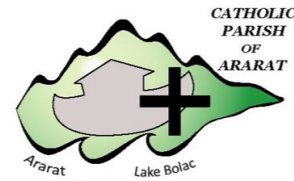


St. Mary's Cafe

St. Mary's Cafe will look a bit different during this second lockdown. We will have handmade meals to a tried a tested recipe from Fresh Food Fast Company #freshfoodfast. These soups and evening meals will be frozen for your convenience and can be pre-ordered and collected on Thursdays and Fridays in the Parish Centre from 10am to 3pm. Phone ahead 03 5352 5460



MENU

Soups \$5

Tuscan Bean Soup or Pea & Mint (GF), Mushroom (GF) or Tomato (GF)

Evening Meals (Serves 2)

Cottage Pie	\$12
Vegetarian Lasagne (GF)	\$12
Chicken Fried Rice	\$12
Tuna, Tomato & Cheese Pasta Bake	\$10

Deserts

Apple Crumble (serves 2)	\$8
Biscuit Dough (8 biscuits)	\$5



Rotary Club of Ararat



Food Donations

Thank you so much for the food donations. We are stocked up on pasta, tinned apple, tinned Tomato, and UHT milk.

Profit from the Café

We have donated \$1000 to the Emergency Relief Team. This money will be used for meal & fuel vouchers for individuals and families in need. It may also be needed for emergency accommodation

MASKS

Huge thanks again to Jenny (Ararat Rotary) and her team of ladies for the next batch of masks. We have given another 60 to the Emergency Relief Team. These will be distributed to the homeless and those who can't afford a material mask. We are also working closely with Marilyn and the team Vinnies.

Jokes of the Week



Sunday 6th September 2020

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time A



As we celebrate, we acknowledge the Indigenous owners of the land on which our Churches are built, the Tjapwuring people, and we respect the presence of the spirits of their ancestors among us.

Fr Andrew Hayes A very Happy Father's Day!

Social Justice was last Sunday—here is an excerpt from the Statement:

“THE MENTAL HEALTH OF OUR PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES .Most of us will experience a mental health problem at some point over the course of our lives. These problems may be temporary, but they can develop into mental illness. It is estimated that just under a quarter of the population are at risk of experiencing a mental illness.

Mental health can be seen as a continuum. At one end are people who are feeling well and coping with the demands of daily life. This is the case for 60 per cent of all Australians. At the other end are people experiencing mental illness. Common conditions include anxiety and depression. Others relate to psychosis, including schizophrenia and bipolar affective disorder. These can range from mild conditions that are self managed, to those that need basic care, through to moderate and severe conditions that require specialist support or hospitalisation. With proper treatment and care, most people recover completely. And while those who are living with mental ill-health, or who are on the path to recovery, are often active and productive members of the community, significant challenges remain. People experiencing mental ill-health often encounter stigma and may fall through gaps in medical and community care. In fact, mental ill-health through the lifespan is quickly becoming the greatest cause of disability in the world. Having an understanding of mental health can raise our awareness of people in our families, faith communities, workplaces and society who need our support.

Young people - In the lead up to the 2018 Synod in Rome on young people, we surveyed over 15,000 young Most of us will experience a mental health problem at some point over the course of our lives. These problems may be temporary, but they can develop into mental illness. It is estimated that just under a quarter of the population are at risk of experiencing a mental illness. people in Australia. The National Report, Called to the Fullness of Life and Love, identified mental health, followed by school or study, drugs and alcohol, and body image as the main issues facing young people today .”

If you would like a copy of the statement—please phone Joyce in the office 03 5352 5460

Mass Online

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au has a number of helpful resources Some of the links are listed here:

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat: Mass livestreamed daily from the Cathedral at 10.00am can be viewed here or on facebook.

St Mary Mackillop Parish, Western Border: Mass celebrated on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays can be viewed here. Follow their facebook page

St Joseph's Parish, Warrnambool: Sunday Masses at 8.30am can be viewed here or follow the link on facebook.

St Patrick's Parish, Camperdown: Sunday Mass at 10.30am livestreamed here.

Phone Lines

Victorian Coronavirus Hotline — 1800 675 398

If you suspect you may have the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) call the dedicated hotline – open 24 hours, seven days.

Older persons COVID-19 Support line — 1800 171 866

Translations for Victorian Government coronavirus website - www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/translations

1800RESPECT

Confidential information, counselling and support service for people affected by or experiencing sexual assault, domestic or family violence and abuse.

