

Boundless Plains

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously for the Asylum Seeker Refugee Centre in Melbourne. We have raised \$6000 so far. We will keep the bank account open as we have been invited to perform in Melbourne for the Josephite Nuns in February and hopefully will be doing a "Boundless Plains Unplugged" in Great Western in February next year too, but making a real evening of it! We have thoroughly enjoyed touring to the other parishes and meeting new people along the way. We have sent the \$6000 to the ASRC.

Our Diocesan Community Magazine

Latest edition available now in the church foyers. Features articles about Fr Brendan and Sr Barbara among others.

October Mission Month

In Ararat we're having October Mission Month in November this year. There will be an invitation to contribute next weekend. (In Lake Bolac this collection is replaced each year by the collection for Sr Gottfrieda.) This year we are invited to reach out and support local community leaders in Papua New Guinea to engage with their people, help them heal the wounds caused by domestic violence and broken relationships, and find peace through mercy. Please come prepared next weekend and give generously.

Carols in the Anglican Church

All are welcome to come to our Nine Lessons and Carols Service on 18 December at 7.30 pm, featuring the Ararat Brass Band and Sing Australia, followed by Supper in the Parish Hall. This is the traditional sequence of readings and carols in the Anglican Church, first developed by King's College Cambridge in the 1920s, that tells the whole story of our redemption (in highlights!) from the Garden of Eden to Christmas morning.

Willaura Anglican Church...Christmas Carols Sunday December 4th commencing at 7.30 p.m.

All very welcome.

Justice Matters

Want to be better informed? Google: Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC)
Human Rights Law Centre (HRLC) #LetThemStay or/and #BringThemHere

Christ in Christmas

Vinnies have Christian Christmas cards available at \$2.50 per pack. Let's do our bit to maintain Christmas as a celebration of the birth of Christ!

St. Anne's Grandmother's group

Christmas Break-up at Chalambar Golf Club, Dec 2nd (Friday) at 12.15pm. RSVP Mary 53522060 or Marg 53523815

50th Anniversary of Extensions to St John's Church, Skipton

St John's Skipton will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the extensions to the Church on Sunday, November 20, 2016 with 10.30am Mass followed by a light luncheon in the Mechanics Hall next to the Church. All are very welcome to share in these celebrations. Enquiries and RSVP to Cath Kavanagh, ph. 5340 2394 or Kathy Heenan, ph. 5340 7230.

Lifeline: 131114 Ararat Police: 5355 1500 Sexual Assault Crisis line: 1800 806 292

Counselling service: Relationships Australia – 1800 052 674 Catholic Diocese of Ballarat Towards Healing – 1800 099 340



Sunday, 20th November 2016 Feast of Christ the King - Year C

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 **2 Sm 5:1-3**

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 121:1-5. R. see v.2**

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'

And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **(R.)**

2. **Jerusalem** is built as a city strongly compact. It
is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the
Lord. **(R.)**

3. For **Israel's** law it is, there to praise the Lord's
name. There were set the thrones of judgement of
the house of David. **(R.)**

Second Reading **Col 1:12-20**

Gospel Acclamation **Mk 11:9. 10**

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David
our Father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 23:35-43

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19th/20th November 2016

RECENT DEATHS:

Evelyn Moloney

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mary Gee, Joseph Zammit, Arthur Sinnott, Margaret Stone, James Cochrane, Olive Carter, Perc Dadswell, Edwin Overington, Pasquale Lembo, Lesley Hunt, Margaret Mercovich, Bradley Preston, Thoma Creenaune, Bridget Kelly, Isaac McPherson, Thomas Kennedy, Stanislaus Cronin, William Carter and Klara Pashula

SICK:

Barry Wilson, Margaret Kidd, Wendy Shea, Shirley Billet, Natasha Martens.

(thank you for your continued prayers)

Frank Dempsey would like to thank all the parishioners for their prayers and support during his recent illness—thank you all.

Hospital: *If you are in hospital and would like to receive Communion, could a family member please contact the office.*

Please Pray for the Intentions of:

Baptisms: Welcome to the World!

