

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 were semi-nomadic hunter gatherers within their territorial boundaries. During winter their encampments were more permanent, sometimes consisting of substantial huts as attested by Major [Thomas Mitchell](#) near [Mount Napier](#) in 1836: "Two very substantial huts showed that even the natives had been attracted by the beauty of the land, and as the day was showery, I wished to return if possible, to pass the night there, for I began to learn that such huts, with a good fire between them, made comfortable quarters in bad weather."^[2]

During early Autumn there were large gatherings of up to 1000 people for one to two months hosted at the Mount William swamp or at [Lake Bolac](#) for the annual eel migration. Several tribes attended these gatherings including the [Girai wurrung](#), [Djargurd wurrung](#), [Dhauwurd wurrung](#) and [Wada wurrung](#). Near Mount William, an elaborate network of channels, weirs and eel traps and stone shelters had been constructed, indicative of a semi-permanent lifestyle in which eels were an important economic component for food and bartering, particularly the [Short-finned eel](#).^[3] Near Lake Bolac a semi-permanent village extended some 35 kilometres along the river bank during autumn. [George Augustus Robinson](#) on 7 July 1841 described some of the infrastructure that had been constructed near Mount William:

"...an area of at least 15 acres was thus traced out... These works must have been executed at great cost of labour... There must have been some thousands of yards of this trenching and banking. The whole of the water from the mountain rivulets is made to pass through this trenching ere it reaches the marsh..."^[4]



Twitter this Week

Kon Karapanagiotidis - @Kon_K

1. Can we talk about how people who promote racism / misogyny / homophobia are the ones who need to assimilate to our shared values of decency
2. Goodnight to everyone who has love & respect for indigenous, refugees, people of colour, women, muslims, disabled & LGBTI community. You are my people
3. The problem is not the culture of indigenous people, muslims, refugees or people of colour. The problem is the racism of white people.

Dee Madigan @deemadigan

Spoke to the family. The girls are "excited that they are going to be on the billboards". This was about righting a wrong. No more, no less.



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."

Church Toilets

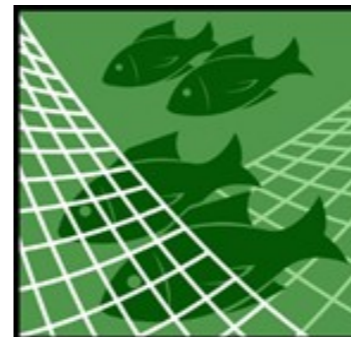
All children—Primary school age and under— must be accompanied by an adult. Thank you for your understanding.

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, 22 Jan 2017
Third 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 **Is 8:23 – 9:3**

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 26:1. 4. 13-14. R. v.1**

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
Before whom shall I shrink? **(R.)**
2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple. **(R.)**
3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! **(R.)**

Second Reading **1 Cor 1:10-13, 17**

Gospel Acclamation **Mt 4:23**

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Mt 4:12-23**

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21st/22nd January 2017

RECENT DEATHS:

Rex Billingsley

ANNIVERSARIES:

Fr Paul Keenan SJ, Catherine Doery, Joan Quaiffe, Thelma Liston, Ron Mason, Ken Waring, Alan Dovaston, Eric Ericksen, Ray Toner, Irene Hogan, Christopher Lillis, Francis Shevlin, Lilian Burston, Mons. Eugene Galligan
Mollie Flynn, Molly Kenny, Reginald Olle, Dennis Donovan, Maurice Donovan, Sarah Hogan, Leah Smith, Colleen Hodge, Anna McKenna, Mary Hennessy, Mons. Louis Conway, Wendy Vernon, Mary Riddington
Elizabeth Brennan and Frank Melbourne

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

Baptism—Welcome to the World!

Ella Jelowyi—daughter of Sandra & Paul Jelowyi

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.

