

CHURCH ROSTER

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Sep 30th	C. Brennan	Brianne Grayling	H&A Collins		D&M Lister & Tom Kidd	The Reynolds Family & P. McAloon	Geoff. White & Tom Kidd		M. Fe Galoso & A. Galoso
Sun Oct 1st	P. Lardner	C. Bulger	G. O'Loughlin, N. Billingsley & S. Reid	E. Shea	Pat Lardner & Kathy Leggett	(as above)	V. Hooper	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Oct 7th		P. McAloon	A. Reynolds, L. Horsman & C. McAdie		Geoff White & Tom Kidd	I. Brady, P. Gemmola & L. Styles	Geoff Whit & Tom Kidd	Anne Joyce & M. Brady	P. Weeks
Sun Oct 8th	J. Start	P. Lardner	C. Bulger & K. Cham-mings	D&M Lister	S. Pickering	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)

Joke of the Week

Bulletin, *noun*;

1. Something to read during the sermon
2. A fan used in Churches without air conditioning
3. Your receipt for attending Church



"Sorry, but all my records were lost in the flood."

Embrace the Shepherds



In bible times the shepherds were considered outcasts, less worthy of a place in civil society. Here at St Mary's we're making a concerted effort to "embrace the shepherds." We welcome every person who is unwelcome.

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



Sunday, 1 Oct 2017 Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

As we celebrate, we acknowledge the Indigenous owners of the land on which The Church of The Immaculate Conception is built, the Tjapwurang people, and we respect the presence of the spirits of their ancestors among us.

First Reading **Ez 18:25-28**

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6** (R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. (R.)

2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)

3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

Second Reading **Phil 2:1-11**

Gospel Acclamation **Jn 10:27**

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Mt 21:28-32**

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30th Sept/1st Oct 2017

RECENT DEATHS:

Joyce Henning, Fr. Paul Mercovich

ANNIVERSARIES:

Frederick Waring, Carmen Claridge, Bill Canty, Glen Lister, Gerry Lillis, Ian Brown, Daniel Resnik, Bernice Lane, Robert Carmody, Margaret Thomas, Teresa O'Loughlan, Anne Hinchey, Rachel Gratton, Lilian Young and Kevin Molloy

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Frank Dempsey, Bernie Sorsogon (Manilla), Natasha Martens.

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

Please pray for the intentions of :

PARISH PRAYER

Loving God, Good Shepherd of us all,

gather us and form us into a welcoming Parish family.

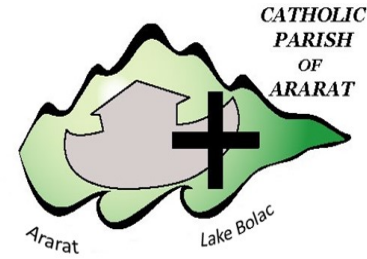
Touch our hearts with your love so that we, in turn, may reach out in love to one another,

in a neighbourly community. We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

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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

MASS TIMES		
	Ararat	Lake Bolac
	(Immaculate Conception)	(St. Bernard's)
Saturday	6.00pm	
Sunday	10.30am	8.30am
2nd Sunday of Every Month		8.30am (Lay Assembly)
Masses This Week		
Tues 3 rd	9.30am	Convent (with exposition)
Wed 4 th	9.30am	Convent
Thurs 5 th	9.30am	Convent
Fri 6 th	6pm	Hopkins

LAKE BOLAC— MASS Oct 1st		LAKE BOLAC— Lay Assembly Oct 8th	
READER:	R. Liston	READER:	L. Breen
PRAYERS:	V. Albert	PRAYERS:	H. Smith
EUCCHARISTIC		EUCCHARISTIC	
MINISTER:	M. Phillips	MINISTER:	R. Smith
Cleaning:	R. Liston	Cleaning:	Irene & Rosemary

Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2017

“The confessional is not a torture chamber, but the place in which the Lord's mercy motivates us to do better.”

A VOCATION VIEW

We cannot act overly proud just because we have responded to God's call. Responding is our duty and source of happiness; serving God with perseverance and happiness fulfils us.

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

Saint of the Week:
St. Jerome, [Feastday:](#) September 30
[Patron](#) of archaeologists, Biblical scholars, librarians, students and translators
Birth: 342 Death: 420
Before he was known as Saint Jerome, he was named Eusebius Sophronius Hieronymus. He was born around 342 AD, in Stridon, Dalmatia. Today, the town, which ceased to exist in Jerome's time, would likely be in Croatia or Slovenia. Around the age of 12 or so, Jerome traveled to Rome to study grammar, philosophy and rhetoric. It is likely that due to his training in rhetoric, he may have considered a career in law. By his own admission, he quickly forgot his morals. While he was not studying, Jerome pursued pleasure. In particular, he pursued women, even though he knew his behaviour was wrong. To alleviate the feelings of guilt he often felt afterwards, Jerome would visit the crypts in Rome and imagine himself in hell.
Read more on www.catholic.org/saints



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



Parish Pastoral Council

This week our PPC met and set a number of priorities for the coming months. Parishioners can expect to see refresher training and Health and Safety training for ministries including readers, ministers of the Eucharist, counters, flowers, welcomers, collectors, facilitators, gardeners and CWL caterers. We also talked about making more of Advent and Christmas this year, especially in our giving to those in need and in helping our children to celebrate Jesus' birth. 2018 is the Year of Youth in the Australian Church. We talked at length about how we might help the community to become more halal aware. The PPC believe we have heard enough now about the postal vote.

Influenza

It seems that this is a bad season for the flu. Here are three precautions that we will take with your cooperation. If you are sniffly, please do not come to the chalice for communion. For the time being if you are sniffly, please don't come to Mass until you are well again. Ministers of the Eucharist please disinfect your hands with the hand rub provided.

Supporting Edmund Rice Works: Timor-Leste

Film luncheon "The Mountain Between Us" at the Regent Theatre Ballarat on Sunday, October 22, 2017 at 2.30pm. Cost: \$20.00pp, school students \$15.00. Contact: Liz, ph. 0417 347262 or email lizh@aanet.com.au

Beaufort & Linton Parish Mission with Richard Leonard SJ

All parishes are invited to a mission led by Richard Leonard SJ. This mission is being held across the Beaufort and Linton parishes commencing Saturday, October 14 and ending Wednesday, October 18. There will be some input at the weekend Masses, followed by a 75 minute session daily over the next three days. The morning session is repeated in the afternoon. For times and places please see the attached flyer. If a large group is coming from your parish, it would be helpful to know so that seating can be organised. Contact the Beaufort Parish Centre on ph. 5349 2880.

“Building a healthier Church: Where to from here?”

YTU is hosting an evening of conversation with Bishop Vincent Long, Maria Kirkwood and Francis Sullivan, “Building a healthier Church: Where to from here?” on Thursday, October 12, 2017 from 7.30pm - 9.30pm at YTU Study Centre, 34 Bedford Street, Box Hill. This event is free to attend. All welcome. Flyer is on the Church notice board.

Year of Youth 2018

2018 is the Year of Youth in Australia starting Advent (3 December 2017). The Year of Youth theme is *Open New Horizons for Spreading Joy*. Parishes and others are asked to incorporate the Year of Youth in their planning: how might you celebrate locally or in conjunction with neighbours? Year of Youth information is on Ballarat Diocese website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au /Youth and Young Adult pages, or email youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au

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