Confirmations & First Communions:

Prayer of Pope Francis for the Year of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,
and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.
Show us your face and we will be saved.
Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing,
so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord,
and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor,
proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,
and restore sight to the blind. Amen

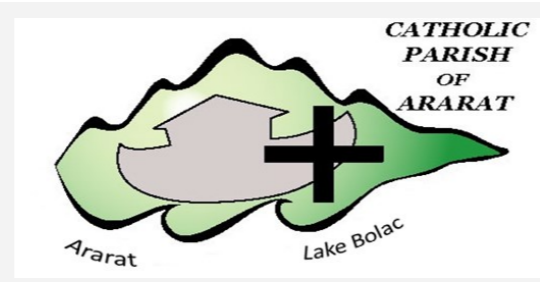
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Office Hours
Tues/Wed/Fri 9am—2pm

WEEKEND 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 22nd	6pm	Church
Wed 23rd	9.30am	Convent
Thurs 24th	9.30am	Church
Fri 25th	6pm	Hopkins

Calling All Readers!

You will find the following week's readings in the Facilitator folder for you to take home and peruse.

A VOCATION VIEW

Who will work for Jesus, the King of Peace, Hope and Honour, the King of Love, Truth and Justice? Who is dedicated and enthusiastic enough to proclaim his Good News? It must be YOU!

Church Toilets

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

"I destroy my enemy when I make him my friend."
Abraham Lincoln 1809-1865
(Pope Francis Quotes website down for maintenance)

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PRINCIPAL ST. MARY'S SCHOOL: Mr Tom Hogan
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PRINCIPAL MARIAN COLLEGE: Mrs Carmel Barker
Download newsletter—www.mcararat.catholic.edu.au
PARISH SECRETARY: Ms Joyce Clery



The **Parish Council** and the **CWL** have invited the ladies of the Islamic Community to join with us again in friendship.

We have asked if one of them could talk to us about the cultural differences between us, particularly what makes them feel comfortable when we meet and what might make them feel not so relaxed. Our aim is to understand how best to become friends, so please join us. Coffee, tea and light refreshments will be provided.

DATE: December 4th
PLACE: Parish Centre
TIME: 5.00pm

Masses for the Dead

Parishioners and friends are invited to special Masses to remember loved ones who have died. Tuesday **November 29 9.30am / Thurs December 1st 7pm**. Each Mass will be followed by supper.

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Nov 19th	P. Gemmola	I.Brady	H&A Collins (N/A)		M&R Jerram	P. McAloon & B. Holland	G. White	M. Stapleton & K. Cham-mings	P. Weeks
Sun Nov 20th	C. Reid	C. Bulger	G. O'Lough-lin, N. Billingsley & S. Reid	J. Start	Marg Joyce & N. Billingsley	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Nov 26th	P. McAloon	G. North	A. Reynolds, L.Horsman & C. McAdie		D. Dijon & M. Ryan	A&V Joyce	G. White	J. North & M. Cun-ningham	?
Sun Nov 27th	M. de Jong	P. Lardner	C. Bulger, M. de Jong & K. Chamings	T. Gemmo-la	Pat Lardner & S. Pickering	(as above)	Jim Crowe & V. Hoop-er	(as above)	(as above)

LAKE BOLAC—MASS

MASS

READER: D. Haslett
PRAYERS: M-A Otto
EUCCHARISTIC
MINISTER: Jane Higgins
CLEANING: R. Liston

LAKE BOLAC—MASS

MASS

READER: H. Smith
PRAYERS: J. Aldous
EUCCHARISTIC :
MINISTER: John Higgins
CLEANING: H. Smith

Christmas Mass Times

Note that Christmas Day is a **Sunday** this year. These are **not** the usual Sunday Mass times. There are special times for Christmas.

- Sat Dec 24th** 6pm Ararat
- Midnight Ararat
- Sat Dec 24th** 7.45pm Lake Bolac
- Sun Dec 25th** 9am Ararat



Joke of the Week

"I suppose technically you're right. But we still prefer not to think of it as a gated community."



Fair Trade Chocolate and Other Products

At the Parish Council meeting last week we discussed the abhorrent practice of underpaying workings 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. Nerses the Great, Bishop and martyr, the father of St. [Isaac](#) the Great. A native of Armenia, he studied in Cappadocia and wed a princess who gave birth to Isaac. After she died, he served as a chamber lain in the court of King Arshak of Armenia. In 353 he was made [Catholicos](#) of the Armenians.