

CHURCH ROSTER

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Oct 14th	H. Collins	P. Gemmola	T. Gemmola		R&M Jerram & Tom Kidd	P. Lardner, & P. Brennan	C. Brennan & V. Hooper & Tom Kidd	M. Dempsey & M. Jerram	?
Sun Oct 15th	N. Potter	K. Leggett	M. Cunningham, Sr. John & C. Reid	J&J Crowe		(as above)	J. Crowe	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Oct 21st	P. Brennan	I. Brady	M.Mason P. Brady		Geoff White Tom Kidd	V. Hooper, C. Brennan & G. White		M. Lister A. Joyce	Jo Donnan, K. Scherger
Sun Oct 22nd	J. Clery	S.Reid	C.Reid, M. Ollie, & J. Start	J.Start	Lois Rowe	(As Above)	J.Crow	(As Above)	(As Above)

Joke of the Week

Father Murphy walks into a pub in Donegal, and says to the first man he meets, "Do you want to go to heaven?"

The man said, "I do Father."

The priest said, "Then stand over there against the wall." Then the priest asked the second man, "Do you want to go to heaven?"

"Certainly, Father," was the man's reply.

"Then stand over there against the wall," said the priest. Then Father Murphy walked up to O'Toole and said, "Do you want to go to heaven?"

O'Toole said, "No, I don't Father.

The priest said, "I don't believe this. You mean to tell me that when you die you don't want to go to heaven?"

O'Toole said, "Oh, when I die, yes. I thought you were getting a group together to go on a trip right now."

Church Toilets

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

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, 15th Oct 2017 Twenty-eighth 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 Tjapwurong people, and we respect the presence of the spirits of their ancestors among us.

First Reading Is 25:6-10

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22. R. v.6

(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading Phil 4:12-14. 19-20

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

Gospel Acclamation See Eph 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 22:1-14

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.
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14th/15th Oct 2017

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES: Frank Kelly, Anthony Hucker, May Jaensch, Frances Mary Horsley, Margaret Oliver, Anne Brown, Mick Chammings, Bob Waring, Fr. Gavin Fitzpatrick, Honorah Price, Rene Guinan, Belinda Heard, Rene Walsh, Frank Walsh, Chris Carter, Christopher Reid, Tony Pevitt, Sr Grace Wensley RSM, Norm Reid, John Hennessy Jr., Dot Hurley

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

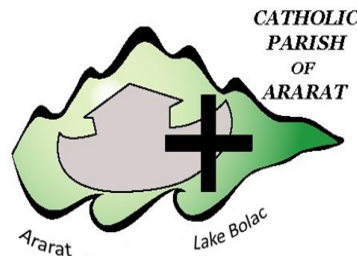
**Loving God, Good Shepherd of us all,
gather us and form us into a welcoming Parish family.**

**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 in Ararat

Tues 17th 9.30 Church

Wed 18th 9.30 Church

Fri 20th 6pm Hopkins

LAKE BOLAC— MASS Oct 15th

READER: D. Haslett
PRAYERS: Jane Higgins
EUCCHARISTIC
MINISTER: John
Cleaning: I. Meek

LAKE BOLAC— Mass Oct 22nd

READER: M-A Otto
PRAYERS: R. Liston
EUCCHARISTIC
MINISTER: L. Breen
Cleaning: M- A Otto

Human rights are not only violated by terrorism, repression or assassination, but also by unfair economic structures that creates huge inequalities.
Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2017

A VOCATION VIEW

Once we have been captured by the beauty of God's promised reward, we want to go out into our world and invite others into the heavenly banquet.
Who will tell the Good News? Now is a good time to begin.

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

Saints of the Week:

Luke

First Century

FEAST OCTOBER 18

Early historians said this author of the third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles was born to a pagan family in Antioch (Turkey) and converted to Christianity. According to Paul's letters and Acts, he was a doctor and Paul's companion during his later journeys and imprisonment in Rome. Luke's New Testament writings in Greek were for gentiles, extending to them the salvation promised to Israel. He is the patron of physicians and surgeons and, because of a legend that he painted a Marian icon, of painters.

Blessed John Paul II

1920 - 2005

FEAST OCTOBER 22

When this popular pope died, crowds in St. Peter's Square chanted "santo subito" ("sainthood now"). The Vatican heard, and the sainthood cause for the jet-setting pontiff who helped bring down European communism was put on the fast track; he was beatified in 2011. A Pole and former actor shaped by World War II and the Cold War, Cardinal Karol Wojtyla of Krakow was the first non-Italian pope in 455 years. In his 26-year pontificate, he evangelized on trips to 129 countries, upheld traditional church doctrine against dissent, connected with the world's youth, and named more than 450 new saints. He also modeled Christian values by forgiving his would-be assassin and living an increasingly frail old age in public.

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.

Interpreters Needed for CatholicCare Refugee Dads and Kids Weekend

Myrning, 27 – 29th October. Languages needed: Hakha Chin – Burmese, Swahili, French, Farsi, Arabic Matthew.Walton@ccam.org.au

Another chance to hear Fr Richard Leonard SJ

St Michael and St John's, Horsham, Parish Mission with Richard Leonard SJ, Saturday 28th October to Wednesday 1st November. Fr Richard Leonard is a Jesuit priest. He has degrees in arts and education, as well as a Master's degree in theology. Fr Richard did graduate studies at the London Film School and has a PhD from the University of Melbourne. He directs the Australian Catholic Office for Film & Broadcasting, is an Honorary Fellow of the Australian Catholic University and has been a visiting scholar within the School of Theatre, Film & Television at UCLA and a Visiting Professor at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. PLEASE see flyer on the notice board.

Sharing the Word

Sharing the Word is a free E-Library of Educational Resources for Catholic Ministry. *Sharing the Word* is an ongoing project of Catholic Mission Australia, and includes full texts of over 8000 open source ebooks, periodicals, podcasts and church documents. It is free and available at <http://sharingtheword.info/>

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

Grief to Grace – Healing the Wounds of Abuse

A spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held April 8 – 13, 2018. To request an application contact Anne by emailing info@griegtograceaus.org.au or phone 0407704539. For more information visit www.griegtograce.org

Renaissance of Marriage Conference

The Marriage Resource Centre will host the "Renaissance of Marriage Conference" on February 16-17, 2018 in Sydney. Conference information attached or go to www.ROM.org.au (some very good resources on their website)

Tell us how you get your Catholic News

If you regularly or semi-regularly consume Catholic media, whether that be traditional newspapers, magazines or web-based publications and social media platforms, then the Australian Catholic Media Council wants to hear from you! Just click straight through to the survey at this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CathMediaUsers2017>. It will only take a few minutes (5-8 minutes).

Labour / Trades Opportunity

Kane Constructions (builder of the new secure facility adjacent to Hopkins) have a number of labour roles (trade related) available. Contact details: Tom Ayers 0429 136 559 / tayers@kane.com.au