

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!!

World Day of Prayer

In the 90th. year of World Day of Prayer in Australia (1927-2017) you are warmly invited to share in the beautiful FRIDAY 3RD. MARCH 2017 – Theme: "Am I being unfair to you?" 10.00a.m. **ARARAT:** Ararat Presbyterian Church, 330 Barkly Street, Ararat. 3377. Speaker: Rod Waterhouse. Enquiries: Rod Waterhouse 0438 555 987. Flyer on the noticeboard.

History of the Tjapwurong people—for the next few weeks we shall be bringing you some interesting facts about the Indigenous People on whose land the Church is built.

CONT'D from last week: Djab Wurrung today

In 1989 there was a proposal by Victorian Minister for Tourism, [Steve Crabb](#) to rename many geographical place names associated with aboriginal heritage in the [Gariwerd - Grampians National Park](#) area. There was much community opposition to this proposal. The Brambuk centre, representing five aboriginal communities with historical links to the area, advocated a dual name for the main area: Gariwerd/Grampians.^[13]

Some of the changes included:

Grampians to Gariwerd (mountain range), Mount Zero to Mura Mura (little hill) and Halls Gap to Budja Budja

The *Brambuk National Park and Cultural Centre* in [Halls Gap](#) is owned and managed by [Jardwadjali](#) and Djab Wurrung people from five Aboriginal communities with historic links to the Gariwerd-Grampians ranges and the surrounding plains.

Joke of the Week:



Pope Francis' Letter to Young People

Pope Francis' writes to young people regarding the XV General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on 'Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment'. Go to www.ballarat.catholic.org.au to learn more

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.

NEW OFFICE HOURS

Wed/Thurs/Fri 10am-3pm

Lifeline: 131114 Ararat Police: 5355 1500

Counselling service: Relationships Australia – 1800 052 674

Sexual Assault Crisis line: 1800 806 292

Catholic Diocese of Ballarat Towards Healing – 1800 099 340



Sunday, 19 Feb 2017 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

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.

First Reading **Lv 19:1-2. 17-18**

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8**

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. (R.)

2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)

3. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)

4. As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. (R.)

Second Reading **1 Cor 3:16-23**

Gospel Acclamation **1 Jn 2:5**

Alleluia, alleluia!
Whoever keeps the word of Christ,
grows perfect in the love of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Mt 5:38-4**

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18th/19th February 2017

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Betty White, Edward O'Boyle, Antonia Sultana, Bob Mahony, Jackson Hunt, Thelma Day, Noel Hooper
Sr Ursula Hayes, Wal Davis, Edward Arnold, Harold Bryant, Kaz Sobczak, Mons James Brophy, Julieta Formentera, Lorna Martin, Michael Scherger, Michael Stapleton, Mary Lugg, Brian Coffey, Hazel Gleeson, Catherine Doery

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, Michael Doyle

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.

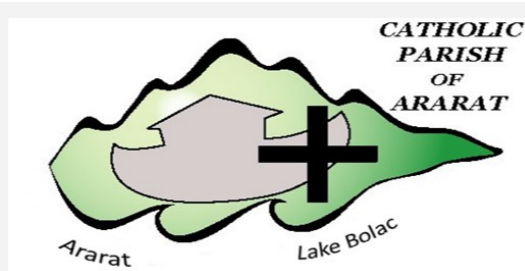
CHURCHES - Immaculate Conception, Ararat & St. Bernard's, Lake Bolac

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Office Hours
Wed/Thurs/Fri 10am—3pm

MASS TIMES

Ararat **Lake Bolac**

Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 10.30am 8.30am
2nd Sunday of Every Month 8.30am (Lay Assembly)

Masses this Week

This week I will be away for the annual priests' retreat. There will be Mass at Hopkins on Friday at 6pm.

LAKE BOLAC—MASS

READER: D. Haslett
PRAYERS: T. Higgins
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: I. Meek
Lay Assembly: R. Liston

LAKE BOLAC—MASS

READER:
PRAYERS:
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:
CLEANING:

“Inconsistency on the part of pastors and the faithful between what they say and what they do, between word and manner of life, is undermining the Church's credibility.”

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

A VOCATION VIEW

If you love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you and pray for those who maltreat you, realise that God has already called YOU.

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. Margaret of Cortona, Feast Day Feb 22nd, B 1247, D 1297, Margaret of Cortona, penitent, was born in Loviana in [Tuscany](#) in 1247. Her father was a small farmer. Margaret's mother died when she was seven years old. Her stepmother had little care for her high-spirited daughter. Rejected at home, Margaret eloped with a youth from [Montepulciano](#) and bore him a son out of wedlock. After nine years, her lover was murdered without warning. Margaret left Montepulciano and returned as a penitent to her father's house. When her father refused to accept her and her son, she went to the Friars [Minor](#) at [Cortona](#) where she received asylum. Yet Margaret had difficulty overcoming temptations of the flesh. One [Sunday](#) she returned to Loviana with a cord around her neck. At Mass, she asked pardon for her past scandal.

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Feb 18th	P. Brennan	G. White	M. Mason, P. Brady & AM Joyce		R&M Jeram	The Reynolds Family & P. McAloon	G. White	A. Joyce & Marilyn Brady	Jo Donnan
Sun Feb 19th	N. Potter	S. Reid	C. Reid, M. Ollie & J. Start	Elizabeth Shea	Kathy Leggett & S. Pickering	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Feb 25th	P. Gemmola	I. Brady	H&A Collins		Margaret Ryan	I. Brady, P. Gemmola & L. Styles	Geoff White & R. Jeram	M. Jerram & M. Dempsey	P. Weeks
Sun Feb 26th	C. Reid	C. Bulger	G. O'Loughlin, N. Billingsley & S. Reid	Anne-Marie Joyce	Elizabeth Shea & P. Lardner	(as above)	Jim Crowe	(as above)	(as above)



Harry Collins will talk to us this weekend:

Project Compassion Lent Calendar

Did you know that you can download a Lent Calendar for your iPhone or Android? You can also view it on the Caritas Australia website!

Use the calendar to deepen your spirituality this Lent and learn about Caritas Australia's work in six countries across the globe. Explore Project Compassion, meet inspiring people and reflect on the Lenten period through daily readings, prayers and social justice actions.

View or download at www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion/lent-calendar

New Secure Facility

This week I've been shaking my head at the vitriol on social media about the new facility to be built adjacent to Hopkins and Corella. Three comments:

Hopkins houses about 700 prisoners. This new facility is for 20 people. That's 720 instead of 700. What's the fuss? Everybody wants these people off the streets. Ararat is getting paid millions of dollars and dozens of jobs to achieve an outcome that we all want. What's the fuss?

Mayor Paul Hooper said during the week that Ararat has the expertise to run this facility. And yes, we have. Lots of extra jobs and millions of dollars worth of expertise.

Jesus would have us be people of love (no shepherds). When the new facility opens, how will we love the people in it? (Fr. Andrew Hayes)



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."