm**. All welcome.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

- Final PGE in the foyer. Circled on the front of envelope will be your new number. Some numbers don't change.
- We are reducing the order of envelopes to lower costs.
- All numbers 100 and above will not come with envelopes due to contributions being via credit card, direct debit etc.
- NEW NUMBERS TAKE EFFECT JULY 2nd 2017

Grandmother's Club

The next meeting will be at Gwen Martin's house in Scotts Rise on Wednesday March 8th @ 2pm.



Joke of the Week:

"Wait a minute! Isn't anyone here a real sheep?"



2017 - Year for the Eradication of the Shepherd

In bible times the shepherds were considered by many to be of less worthy social standing. They were marginalized by the social and religious elite. In 2017 we still have "shepherds" who are less worthy of sanctuary in our country, less worthy of our company, less worthy of a place in line for holy communion. In 2017, in St Mary's Parish, we are committed to the eradication of the "shepherd", to the eradication of the label "less worthy."



Sunday, 5 Mar 2017
First Sunday of Lent - Year A

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 Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Responsorial Psalm Ps 50:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. see v.3

(R.) Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.
 1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)
 2. My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done. (R.)
 3. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)
 4. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 5:12-19

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel Mt 4:1-11

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4th/5th March 2017

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Fr. Gerard Gasper CSsR, Margaret Sinnott, Fr. Wladyslali Ziolkos, Pat Kenny, Zita Thomas, Phyllis Sertori, Leo Heenan, George Edwards, Amy Sertori, Tony Guinan, May Mercovich, Kieran Hennessy, Trevor Mast, Irene Ferguson, James Hynes, Ken Haslett, Fr Brian Murphy SJ

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

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.

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

Please pray for the intentions of:

Linden Horsman

LENTEN PRAYER

God of all peoples and nations, You accompany us on our Lenten Journey.
Through the life and mission of Your Son, You give us the gift of mercy.
May we learn to walk Your way of mercy And compassion with all Your people.
In a special way, we keep in mind our neighbours, the men, women and children around the world who are most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.
Bless our prayers, our fastings and our Lenten gifts to Project Compassion.
Through these actions, may our hearts be open to receive Your grace to love our neighbours as ourselves. We ask this in the name of Jesus.

Amen

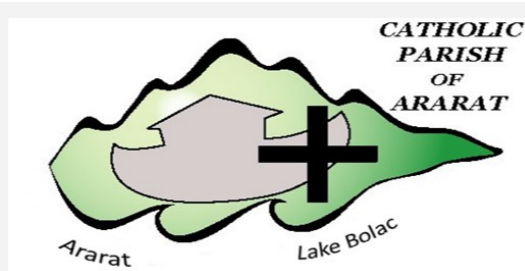
CHURCHES - Immaculate Conception, Ararat & St. Bernard's, Lake Bolac

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Office Hours
Wed/Thurs/Fri 10am—3pm

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		
Wed 8th	9.30am	Convent (followed by exposition)
Thurs 9th	9.30am	Church
Fri 10th	6pm	Hopkins

LAKE BOLAC—MASS

READER: M-A Otto
PRAYERS: V. Albert
EUCCHARISTIC
MINISTER: P. Upton
CLEANING: C. Peacock

LAKE BOLAC—MASS

READER: T. Higgins
PRAYERS: H. Smith
EUCCHARISTIC
MINISTER: L. Breen
Lay Assembly: John & Jane

"In our ecclesiastical region there are priests who don't baptize the children of single mothers because they weren't conceived in the sanctity of marriage. These are today's hypocrites. Those who clericalize the church. Those who separate the people of God from salvation."

Read more at more at **-Pope Francis @Pontifex 2017**

A VOCATION VIEW

Lent is a season of renewal, of spiritual growth. These forty penitential days invite us to strive for our true calling.

