

CHURCH ROSTER

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat May 6 th	C. Brennan	P. Brady	H&A Collins		Brianne Grayling	A&V Joyce	G. White	M. m Stapleton	Jo Donnan & K. Scherger
Sun May 7 th	P. Lardner	P. Brennan	G. O'Loughlin, N. Billingsley & S. Reid	J&J Crowe	L&D Anderson	(as above)	V. Hooper	(as above)	(as above)
Sat May 13 th	H. Collins	Beck Rodger	A. Reynolds, L. Horsman & C. McAdie		Marg Joyce	B. Holland & P. McAloon	G. White	M. Egan & M. Brady	A. Galoso & M. Fe Galoso
Sun May 14 th	J. Start	N. Potter	C. Bulger, & K. Chamings	D&M Lister	Pat Lardner & S. Pickering	(as above)	Jim Crowe	(as above)	(as above)

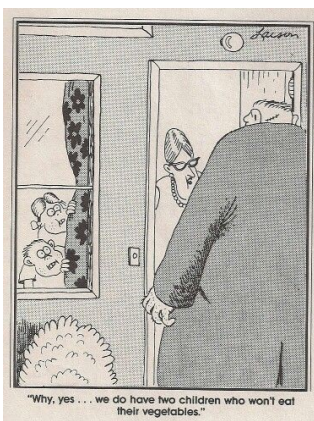
Ben Donnelly—Walking for a Kinder World

On Saturday April 29th we welcomed Ben Donnelly who came to Mass. He was 1,300km into his walk from Lake Eyre to Mt Kosciuszko in NSW raising funds and awareness of Mental Health in our community. One of our parishioners knows Ben through family and heard about his walk. They drove out of town to find him last Saturday, and offer him dinner! He gratefully accepted and then came to Mass. Fr. Andrew blessed Ben for a safe onward walk.

A little excerpt from his webpage—"Born into a farming family I began primary school teaching in 1990. I have worked in rural communities throughout Victoria and southern New South Wales as well as a year in Canberra. This has included the role of Principal in 2 schools. I also had the opportunity to work with at risk youth for 12 months. This experience has shown me how important it is to develop the ability to use words well and to be prepared to listen to those around us."

Should you wish to donate to Ben's fundraiser please go to—www.pitopeak.com

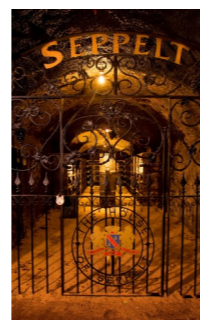
Joke of the Week



"Why, yes . . . we do have two children who won't eat their vegetables."

Pentecost Mass June 4th in Great Western

Don't forget to let Joyce know in the office if you have any dietary requirements for the Mass at Seppelt Winery. We are also negotiating a child's Meal option. We'll keep you posted.



Sunday, 7th May 2017 Fourth Sunday of Easter - 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 2:14. 36-41

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22:1-6. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)

2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. (R.)

3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall
I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Pt 2:20-25

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 10:1-10

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6th/7th May 2017

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Harriett Jackson Des Woods, Peg Ronald, Jack Ronald, Anthony Cain, Aileen Grinter, Terrance Coleman, Cathleen Sertori, Ted Holt, Bill Overington, Linda Weinert, Patricia Mahoney, Marie Scanlon, Frank Sanderson, Mary Waring, Tom Upton, Aileen Brennan, Monica Weddison, Tony Brady, Len Miller, Sr. Mary Antonia Thomas

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

Baptisms: Welcome to the World!

Jimmy—son of Sarah & Jacob Hamilton

Rylee—daughter of Kayla & Ethan Holmes

Confirmations & First Communions:

Congratulations to Harrison Grant, Wilbur Shea, Jaxsen Finch and Reuben Sladdin on receiving their Sacraments this Saturday.

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.

