

Good Friday Collection 2017

The Ararat and lake Bolac parish have raised \$674.40 for the Holy Land Appeal. Many thanks to everyone.

Project Compassion

Many thanks to all those parishioners who have donated to Project Compassion this Lent. The Parish have so far raised **\$3396!!** 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 *FINAL* total at the end of April.

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

Joke of the week: My computer was driving me crazy, the A, E and I keys would always stick. I took it to a computer technician to have it fixed. When I went back a few days later he said, "I had to fit a new keyboard to your computer, as your old one had an Irritable Vowel Syndrome!"

CHURCH ROSTER

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Apr 22 nd	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 23 rd	J. Clery	J. Brennan	C. Bulger, & K. Chamings	H&A Collins	L&D Anderson	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Apr 29 th	G. White	A. Collins	T. Gemmola,		Marg Joyce	C. Bush & J. Clery	V. Hooper	M. Cunningham	Jo Donnan
Sun Apr 30 th	J. Brennan	T. Arnold	M. Cunningham, Sr. John & C. Reid	T. Gemmola	Kathy Leggett & S. Pickering	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)



Sunday, 23 Apr 2017
Second Sunday of Easter - (Divine Mercy Sunday) - 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 Acts 2:42-47

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-24. 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. I was thrust, thrust down and falling but the Lord was my helper.

The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour.

There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just. (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.

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Pt 1:3-9

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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22nd/23rd April 2017

RECENT DEATHS:

Fr. Frank Madden, Paul Pavao Japunic

ANNIVERSARIES:

Sr Catherine O'Halloraran, Alex Murray, May Richards, Cosmos Fernando, Tom McGrath, Len Davies, Martin Keogh, Clare Heard, Peter Sheehan, James Lannen, Nora Hogan, Mary Lugg, Agnes Joyce, Richard Williams, Shirley Baker, John McRae, Peter White, Baden Edwards, Margaret Clark, Brian Broderick, Michael Hogan, Stan Kelly, Milton Neilson, Shayne Byron

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

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.

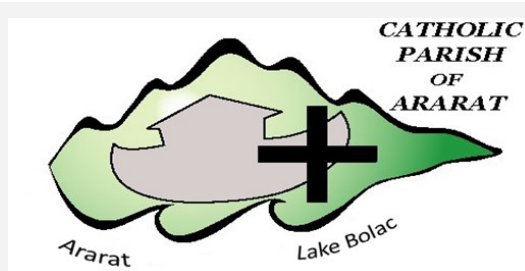
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MASS TIMES

	<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

Fri 28th	11.30am	Requiem Mass for Paul Pavao Japuncic in the Church Hopkins
	6pm	

LAKE BOLAC—MASS April 23rd

LAKE BOLAC—MASS April 30th

READER:	V. Albert	READER:	H. Smith
PRAYERS:	K. Gleeson	PRAYERS:	M-A Otto
EUCCHARISTIC		EUCCHARISTIC	
MINISTER:	L. Breen	MINISTER:	Jane Higgins
Cleaning:		Cleaning:	

Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2017

"We have to work harder to develop a profound theology of women within the church. The feminine genius is needed wherever we make important decisions."

Church Toilets

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

A VOCATION VIEW

"It is only through people like you that others will be able to say: "We have seen the Lord." With the resurrection to empower you and with Jesus to lure you, you too can inspire others who have not seen to believe."

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



Embrace the Shepherds

In bible times the shepherds were considered outcasts, less worthy of a place in civil society. Here at St Mary's we're making a concerted effort to "embrace the shepherds." We welcome every person who is unwelcome.

Saint of the Week: St. George, Feast day April 23rd, patron Saint of England and Catalonia. D 303. George was born to a Gerontios and Polychronia, a Roman officer and a Greek native of Lydda. Both were Christians from noble families of the Anici and George, *Georgios* in the original Greek, was raised to follow their faith. When George was old enough, he was welcomed into Diocletian's army. by his late 20's, George became a Tribunus and served as an imperial guard for the Emperor at Nicomedia. On February 24, 303 A.D., Diocletian, who hated Christians, announced that every Christian the army passed would be arrested and every other soldier should offer a sacrifice to the Roman gods. George refused to abide by the order and told Diocletian....

Read more on www.catholic.org/saints

www.jcr.org.au



Mass in the Catacombs of Paris—1951



Early Christians celebrating Mass in the Catacombs.

Pentecost in the Catacombs

Sunday June 4th 2017

The early Christians dug catacombs around Rome to bury their dead far underground to prevent desecration. Those tunnels also became an important hiding place for the same early Christians. Remember the Gospel story for Pentecost Sunday, "In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews." Seppelt Winery in Great Western have almost 3 km's of underground tunnels very similar to the early Christian Catacombs (that they call the Drives) and after discussion with the Parish Pastoral Council, a deal has been struck to celebrate Mass in the Drives on Pentecost Sunday this year. Through this Mass, we can imagine the life and experience of the early Christians living in fear. At Pentecost they were transformed! The day will start at 11.45am. See Joyce in the office Wed/Thurs/Fri 10am-3pm or phone 03 53525460.

(This Mass is *separate* to the usual Sunday Mass at 10.30am in St. Mary's Church)

- 11.45am** Gather at Seppelt.
- 12 noon** Tour & Mass begins.
- 1pm** Lunch
- 2pm** Visit the cellar door and avail of some "Pentecost" Specials!

Places are limited—roughly 60 places. Booking with payment (\$35) can be made through Joyce in the parish office. This is an all inclusive event. Due to the nature of the event, it is suitable for Grade 2 school children and above (as long as they don't mind the dark!) We have over 40 bookings so far.



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