Church Toilets

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

PRINCIPAL ST. MARY'S SCHOOL: Mr Tom Hogan

Download newsletter—www.smararat.catholic.edu.au

PRINCIPAL MARIAN COLLEGE: Mrs Carmel Barker

Download newsletter—www.mcararat.catholic.edu.au

PARISH SECRETARY: Ms Joyce Clery



Fair Trade Chocolate and Other Products

St Mary's Parish abhors the practice of underpaying workers in plantations producing chocolate and other products. We bring to your awareness the Fair Trade logo. Look for the logo when purchasing.

Saint of the week: St John of God, Patron Saint of Booksellers. Born 1495, Died 1550.

Lesser known Saint of the Week! Sr.

Colette, Born 1380, Died 1447. Colette was the daughter of a carpenter named DeBoilet at Corby [Abbey](#) in Picardy, France. She was born on January 13, christened Nicolette, and called Colette. Orphaned at seventeen, she distributed her inheritance to the poor. She became a Franciscan tertiary, and lived at Corby as a solitary. She soon became well known for her [holiness](#) and spiritual wisdom, but left her cell in 1406 in response to a dream directing her to reform the Poor Clares.

Lenten Discussion

Booklets are printed. CD's are downloaded. Come along!

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Mar 4th	P. McAloon		A. Reynolds, L.Horsman & C. McAdie		D. Dijon & M. Ryan	A&V Joyce	G. White	M. Cunningham	Brianne Grayling
Sun Mar 5th		P. Lardner	C. Bulger, & K. Cham-mings	T. Gemmola	Pat Lardner & S. Pickering	(as above)	Jim Crowe & V. Hooper	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Mar 11th	G. White	Beck Rodger	T. Gemmola		Marg Joyce & N. Billingsley	The Arnold Family, T. Weeks & C. Martin	V. Hooper	M. Dempsey & M. Jer-ram	Jo Donnan & K. Scher-ger
Sun Mar 12th	J. Brennan	R. Cooper	M. Cunningham, Sr. John & C. Reid	H&A Collins	Blessie Stoneman	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)

It's Lent! A Few Things to Notice

There's purple everywhere and no "Alleluia"

We will watch a brief Caritas video each week.

There are Caritas envelopes and boxes

We have a weekly Lenten Discussion Group in both Lake Bolac and Ararat

We will change our Parish prayer to a Caritas prayer after the Prayers of Intercession.

Just because, we will pray the Nicene Creed instead of the Apostles Creed during Lent

Lenten Examen

1. Give Thanks. I thank God for this day, for my life, for all I am and have, and for His Word.
2. Pray for Light. I ask the Father to let me see my day as the Holy Spirit sees it, and to show me what I need to see.
3. Find God. I look at my day in the light of the Spirit. I look back over the morning, the afternoon, and the evening. Who talked with me or worked with me? Did I get done what I meant to do or leave things out?
4. Anything Wrong? Do I trust that God is with me when I fail? Where I was ungrateful, I repent and offer thanks.
5. What Now? I look forward in hope. What have I to do now? What have I to avoid?

Tis the Season for Buying Chocolate

Look for the Fair Trade Logo. fairtrade.com.au

Fair Trade also applies to coffee, tea, cotton, gold, sports balls, cosmetics and skin care, ice cream, coconuts and flowers. Anywhere that workers can be exploited there is a possibility that they are. There are other "protect the workers" schemes than Fairtrade. Cadbury are promoting "Cocoa Life" and its protocols, for example. Some Cadbury products have the Fair Trade logo while others do not. I spent ages in the chocolate aisles this week! The basket in the church foyer is of Fairtrade items all purchased from Woolworths and Aldi. Some products are more easily available to us online. Interestingly, Interflora UK have had Fairtrade flowers for ten years. Interflora Australia USA and Canada do not. Maybe they have their own ethical protocols??? Granted, there are many considerations: Is it Australian made? Is it organic? Is it expensive? Is it tested on animals? Does it create a lot of wasted packaging? Is it a good product and value for money? Fair Trade's question is a valid one: Does it pay the workers a fair price or keep them in economic slavery?