Relationships Australia — 1300 364 277

Support services for individuals, families and communities.

Australian Red Cross — 1800 RED CROSS

Vinnies Ararat Phone: (03) 5352 5560

Salvation Army Australia — 13 SALVOS

See Social Justin Info attached to email.

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First Reading

Ez 33:7-9

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8

(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my
work.' **(R.)**

Second Reading

Rom 13:8-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has
entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 18:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

It is difficult for leaders to call people to accountability. Such is the unenviable responsibility of pastors in the parish, coordinators of religious education, members of the parish council, principals in the school, directors of liturgical ministry, to name but a few. Disciples must also engage in the very difficult process of reconciliation. Differences of opinion, misunderstandings, and actual offences tend to alienate people. We see this happen in families, neighbourhoods, parish communities, workplaces. It is not enough to say that we must try to forgive from our hearts. The process of reconciliation requires significant movement toward the admission of guilt as well. Both the one offended and the offender must be willing to be transformed.

Gathering two or three together in prayerful collaboration is not as easy as it sounds. If collaboration is to be effective, we have to be open and honest about our opinions and our biases, and respectful of the opinions and biases of others. We must work for the common good and not merely for what we personally think is best. We must be willing to accept and implement decisions with which we may not totally agree, and we must live with them gracefully. All of this calls for unselfish love. Love fulfils the entire law only: when we honour our personal commitments and the personal commitments of others; when we value the life, dignity and reputation of others; and when we respect their possessions. It is only because love is so demanding that it covers all of our responsibilities.

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ANNIVERSARIES: Sept 7th—Sept 13th

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, Graham Carmichael, John Edward Thomas, Fr Aurelius Maschio SDB, Norma Sutton, Mary Davies, June McKinnis, Vess Davey, Ruth Brain, Mary Waring, Margaret Ridgewell (Peg), Fr Edward Jerram, Kathleen Edwards, Tups Brady, John Griffin, Eileen Rees, John Seild, Fr Frank McLaughlin, Ross McCann, John Hennessy, Patricia Egan, Gertrude Brennan, Ronald Ryan, Vin Fitzpatrick , Fortunata Di Domenico

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Please contact the office if you would like your name to be on the sick list. Names are kept on this list for one month—and be put on again.

Anyone in hospital wishing to have communion, please contact the office on 53525460.

Margaret Hassall, Sally Rook, Geraldine Mckendrick

We also pray for those affected by Covid 19.

Ministry to the Sick:

Please email Fr. Andrew during these difficult times to discuss Ministry to the sick on

andrew.hayes@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Or phone the office on 5352 5460

A VOCATION VIEW:

How much would the world be changed if everyone were completely forgiving? Probably totally! Jesus' stories of forgiveness are so loved because they are so needed. Re-tell them! Re-live them!

Readings Sept 13th 2020

First Reading [Sir 27:30 – 28:7](#)

Second Reading [Rom 14:7-9](#)

Pope Francis—Twitter

As a human family we have our common origin in God. We dwell in a common home, the garden-planet where God placed us. But when we forget all this, our social fabric is weakened and the environment deteriorates. [#GeneralAudience](#)

Arrangements during Stage 3 Restrictions

Masses and Funerals

All public Masses have been cancelled for now. The churches are closed. Funerals in our parishes will be at the cemeteries with a maximum of 10 people

Prayers

Fr Andrew and Srs Maree and John will continue to pray for the intentions of parishioners

The Sunday readings and prayers of the faithful will be on the bulletins

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au has a number of helpful resources

Mass on Television Mass for You at Home

6am Sunday on Channel 10

Bulletins Bulletins will be prepared weekly

Some bulletins will be hand delivered

Bulletins will be emailed to those who have given us your addresses. Bulletins can be found on the parish websites

If you miss out on all of those options, bulletins can be collected from the doors of the parish offices.

Prayers for the Pandemic

When this is over, may we never again take for granted
A handshake with a stranger,
Full shelves at the shops, Conversations with neighbours,
A crowded theatre. Friday night out,
The sharing of Eucharist, A routine check-up,
The school rush each morning. The roar of the G,
Each deep breath, A boring Tuesday, Life itself.
And when this ends,
May we find that we have become more like the people
We wanted to be,
We were called to be, We hoped to be.
And may we stay that way –
Better for each other because of the worst.
- Laura Kelly Fanucci

Pope Francis' Prayer for Protection from Coronavirus

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.
At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.
We are certain that you will provide, so that,
as you did at Cana of Galilee,
joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the Father's will
and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.