

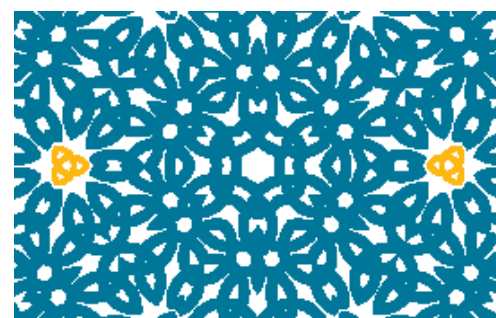
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Planned Giving Program

The current Planned Giving Program letter is on the (moveable) notice board for all to read. We have many changes ahead of us—new roads to travel! As always, many thanks for your continued support for the program and for those thinking about joining the program, please contact the office.

You can pledge as little as \$3 per week to the program. Your support helps run the parish in many ways.

St. Mary's Parish Board Room

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Sunday 1 September 2019

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time C



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 Sir 3:17-20, 28-29

Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 67:4-7. 10-11. R. v.11

(R.) God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy.
O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **(R.)**
2. Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place.
God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. **(R.)**
3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life. It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. **(R.)**

Second Reading Heb 12:18-19, 22-24

You have to come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 11:29

Alleluia, alleluia!
Take my yoke upon you;
learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.
Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 14:1. 7-14

All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.

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31st Aug/1st Sept 2019

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Patrick Harrington, Lisa Van Der Spank, Anthony McMaster, Amy Dempsey, Arthur Clark, Frank Fitzpatrick, Kathleen Mulcahy, Norman Leggett, Neil Byrne, Kath Walker, Annie McNamara, John McMillan, Rose Kennedy, Kevin Cronin, Eileen Brown, John Goulter, Freda Ferguson, Rita Fernando, David Lardner, Jess O'Neill, Ken Robson, Barry Mulvihill, Herbert Mannix, Dominic DiDomenico, Jean Hennessy, Patricia Cronin, Irene Byrne, Hugh Nailon Snr, Graeme Pitcher, Margaret Smith, William Smith, Kath Ryan, Leslie McNiece, Laurence McNiece, Maurice McNiece, John McNiece, Sarah Williamson, Margaret Waring, Graham Carmichael

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Naomi Phillips

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 individual family members

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.

Next Week's Readings:

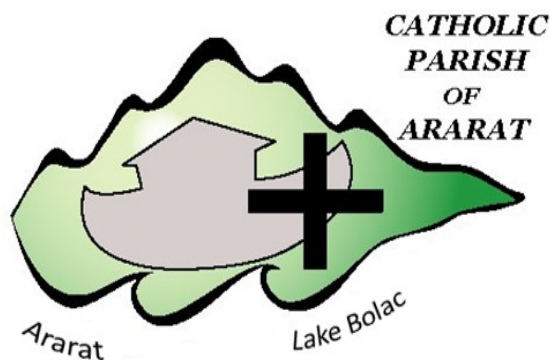
Sept 8th 2019

First Reading

Wis 9:13-18

Second Reading

Phlm 9-10, 12-17



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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

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– 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.



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 Convent

Thurs 5th 3.30pm Hopkins

A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus keeps saying, "Let go. Come, follow me." If your pride is holding you back, or if you're looking for exaltation, let go. Come, follow His way.

Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2019

"We ask for the grace not to be lukewarm Christians, living on half measures, letting love grow cold."

Saint of the Week St. Cloud, Feastday Sept 7th, [Patron](#) of against carbuncles; nail makers; Diocese of Saint Cloud, Minnesota Birth: 522 Death: 560 On the death of Clovis, King of the Franks, in the year 511 his kingdom was divided between his four sons, of whom the second was Clodomir. Thirteen years later he was killed fighting against his cousin, Gondomar, leaving three sons to share his dominions. The youngest of these sons of Clodomir was St. Clodoald, a name more familiar to English people under its French [form](#) of Cloud from the town of Saint-Cloud near Versailles. [Read more](#) www.catholic.org.com

World Day of Prayer for Creation—September 1st 2019

God of the universe, teach us to care for our earth, to till our soil responsibly, to keep our air pure, to free our waters from pollution, to harvest the warmth of our sun, and to respect the rights of all species. We ask this through Jesus, the face of your compassion. Amen.

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Happy Father's Day!



"Seriously Shiraz: Grampians wine celebration returns for Father's Day weekend. PEOPLE will toast to Great Western, Pomonal, Halls Gap and Ararat this weekend, as the Seriously Shiraz Festival returns for another year. " So treat your dad to a nice glass of local red for Father's Day—he deserves it!! August 28th was National Red Wine Day—just by the way!

Joke of the week

Barry rings the local cop shop. "I'm calling to report about my neighbour, Wazza. He's hiding marijuana inside his firewall." The next day police officers descend on Wazza's house. They search the house and then go to the shed where the firewood is kept. Using axes, they bust open every piece of firewood but they find no marijuana. They swear at Wazza and leave. The phone rings at Wazza's house. It's Barry. "Hey, Wazz. Did the cops come?"

"Yeah!" "Did they chop up your firewood?" "Yep." "Happy birthday, mate!"



Plenary Council 2020

Sr Maree & Joyce represented the Ararat Parish at a Plenary Council Facilitation Training day in Ballarat on Wednesday 21st. The training is to help facilitate the Listening and Discernment encounters associated with the six themes related to the council. There are many to un-pack these themes and options will be given in the near future.

Ararat & Lake Bolac Roster

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning	Computer
Sat Aug 31st	P. Brennan	G. White	M. Mason, P. Brady		R&M Jerram & Tom Kidd	Office	G. White & Tom Kidd	Marilyn Brady	K. Scherger	Sr Maree
Sun Sept 1st	C. Reid	S. Reid	M. Cunningham & C. Bulger	H&A Collins	P. Lardner	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)	As above
Sat Sept 7th	G. White	A. Reynolds	?		Tom Kidd	P. McAloon & Office	Geoff White & R. Jerram	M. Cunningham	Jo Donnan	Rhonda North
Sun Sept 8th	J. Brennan	M. McDougall	G. O'Loughlin, N. Billingsley & Sr. John	E. Shea	K. Leggett	(as above)	V. Hooper	(as above)	(as above)	As above
Lake Bolac Sun Sept 1st	Reader L. Breen	Prayers Jane Higgins	Eucharistic Minister D. Haslett	Cleaner Jane Higgins	Lake Bolac Sun Sept 8th	Reader NO MASS	Prayers	Eucharistic Minister	Cleaner	