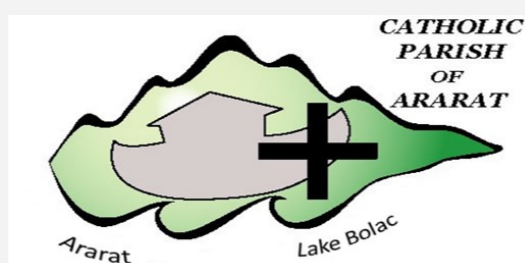
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Office Hours
Tues/Wed/Fri 9am—2pm

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		
Tues 24th	9.30am	Convent
Wed 25th	9.30am	Church
Thurs 26th	10am <i>Ecumenical Prayer for Australia Day</i>	
Fri 27th	6pm	Hopkins

<u>LAKE BOLAC—MASS</u>		<u>LAKE BOLAC—MASS</u>	
READER:	H. Smith	READER:	D. Phillips
PRAYERS:	Jane Higgins	PRAYERS:	K. Gleeson
EUCCHARISTIC		EUCCHARISTIC	
MINISTER:	John Higgins	MINISTER:	M. Phillips
MASS:	T. Higgins	CLEANING:	J. Higgins

"Working for a just distribution of the fruits of the earth and human labour is not mere philanthropy. It is a moral obligation. For Christians, the responsibility is even greater: it is a commandment."

Read more at [more at -Pope Francis @Pontifex 2017](#)

A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus said: "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." Today he could say: "I will make you mechanics of souls; doctors of wounded hearts, counsellors of broken families; clowns in a joyless society." But regardless, Come.

OFFICE HOURS

Jan Tues 24th 8.30am-11.30am **Jan Wed 25th**— CLOSED ←

Jan Fri 27th 9am 'til 4pm

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

Joke of the week:

Two prawns were swimming around in the sea. One called Justin and the other called Kristian. The prawns were constantly being harassed and threatened by sharks that inhabited the area. Finally one day Justin said to Kristian: "I'm fed up with being a prawn. I wish I was a shark, and then I wouldn't have any worries about being eaten." A large mysterious cod appeared and said: "Your wish is granted." Lo and behold, Justin turned into a shark. Horrified, Kristian immediately swam away, afraid of being eaten by his old mate. Time passed and Justin found life as a shark boring and lonely. All his old mates simply swam away whenever he came close to them. Justin didn't realise that his new menacing appearance was the cause of his sad plight. While swimming alone one day he saw the mysterious cod again and he thought perhaps the mysterious fish could change him back into a prawn. He approached the cod and begged to be changed back, and, lo and behold, he found himself turned back into a prawn. With tears of joy in his tiny little eyes, Justin swam back to his friends. Looking around the gathering at the reef he realised he couldn't see his old pal.

"Where's Kristian?", he asked.
 "He's at home, still distraught that his best friend changed sides to the enemy and became a shark," came the reply.
 Eager to put things right again and end the mutual pain and torture, he set off to Kristian's abode. As he opened the coral gate, memories came flooding back.
 He banged on the door and shouted: "It's me, Justin, your old friend, come out and see me again." Kristian replied: "No way man, you'll eat me. You're now a shark, the enemy, and I'll not be tricked into being your dinner."

Justin cried back: "No, I'm not. That was the old me. I've changed."

"I've found cod. I'm a prawn again Kristian."

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Jan 21st	G. White	H. Collins	T. Gemmola,		Marg Joyce & M. Ryan	C. Bush & J. Clery	V. Hooper	M. Cunningham	
Sun Jan 22nd	J. Brennan	T. Arnold	M. Cunningham, Sr. John & C. Reid	Jewell	Kathy Leggett & S. Pickering	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Jan 28th	C. Brennan	P. Brady	H&A Collins		M. Ryan	B. Holland & P. McAloon	G. White	M. Stapleton	Jo Donnan & K. Scherger
Sun Jan 29th	P. Lardner	P. Brennan	G. O'Loughlin, N. Billingsley & S. Reid	Teresa	L&D Anderson	(as above)	V. Hooper	(as above)	(as above)



Australia Day—January 26th

A reminder to all, there is an Ecumenical Prayer service on Thursday 26th January at 10am in the Church. Morning tea afterwards (CWL) Could everyone please bring a plate to share!

NEW ROSTER!

The new Church Roster is up on the notice board. Please take a look. If you did not receive the Roster via email, but would like to, please let Joyce know in the office.

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!

St. Vincent de Paul

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

Saint of the week: St. Agnes of Rome. Patron Saint of young girls, chastity, rape survivors, and the Children of Mary.

St. Agnes of Rome was born in 291 AD and raised in a Christian family. Agnes was very beautiful and belonged to a wealthy family. Her hand in marriage was highly sought after, and she had many high ranking men chasing after her. However, Agnes made a promise to God never to stain her purity. Her love for the Lord was great and she hated sin even more than death! Whenever a man wished to marry Agnes, she would always say, "Jesus Christ is my only Spouse."



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.



Palms Encounters: An experience to share this Easter and beyond.

Please see notice board for further information.