

A Place at the Table: Social justice in an ageing society

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 25 September. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: 'A Place at the Table: Social justice in an ageing society'. Please read the Statement on the Church Notice board. For more information go to www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Fr Andrew's New Concert – Sunday November 6, 4.30pm, Parish Centre

Please see flyer on Church Notice Board!

Andrew does ask that you let him know you're coming. Locals can add their names to a list in the church foyers. Others can email frandrewboundlessplains@gmail.com

Lake Bolac—Ecumenical Social Afternoon St. Bernard's Ecumenical Social Afternoon will be celebrated on **Friday September 30th at 2pm**. Guest speaker is **Pat Lardner**. Afternoon tea provided, all welcome.

Pray for the Intentions of: Please let the office know if you would like to have your name added to this section of the bulletin. Your name is added if you are praying for someone in need and would like others to do so too. We all know the power of prayer! God's help through the power of prayer is available for all kinds of requests and issues. [Philippians 4:6-7](#) tells us, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, **present your requests to God.**"

Information for Parents about Safe Schools Coalition Australia

The Australian Catholic Bishops Commission for Family, Youth and Life have published information for parents regarding the Safe Schools Coalition Australia program being conducted in government schools. More information is available from the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Advertisement of Mass Times Due to the increased costs of advertising the Mass times in the Ararat Advertiser, the Finance Committee has decided to cancel this cost. A saving of almost \$1000 will be made. Mass times for St. Mary's Church and St. Bernard's in Lake Bolac can be found on the sign out the front of both Churches, in the Bulletin, on the Church door and on the Ballarat Diocese website. Thank you for your understanding.

Beyond the Year of Mercy A retreat afternoon, which is open to all adults, is to be held at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Ballarat on Sunday, October 30, 2016 from 1.30pm concluding with 5.00pm Mass. The afternoon will be led by Sr Veronica Lawson, a Sister of Mercy from Ballarat, biblical scholar and author of "Blessings of Mercy." Registrations through the Cathedral Parish Office ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5331 2933.

conference: Mercy: A Way of Being in the World Last Tuesday there was an internet conference from Broken Bay Diocese entitled Mercy: A Way of Being in the World. Presenters were Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Sr Veronica Lawson and Phil Glendenning. We will show all of the talks in the Parish Centre this coming Thursday, September 29 from 10.30 until mid-afternoon. We will also stop and engage in all of the discussions. All welcome. Please bring some lunch to share.

Great Western Hall Market The next Great Western Hall Market is on November 6th. If you know of any stall holders who would like to sell their wares, please phone Christine Collins on 040807920334 or Linda on 0403 302 727. You'll have time to visit and then come back to Ararat for Fr. Andrew's "Boundless Plains" performance!

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, 25th September 2016 Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 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 **Am 6:1. 4-7**

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 145:6-10. R. v.2**

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. (R.)
3. He upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, **Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)**

Second Reading **1 Tm 6:11-16**

Gospel Acclamation **2 Cor 8:9**

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Lk 16:19-31**

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24th/25th September 2016

RECENT DEATHS:

Sr. Barbara May, Thomas Anthony Cafarella, Cyril Tour (Brigitte Morrissey's father in Mauritius)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Edmund Gleeson, Margaret Johnson, Bruce Harrison, Robert Prydderch, Alex Shields, Marjorie Stapleton, Marjorie Stapleton, Margaret Ryan, Joe Hayes, Mary Kelly, Kaz Grabowski, Tom Ryan, Seamus Hennessy, Elywn Lillis, Frederick Waring, Carmen Claridge, Bill Canty, Glen Lister, Gerry Lillis, Ian Brown, Daniel Resnik.

SICK:

Ena Harrison, Margaret Kidd, Wendy Shea, Frank Dempsey, Maurice Rutter, Shirley Billet (thank you for your continued prayers), Kerrie Mulcahy, Natasha Martens.

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: Libby Shea

Baptisms: Welcome to the World!

