



Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation offers Uncle Richard and other former Stolen Generations survivors the chance to heal after a childhood of suffering, and manage the intergenerational effects of their pain.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help empower women in Timor-Leste to recover from domestic violence, develop sustainable livelihoods, and lead a life of dignity. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



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 “Bible time shepherd”, to the eradication of the label “less worthy.”

Lenten Examen

1. Give Thanks. I thank God for this day, for my life, for all I am and have, and for His Word.
2. Pray for Light. I ask the Father to let me see my day as the Holy Spirit sees it, and to show me what I need to see.
3. Find God. I look at my day in the light of the Spirit. I look back over the morning, the afternoon, and the evening. Who talked with me or worked with me? Did I get done what I meant to do or leave things out?
4. Anything Wrong? Do I trust that God is with me when I fail? Where I was ungrateful, I repent and offer thanks.
5. What Now? I look forward in hope. What have I to do now? What have I to avoid?

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers (no flowers during Lent)	Cleaning
Sat Mar 18th	A. Reynolds	C. Brennan	H&A Collins		D&M Lister	The Reynolds Family & P. McAloon	Geoff. White & T. Reynolds		M. Fe Galoso & A. Galoso
Sun Mar 19th	P. Lardner	C. Bulger	G. O'Loughlin, N. Billingsley & S. Reid	J&J Crowe	Pat Lardner & Kathy Leggett	(as above)	V. Hooper		(as above)
Sat Mar 25th	J. Clery	P. McAloon	A. Reynolds, L. Horsman & C. McAdie		Geoff White	I. Brady, P. Gemmola & L. Styles	Geoff White		P. Weeks
Sun Mar 26th	J. Start	P. Lardner	C. Bulger, & K. Chamings	D&M Lister	D. Dijon & S. Pickering	(as above)	John Pola		(as above)



**Sunday, 19 Mar 2017
Third Sunday of Lent - 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.

18th/19th March 2017

RECENT DEATHS:

Pat Kelly

ANNIVERSARIES:

Dorothy O'Brien, John Leggett, John Thomas, Tom Carter, Sr. Joyce White RSJ, Dave Dampsey, Fr John Henehan, Fr Bill O'Driscoll, Bea Kelly, Elizabeth Hustler, Benita Una Pieters, John Colwell, Barry Smith, Phillip Brown, Cliff Murray, John Kelly, Helen Kneebone, Betty Beer, Paz Navarro, Elizabeth Overington, Gwen Murray.

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

First Reading Ex 17:3-7

Responsorial Psalm Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

(R.) If today you hear 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 5:1-2. 5-8

Gospel Acclamation See Jn 4:42. 15

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Jn 4:5-42

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LENTEN PRAYER

God of all peoples and nations, You accompany us on our Lenten Journey. Through the life and mission of Your Son, You give us the gift of mercy. May we learn to walk Your way of mercy And compassion with all Your people. In a special way, we keep in mind our neighbours, the men, women and children around the world who are most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice. Bless our prayers, our fastings and our Lenten gifts to Project Compassion. Through these actions, may our hearts be open to receive Your grace to love our neighbours as ourselves. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen

Parish Candle



We have purchased a candle from the oldest Church Candle company in the world—Lalor est. 1488 in Ireland. We will light this candle at Easter and would encourage all groups in the parish to share it—Parish Council, CWL, Vinnies, Grandmother's Group et al.

