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## St. Mary's Parish Christmas Eve Mass

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 6pm **Nativity Scene**



Come join us to rehearse for  
our Christmas Eve nativity  
Scene in the Church on Barkly  
St on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> of  
December at 4pm. We have  
lots of roles to fill – who  
would like to be a Wiseman??!!

In attendance will be Joyce Clery and Emma Coburn.

If you have any questions please phone 5352 5460

We will also practice some Christmas Carols!!

Sunday 1st Dec 2019

## First Sunday of Advent A



As we celebrate, we acknowledge the Indigenous owners of the land on which our Churches are built, the  
Tjapwuring people, and we respect the presence of the spirits of their ancestors among us.

### First Reading Is 2:1-5

The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the  
kingdom of God.

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 121:1-2. 4-5. 6-9. R. see v.1.

**(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. It is there that the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord.

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.)**

3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray:

'Peace be to your homes!

May peace reign in your walls,

in your palaces, peace!' **(R.)**

4. For love of my brethren and friends

I say: 'Peace upon you!'

For love of the house of the Lord

I will ask for your good. **(R.)**

### Second Reading Rom 13:11-14

The time has come, our salvation is near.

### Gospel Acclamation Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

### Gospel Mt 24:37-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Stay awake, you must be ready.

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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.

30th/1st Nov/Dec 2019

### Recent Deaths:

Patricia Davis, Mervyn Sherring

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Phyllis Brown, Ellen Mullins, Patrick Mullins, Maura Brown,  
Nel Wagener, Bernard Joyce, Penny Lang, Agnes Joyce, Fr.  
John Martin, Fr. Syd Morey, Maureen Dalglish, Athol  
Howman, Fr. Martin Gleeson, Rudolf Schwab, Osmond  
Smith, Eric Hogan, Herman Krawczinski, Graeme Pora,  
Victims of Pearl Harbour Bombings 1941, Fr. John  
Monaghan, Josephine Neilson, Norma Lannen

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Barbara Tobin, Sally-Anne Horsley

Anyone in hospital wishing to have communion, please  
contact the office on 53525460

### Ministry to the Sick:

Mary Cunningham—Retirement Home

E. Shea, T. Gemmola, D&M Lister, H&A Collins, J&J Crowe—  
Golden Gate

Sr. John—Lowe Street & Garden View Court

Other individuals in the parish to the sick at home

### Next Week's Readings

**Dec 8th**

First Reading

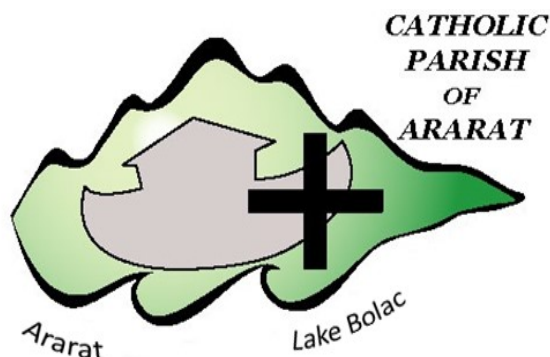
[Is 11:1-10](#)

Second Reading

[Rom 15:4-9](#)

### A VOCATION VIEW

In our materialistic society,  
someone must stand up to  
speak for our spiritual  
heritage. Could that be you?



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(Closed Public Holidays)

### Child Safe Churches

Here at the Church of the Immaculate Conception & St. Bernard's, 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 or on the foyer notice board. If you have any concerns whatsoever—please contact the Parish Office, Fr. Andrew or the Safe Guarding Officer on [ararat@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto: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 099 340

**Sexual Assault Crisis line:** 1800 806 292

### Church Toilets

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



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all who supported  
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### MASS TIMES

**Ararat** (Immaculate Conception)

**Saturday** 6.00pm

**Sunday** 10.30am

**Lake Bolac** (St. Bernard's)

**8.30am** 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays

2nd Sundays at Glenhompson at 8.30am

### Masses This Week in Ararat

**Wed 4th** 9.30am Church

**Thurs 5th** 9.30am Church

### Christmas Masses

Ararat 6pm Christmas Eve and 9am Christmas Day

Lake Bolac Christmas Eve 6pm

Farewells to Fr Son—After all Masses on the weekend of December 21/22

### Reconciliation for Advent

Ararat: 2nd Rite Wednesday December 18th 7pm.

