

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.

“The **Djab wurrung** people are Indigenous Australians who occupy the volcanic plains of central Victoria from the Mount William Range of Gariwerd in the west to the Pyrenees range in the east encompassing the Wimmera River flowing north and the headwaters of the Hopkins River flowing south. The towns of Ararat, Stawell and Hamilton are within their territory. There were 41 Djab wurrung clans who formed an alliance with the neighboring Jardwadjali people through intermarriage, shared culture, trade and moiety system. Alternate transcriptions of the name are **Chaap Wuurong**, **Djabwurrung**, **Tjapwuring**, **Tjapwurong** etc. The Djab wurrung were a matrilineal society (tracing of descent through the female line), with descent system based on the Gamadj (black cockatoo) and Grugidj (white cockatoo) moieties. Grugidj sub-totems included pelican, parrot, mopoke and large kangaroo. Gamadj sub-totems included emu, whip snake, possum, koala, and sparrowhawk. Clans intermarried with the Dja Dja Wurrung, Jardwadjali, Dhauwurd wurrung and Wada wurrung peoples. “



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.”



Celebrate Australia Day
Australia Day - 26 January
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Australia Day—January 26th

A reminder to all, there is Prayer service on Thursday 26th January at 10am in the Church. Morning tea afterwards (CWL)

Max Fletcher—former Deputy of the Catholic Education Office

The funeral mass for Max Fletcher will be at 11.00am on Tuesday 17 January in Our Lady’s Church, Wangaratta.

Great Western Makers Market

Sunday February 5th is the next Makers Market starting at 10am. Come along and enjoy some home-made crafts and a good cup of coffee!



Sunday, 15 Jan 2017 Second 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.

14th/15th January 2017

RECENT DEATHS:

Rita Higgins, Max Fletcher (Catholic Education Office)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mons. John Hoyne, Fr John Coughlan, Fr William Cain, Elizabeth Nicolaci, Maria Nicolaci, Pasquale Nicolaci, Maria Francesca Y Nicolaci, Concetta Nicolaci Y Tolomeo, Maria Franco, Pedro Franco, Romeo Raffaele , Riso Maria Jioseffa Y Romeo, Marcelo Franco, Gerard Brown, Margaret Winnell, Bridget Cashin, John Downes, Lois Gordon, Lorna McPherson, Margaret Start, Nell Laffy, Sr Agnes Lyng, Mario Diana, Peter McLean, Peter Gorst, Michele DiDomenico, Mick Davey, Fr Charlie Fiscalini, Michael Hennessy, Patrick Kelly

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.

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

Baptism—Welcome to the world!

Marlie Pitcher—daughter of Josiah and Sara Pitcher

First Reading Is 49:3. 5-6

Responsorial Psalm Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv.8. 9.

(R.) Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. *(R.)*
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. *(R.)*
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. *(R.)*
4. Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord.

Second Reading 1 Cor 1:1-3

Gospel Acclamation Jn 1:14. 12

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 1:29-34

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A Blessing for the New Year

May God keep and bless you, and nothing distress you.
May God guard and guide you, and friends walk beside you.
May God’s arms surround you, and fear not confound you.
May God’s light shine through you, and night not subdue you.
As you sleep and wake may your prayers arise as love songs for God,
whose love never dies, whose love never dies.

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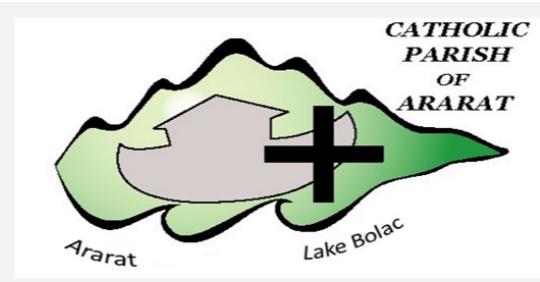
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Tues/Wed/Fri 9am—2pm

MASS TIMES

	<u>Ararat</u>	<u>Lake Bolac</u>
Saturday	6.00pm	
Sunday	10.30am	8.30am
2nd Sunday of Every Month (Lay Assembly)		8.30am
Masses this Week (note different times)		
Tues 17 th	5.30pm	Church
Wed 18 th	9am	Convent
Thurs 19 th	11am	Lowe St
Fri 20 th	6pm	Hopkins

A VOCATION VIEW

Isaiah's vocation was to be a light to the nations. Nations and neighbourhoods need missionaries - lay, clergy and religious. Listen to the call!

Church Toilets

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

“Sometimes negative news does come out, but it is often exaggerated and manipulated to spread scandal. Journalists sometimes risk becoming ill from coprophilia and thus fomenting coprophagia: which is a sin that taints all men and women, that is, the tendency to focus on the negative rather than the positive aspects.”

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

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PRINCIPAL MARIAN COLLEGE: Mrs Carmel Barker
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PARISH SECRETARY: Ms Joyce Clery

Saint of the week:

St. Felix of Nola, Feast Day January 14th, Patron saint of Nola
Felix was the son of Hermias, a Syrian who had been a Roman soldier. He was born on his father's estate at [Nola](#) near Naples, Italy. On the death of his father, Felix distributed his inheritance to the poor, was ordained by [Bishop St. Maximus](#) of Nola, and became his assistant. When Maximus fled to the [desert](#) at the beginning of Decius' [persecution](#) of the Christians in 250, Felix was seized in his stead and imprisoned. He was reputedly released from prison by an angel, who directed him to the ailing Maximus, whom he brought back to Nola.

Joke of the week:

The Parish Priest put hot air hand dryers in the toilets at his Church and after two weeks took them out. I asked him why and he confessed that they worked fine but when he went in there he saw a sign that read, “For a sample of this week's sermon, push the button.”

St. Vincent de Paul

The next meeting of Vinnies will be held on Tuesday 7th February 2017

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Jan 14 th	P. McAloon	J. McAloon	A. Reynolds, L. Horsman & C. McAdie		D. Dijon & Sr Maree	P & M Brady & P. Gemmola	G. White & V. Hooper	A. Joyce & Marilyn Brady	P. Weeks
Sun Jan 15 th	J. Clery	J. Brennan	C. Bulger, M. de Jong & K. Chamings	L. Shea	L&D Anderson	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Jan 21 st	G. White	H. Collins	T. Gemmola,		Marg Joyce & M. Ryan	J. Clarke, C. Bush & J. Clery	V. Hooper	M. Cunningham	H&A Collins
Sun Jan 22 nd	J. Brennan	T. Arnold	M. Cunningham, Sr. John & C. Reid	Jewell	Kathy Leggett & S. Pickering	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)

LAKE BOLAC—MASS

READER: R. Liston
PRAYERS: L. Breen
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Jane Higgins
MASS: L. Breen

LAKE BOLAC—MASS

READER: H. Smith
PRAYERS: Jane Higgins
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: John Higgins
CLEANING: T. Higgins

What goes up—must come down!

Would there be some kind souls could help dismantle the Christmas Tree, Nativity scene and Crib after Mass on Saturday/Sunday? The tree goes into a box which you will find in the choir room, Many Thanks

OFFICE HOURS

Jan Tues 17th—9am til 2pm
Jan Wed 18th— 9am til 2pm
Jan Fri 20th—9am til 2pm
Jan Tues 24th—8.30am-11.30am
Jan Wed 25th— CLOSED
Jan Fri 27th—9am til 2pm



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