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

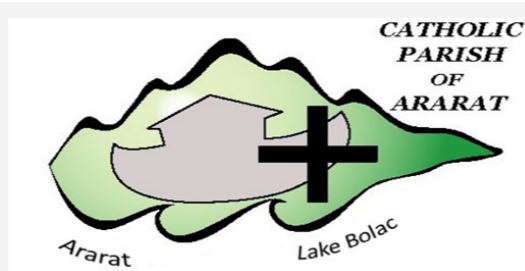
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PARISH SECRETARY: Ms Joyce Clery

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		
Tues 21st	9.30	Convent
Wed 22nd	6pm	Church
Thurs 23rd	9.30	Church
Fri 24th	6pm	Hopkins

LAKE BOLAC—MASS

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

LAKE BOLAC—MASS

READER: V. Albert
PRAYERS: D. Phillips
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: R. Liston
CLEANING: H. Smith

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"PERHAPS YOU WERE MAD, PERHAPS PLATES FLEW, BUT PLEASE REMEMBER THIS: NEVER LET THE SUN GO DOWN WITHOUT MAKING PEACE! NEVER, NEVER, NEVER!"

A VOCATION VIEW

Only the Lord can give true living water, fullness of life. Our body cannot survive without water; our spirit cannot survive without living water. Now is the time to renew our lives in the waters and Spirit of Baptism.

Church Toilets

All children—Primary school age and under— must be accompanied by an adult.

Thank you for your understanding.



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.

Other Ethical Schemes

I did some research this week into other ethical themes and commitments that companies profess besides Fair Trade. The basket in the foyer now has products from the following schemes. Look for them when shopping.

Rainforest Alliance UTZ Certified



Lindt Sustainability



Nestle Cocoa Plan

Ethical Tea Partnership



Happy St. Patrick's Day to one and all!!



Joke of the Week:

A ventriloquist is telling Irish jokes in Davy Byrne's pub in Grafton Street, Dublin, when, O'Leary, an irate Irishman stands up shouting, 'You're making out we're all dumb and stupid. I oughtta punch you in the nose.' 'I'm sorry sir, I.....' 'Not you,' says O'Leary, 'I'm talking to that little fella on your knee.'

Saint of the week: St. Patrick,

Patron Saint of Ireland. Some Sayings for the day!: May the hinges of our friendship never grow rusty! Here's to eyes in your heads and none in your spuds You've got to do your own growing, no matter how tall your father was. For each petal on the Shamrock, This brings a wish your way - Good health, good luck, and happiness

Palm Sunday Walk for Refugees

Walk for Justice for Refugees. 2pm Sunday April 9. State Library Melbourne. This event is supported by a couple of hundred organisations including: Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project with Presentation Sisters, ASRC, Jesuit Social Services, Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office, Rural Australians for Refugees. Info: contact the Grampians RAR rosbyas@gmail.com

Holy Thursday Passover Meal

Our schedule for Holy Thursday evening is as follows: Lake Bolac 5.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper. Ararat 7.30pm Traditional Jewish Seder Meal followed by Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8.30pm. The Seder (Passover) meal is a 3000 year old tradition of praying the prayers of the Jewish people along with lamb, bitter herbs and wine. This is the Passover meal that Jesus was celebrating with the disciples on the night of the Last Supper. All are welcome. In the coming weeks we will ask for names so we know how big a sheep to slaughter, now that we've made peace with the shepherds. Please write your name on the list on the Church Notice Board.

Pentecost in the Catacombs

Sunday June 4th 2017

Our Pentecost Sunday Mass in the drives (tunnels) at **Seppelt Great Western** is now in place.

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

- 11.30am** Gather at Seppelt.
- 11.45am** Tour & Mass begins.
- 1pm** Lunch
- 2pm** Visit the cellar door.

Places are limited. 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!)

Sacrament Meetings—Tuesday March 21st

There are two Sacrament meetings on Tuesday March 21st, 3.30pm and 5.30pm in the Presbytery. For all those wishing to register their children for the "Live Your Christian Life" program—please contact the office on 03 5352 5460 or email Joyce on Ararat@ballarat.catholic.org.au.

Lifeline: 131114

Ararat Police: 5355 1500

Counselling service: Relationships Australia – 1800 052 674

Catholic Diocese of Ballarat Towards Healing – 1800 099

Sexual Assault Crisis line: 1800 806 292