CHURCH ROSTER									
Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Commun- ion	Welcomers	Counter	Collec- tor	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Dec 9 <sup>th</sup>		G. White	M. Mason, P. Brady		R&M Jerram & Tom Kidd	The Reynolds Family & P. McAloon	G. White & Tom Kidd	A. Joyce & Marilyn Brady	
Sun Dec 10 <sup>th</sup>	P. Brennan	S. Reid	C. Reid, M. Ollie & J. Start	T. Gemmola	Kathy Leggett & S. Picker- ing	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Dec 16 <sup>th</sup>	P. Gemmola	I.Brady	H&A Collins		Tom Kidd	I. Brady, P. Gem- mola	Geoff White, Tom Kidd & R. Jer- ram	A. Joyce & Marilyn Brady	P. Weeks
Sun Dec 17 <sup>th</sup>	C. Reid	C. Bulger	G. O'Loughlin, N. Billings- ley & S. Reid	H&A Col- lins	P. Lardner	(as above)	Jim Crowe	(as above)	(as above)
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ACRATH Calendars are IN!! \$10 each Only 6 left. Sr Marie will be selling them at this weekend's Mass.

A big thank you to the students and staff at Marian College for their generous donations of groceries and toys for our Christmas Appeal. It is greatly appreciated by the members of the

Ararat conference.

St. Vincent de Paul Society of Australia supports the latest #LetThemStay campaign. Please see the fover notice board for details

#### CWL -The Catholic

Women's League will be celebrating their Christmas Lunch on Tuesday December 12th in the Parish Centre. The meeting will

start at 11am, lunch to follow.

# Child Safe Church

Here at the Church of the Immaculate Conception we

follow the Child Safe Standards outlined by the Victorian Government and we also implement procedures and standards as directed by the Ballarat Diocesan Office.

Our Safe Guarding Officer is Emma Coburn and you can download our Code of Conduct and Child Safety Policy from the Parish website.

If you have any concerns whatsoever-please contact the Parish Office, a member of the Clergy or the Safe Guarding Officer on ararat@ballarat.catholic.org.au

t 	S Second As we celebrate, we acknowledge Tjapwurong people, and w	e the
First Reading Is 40:1-5. 9-	11	Γ
Prepare the way for the Lor Responsorial Psalm Ps 8 ( <i>R.</i> ) Lord, let us see your your salvation.	4:9-14. R. v.8	<u>R</u> M
<ol> <li>I will hear what the Lord a voice that speaks of peace peace for his people.</li> <li>His help is near for those w</li> </ol>	ce,	A Fle Ro
and his glory will dwell in or 2. Mercy and faithfulness h justice and peace have em	ur land. <i>(R.)</i> ave met;	M Fl Ha Br
Faithfulness shall spring fro and justice look down from 3. The Lord will make us pr and our earth shall yield its	om the earth heaven. <i>(R.)</i> rosper	Eg Jo Da
Justice shall march before and peace shall follow his s		<u>P</u>
Second Reading 2 Pt 3:8-		5
We wait for new heavens a Gospel Acclamation Lk 3:		lf y wil frie

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

#### Gospel Mk 1:1-8

Make straight the paths of the Lord.

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#### **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.

## nday, 10 Dec 2017 unday of Advent - Year B

Indigenous owners of the land on which our Churches are built, the spect the presence of the spirits of their ancestors among us.

#### 9th/10th December 2017

#### ECENT DEATHS:

laureen Dalgleish

#### NNIVERSARIES:

lorence Heenan, Daniel Ryan, Joan Boyle, Joan Ryan, odney Harvey, Margaret Mary Smith, Glenys Balchin, Noel IcOwan, John Thomas, Fr. Gery Payne, Grace Harrison, lorentina Uda de Torrecarpo, Janice Porter, Norman Rowe, ayley Pugh, Maureen Dalton, Norman William Rowe, Emma rennan, John Hearn, Pepito Galang, Myra Campbell, Fr Bill gan, Barry Karslake, John McSparron, Laurence Cashin, Fr. ohn Connellan, Fr. Billie Close, Fr. Pat O'Dowd, Joan adswell, Damien Gordon, Joan Fogarty

#### LEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

#### r. Alexia Riddington

you would like a sick person prayed for, ask for their permission. Names ill be included for the duration of ONE MONTH after which family or iends can request more time.