Lake Bolac: During Mass on Sunday December 22nd 8.15am

### Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2019

How important it is to learn to be a friendly and outstretched hand! Try to grow in friendship even with those who think differently than you, so that solidarity might grow among you and become the best weapon to change the course of history.

**Please support the St. Mary's  
Primary School Baker's Delight  
Christmas Fundraiser!! Many  
Thanks in Advance**

**Saint of the Week** St. Francis Xavier

**Feastday:** December 3 **Patron:** of Catholic missions; African missions; Goa, India; China; missionaries Birth: 1506  
Death: 1552 St. Francis Xavier was a Navarrese-Basque Roman Catholic missionary born in the Kingdom of Navarre on April 7, 1506. His father was a privy counselor and finance minister to King John III of Navarre. He was the youngest in his family and resided in a castle which still partially stands today and is in the possession of the Jesuit order. **Read more** [www.catholic.org.com](http://www.catholic.org.com)

### Ararat Vinnies

Columban Calendars are now available. They are a great Christmas gift at only \$9.00 each. Vinnies also have Christmas Cards from \$2.50 per pack. Please support our Ararat Vinnies.

### Christmas Trees

Please place your REAL presents (for charity) under the big Christmas Tree in the main part of the church. The foyer tree boxes are just for show!

### Christmas Roster

Please could you pop your name down on the sheet which is on the foyer table.

### Early Mass in Lake Bolac – December 22

Lake Bolac's Mass on December 22 will begin at 8.15am. This will allow some extra time for a cuppa to farewell Fr Son before he heads to Ararat for Mass at 10.30 (and then on to Perth after Christmas.)

**St Bernard's, Lake Bolac,** Goods can be left in the box on the sanctuary until Sunday, December the 15th. Items will then be given to St Vincent De Paul in Ararat, to help make up Christmas Hampers for those in need. Non-perishable food items such as tea, coffee, tinned fruit etc. are always needed. Thankyou. Your kindness and generosity is always appreciated.

### Plenary Council

There are six meetings planned for our discussion and contributions to the 2020 Plenary Council.

Meeting 1 was "Missionary and Evangelising ." Meetings 2 and 3 are as outlined: **Completed**

Meeting 2 Sun 24th November 2-4pm in the Parish Centre: "Humble, Healing and Merciful" **Completed**

Meeting 3 Sun 15th December 2-4pm in the Parish Centre: **"A Church that is Prayerful and Eucharistic "**

Parishioners will have heard me say recently that these plenary meetings need to be a priority please. At our first meeting in September about half a dozen parishioners attended. These meetings are a generational responsibility to shape the future of our Australian Church. I think not six, but fifty, parishioners ought to be in attendance. Please be there to contribute. It's important. **Fr Andrew**

### Making a Scene at Christmas

All are welcome to visit the *Making a Scene at Christmas* displays at Ss Michael & John's Church Horsham from December 5-8 and Ss Peter & Paul's Church Buninyong from December 12-15. Thursdays and Fridays between 9.30am – 3.00pm we welcome school groups. Flyer on the Christmas notice board

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning	Computer
Sat Nov 30th	A. Reynolds	B. Rodger	L. Horsman, P. Brady & C. McAdie			Office	Tom Kidd	M. Cunningham	J. Clery	Sr. Maree
Sun Dec 1st	J. Brennan	P. Lardner	C. Bulger, Sr. John & K. Chamings	T. Gemmo-la	K. Leggett	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)	Sr Maree
Sat Dec 7th	P. Gemmo-la	A. Reynolds	N. Billingsley & ?		Marg Joyce & Tom Kidd	E. Coburn & J. Jackson	V. Hooper	A. Joyce	Jo Donnan	Sr. Maree
Sun Dec 8th	Peter Brady	Imogen Tonks	M. Cunningham, H&A Collins	J & J Crowe	Blessie Stoneman	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)	Sr Maree
Lake Bolac Sun Dec 1st	D. Phillips	V. Albert	Eucharistic Minister I. Meek	Cleaner L. Breen	Lake Bolac Sun Dec 8th	Reader NO MASS	Prayers	Eucharistic Minister	Cleaner L. Breen	