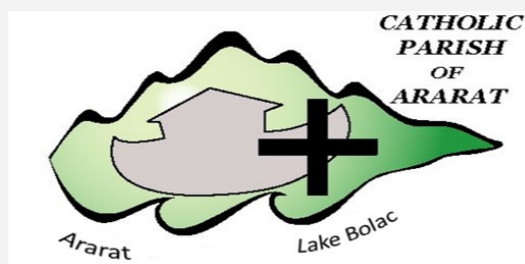
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MASS TIMES

	<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		
Tues 9th	5.15pm	Church
Thurs 11th	5.15pm	Church
Fri 12th	6pm	Hopkins

LAKE BOLAC—MASS May 7th		LAKE BOLAC—Lay Assembly May 14th	
READER:	T. Higgins	READER:	I. Meek
PRAYERS:	L. Breen	PRAYERS:	J. Aldous
EUCCHARISTIC		EUCCHARISTIC	
MINISTER:	D. Haslett	MINISTER:	R. Liston

Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2017

“Thank the Lord for the grace of our confirmation, that, filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit, we may always mirror Christ's presence in our relations with others, our openness to those in need, and our living witness to the Gospel message of joy and peace.”

A VOCATION VIEW

This is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. “The harvest is great but the labourers are few. Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send more labourers into the Harvest.”

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. Dominic Savio, Patron Saint of Choirboys, the falsely accused and juvenile delinquents. B 1842, D 1857. When he was just two years old, Dominic's family returned to their native village of Castlenuovo d'Asti, (Today, Castlenuovo Don Bosco) near the birthplace of John Bosco. Bosco would himself later be canonized as a Saint by the Church and became a major influence on the life of Dominic. Dominic was quickly recognized as an exceptional student who studied hard and performed well in school. He became an altar server. He also attended daily Mass and went to confession regularly. He asked to receive his first communion at the age of seven.

Read more on www.catholic.org/saints

www.jcr.org.au



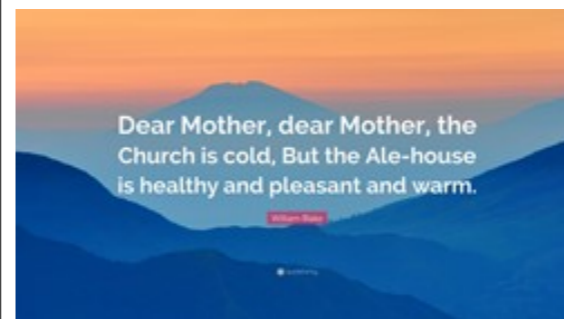
From Fr. Andrew:

RAR / ASRC

The Rural Australians for Refugees are collecting “Keep it Clean” items to deliver to the ASRC in Melbourne. Over the next couple of weeks people might like to drop the following items into the office or leave them in the church foyer: shampoos, conditioners, deodorants, toothpastes or toothbrushes. Many thanks.

Church Heating in Ararat

Now that parishioners in Lake Bolac are toasty warm at Mass, it is time to put some heating in Ararat. We have a quote arriving this week. Stay tuned. Meantime, if you're cold, go to Mass in Bolac!



Pipe Organ

The Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Committee have been discussing the costs associated with our pipe organ. The organ costs us \$400 every year to tune and \$1,000 to insure. That seems a lot of money for an organ that we don't actually use. In the last two years we have used it twice, for funerals. On one of those occasions the family paid an organist to come from Melbourne. \$3,000 has been spent for two Masses. Can we find a way to use the organ? Are there parishioners who can play? Might we stop insuring the organ and spend that \$1,000 to pay an organist to come from out of town to play? Could we use that \$1,000 to pay for lessons for somebody? Should we sell the organ? Are parishioners happy to continue paying \$1,400 per year to not play the organ? Ideas anybody?

Training for Readers / Ministers of the Eucharist

It's time for some training again for Ministers of the Eucharist and this time we'll include Proclaimers of the Word. Stay tuned.

CWL

The next CWL meeting will take place on Tuesday May 9th at 1.30pm in the Parish Centre behind St. Mary's Church. The CWL also have their Social Afternoon on MONDAY 15th MAY 2017 at 1.30pm in the Parish Centre. **All welcome.**

Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – new study opportunities

The Lay Pastoral Ministry Program offers low-cost opportunities for online study and formation for lay workers in the diocese, both employees and volunteers. Registration for the May study cycle closes on 22 May, 2017 - or you can start in July or later in the year. See the details on the diocesan website (link is on lower part of front page), then contact Amanda, ph: 5337 7125 or email amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Church Toilets

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