Jasmine Marshall—daughter of Suzanne and James Marshall

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

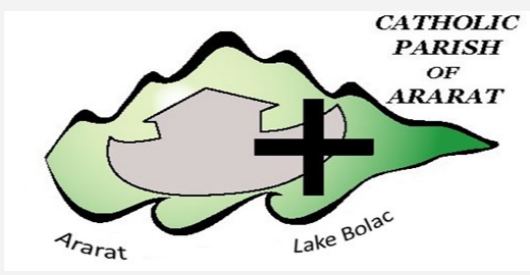
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Office Hours
Tues/Wed/Fri 9am—2pm

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
Tues 27th	11.00am	St. Augustine's Church, Maryborough (Sr. Barbara's funeral)
Wed 28th	9.30am	Convent
Thurs 29th	9.30am	Church (followed by e-conference)

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

Courage! Courage when you follow the Lord. Remember, people may not be convinced, even if one should rise from the dead - Live, in order to convince of resurrection and life.

Church Toilets

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

"I like it when someone tells me "I don't agree". This is a true collaborator. When they say "Oh how great, how great", that is not useful".

Read more at more at -**Pope Francis @Pontifex 2016**

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PARISH PRIEST: Fr Andrew Hayes

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

Saint of the Week

St. Vincent de Paul-
Feast Day September 27th, Patron Saint of charities; horses; hospitals; leprosy; lost articles; Madagascar; prisoners; Richmond, Virginia; spiritual help; Saint Vincent de Paul Societies; Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory; Vincentian Service Corps; volunteers. Born 1851, Died 1660.

St. Vincent de Paul was born to a poor peasant family in the French village of Pouy on April 24, 1581. His first formal education was provided by the Franciscans. He did so well, he was hired to tutor the children of a nearby wealthy family. He used the monies he earned teaching to continue his formal studies at the University of Toulouse where he studied theology. He was ordained in 1600 and remained in Toulouse for a time. In 1605, while on a ship traveling from Marseilles to Narbone, he was captured, brought to Tunis and sold as a slave. Two years later he and his master managed to escape and both returned to France. St. Vincent went to Avignon and later to Rome to continue his studies. While there he became a chaplain to the Count of Goigny and was placed in charge of distributing money to the deserving poor. He became pastor of a small parish in Clichy for a short period of time, while also serving as a tutor and spiritual director. From that point forward he spent his life preaching missions to and providing relief to the poor. He even established hospitals for them. This work became his passion. He later extended his concern and ministry to convicts.

Read more on www.catholic.org

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Sep 24th	P. Brennan	I Brady	M. Mason, P. Brady & AM Joyce		R&M Jerram	The Arnold Family, T. Weeks & C. Martin	Geoff White & R. Jerram	J. North & Anne Joyce	P. Weeks & J. Start
Sun Sep 25th	J. Clery	S. Reid	C. Reid, M. Ollie & J. Start	M de Jong	L&D Anderson	(as above)	Jim Crowe	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Oct 1st	P. Gemmola	T. Gemmola	H&A Collins		Marg Joyce & N. Billingsley	The Reynolds Family & P. McAloon	Jim Crowe	Marg Dempsey	Jo Donnan & K. Scherger
Sun Oct 2nd	C. Reid	J. Crowe	G. O'Loughlin, N. Billingsley & S. Reid	J. Start	L&D Anderson	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)

LAKE BOLAC—MASS

MASS

READER: V. Albert

PRAYERS: D. Haslett

EUCCHARISTIC

MINISTER: John Higgins

CLEANING: J. Aldous

LAKE BOLAC—MASS

MASS

READER: M-A Otto

PRAYERS: H. Smith

EUCCHARISTIC :

MINISTER: D. Haslett

CLEANING: J. Upton

Office Hours

Tues Sept 27th 9.15-4pm

Wed Sept 28th 9.15-4pm

Fri Sept 30th 9.15-4pm

Tues Oct 4th 10-2pm

Wed Oct 5th CLOSED

Fri Oct 7th CLOSED

Tues Oct 11th 10-2pm

Wed Oct 12th CLOSED

Fri Oct 15th 11-2pm

Tues Oct 18th 10-2pm

Wed Oct 19th CLOSED

Fri Oct 21st 9-3pm

Joyce is away in Ireland and the lovely Joan and Emma will be manning the fort! Emma has collected over 80 bags for "Share the Dignity" and would like to extend many thanks to everyone who has donated bags and essentials to go in them.

"The Farside"
by Gary Larson