Please pray for the intentions of :

Baptism

Parish Priest:         Fr. Andrew Hayes         andrew.hayes@ballarat.catho           Download Church Bulletin -         www.ballarat.catholic.org.au				olic.org.au	Everything Christmas		
			C C	CATHOLIC PARISH OF ARARAT	Giving		
	tary: Joyce Clery	ararat@ballarat.c b <b>urn</b> ararat@ballarat.c	0				
Contact:	03 53525460	PO BOX 92, Ara	•		Bishop's Christmas Appeal—December 24th/25th		
Office Hours:			Vinnies Christmas Appeal – Envelopes in church foyer				
					Christmas Giving Tree in church foyer in Ararat—please leave		
PRINCIPAL ST.	MARY'S SCHOOL: N	/Ir Tom Hogan		Saint of the Week: St. John of the Cross	the gifts UNWRAPPED in a box or bag under the tree.		
	etter-www.smararat.cath			Feastday: December 14			
	RIAN COLLEGE: N etter—www.mcararat.cath	Ars Carmel Barker		Patron of Contemplatives, mystics and Spanish poets	Reconciliation 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rite		
Download newsie				Birth: 1542	Ararat Tuesday December 19th @ 6pm in the Church		
	MASS	TIMES		Death: December 14, 1591	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent		
Ararat Lake Bolac			с	Beatified By: January 25, 1675 by Pope Clement X	6pm Mass in Ararat as usual on Saturday Evening Dec 23		
(Immaculate Conception) (St. Bernard's)			- 1	Canonized By: December 27, 1726 by Pope	opin mass in Ararat as usual on Saturday Evening Dec 23		
Saturday			')	Benedict XIII			
-				Saint John of the Cross was born Juan de	There will be <u>no morning Masses</u> in Lake Bolac or A		
Sunday	10.30am	8.30am		Yepes y Alvarez, in Fontiveros, Avila, Spain in 1542. His father was employed by			
				wealthy family members as an accountant,	<u>Christmas Eve</u>		
Masses This V	<u>Veek in Ararat</u>			but they disowned him when he married a poor woman from the lower class. As a	6pm Ararat // 7.45pm Lake Bolac // 9.15pm Glenthompson //		
Wed 13th	12.30pm	Funeral Prayers f	for	result of his family's poverty, John's family			
		Maureen Dalgleish	h	suffered greatly.	<u>Christmas Day</u>		
		(Burial at Willaura		Read more on www.catholic.org/saints	9am Ararat		
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LAKE BOLAC-	LAKE BOLAC– Lay Assembly Dec 10th LAKE BOLAC– MASS Dec 17th			Joke of the Week:	Making a Scene at Christmas		
<u>2017—LAS</u>	T LAY ASSEMBLY				All are welcome to visit the Making a Scene at Christmas display at th		
READER:	P. Meek	READER: I.	. Meek	Maybe this is the year.	Centre in the Ballarat Gardens from Friday, December 15 - Monday December 5) then Canberra where we will be displaying in the new Ca		
PRAYERS:	M-A Otto		Breen	2000000			
EUCHARISTIC		EUCHARISTIC			While Fr. Andrew is away "Making a Scene at Christmas" (please see		
MINISTER:	R. Liston	MINISTER: D	). Haslett	1	on the weekends of December 9th/10th and 16th/17th— the usual tim		
Lay Assembly:	Reg & Helen	Cleaning:	Breen	2000			
					This Christmas, Give a Gift That Changes the World		
Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2017					If you would like to give a little extra to those who need it most at Chris		
"Every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is <b>always a</b>					Cards. Donations go towards empowering the most marginalised mentits forms <a href="https://fundraise.caritas.org.au/globalgifts">https://fundraise.caritas.org.au/globalgifts</a>		
	moral—and not simp		o unuyo u		no forms <u>mups.//fundraise.cantas.org.au/globalgins</u>		
				Maybe this is the year?	Office Hours over Christmas		
A VOCATION VIEW					December Mon 18th, Tues 19th, Wed 20th—10am—3pm		
The cry of the people: "Lord, let us see your kindness". Who will prepare					December 21st to January 4th—CLOSED		
the way of the Lord coming to us today?					Office reopens Friday January 5th—10am—3pm		
Lifeline: 131114 Ararat Police: 5355 1500				<u>Church Toilets</u> All children—Primary school age and under— must be	Carols by Candlelight Ararat 2017		
Counselling service: Relationships Australia – 1800 052 674 Catholic Diocese of Ballarat Towards Healing – 1800 099 340				accompanied by an adult. Thank you for your	Alexander Gardens, Sat 6pm Dec 9th. Enjoy a community event for al		
Sexual Assault Crisis line: 1800 806 292				understanding.	and fun. Run by the Ararat Y's Men's Club, the event is free for everyo		
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### Ararat on Sunday Dec 24

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/ December 18. We are travelling to Shepparton (Tuesday, Cathedral Hall (weekend December 7-11).

ee Notices) Fr. Peter Wood will be celebrating Mass with us times and at Hopkins on Friday nights at 6pm.

hristmas time, Caritas Australia offers Global Gift nembers of our One Human Family to eradicate poverty in all

r all the family with carol singing, children's activities, food ryone.