

CHURCH ROSTER

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Jul 15 th	P. Brennan	I Brady	M. Mason, P. Brady		R&M Jerram	The Arnold Family, & C. Martin	Geoff White & R. Jerram	J. North & Anne Joyce	J. Start
Sun Jul 16 th		S. Reid	C. Reid, M. Ollie & J. Start		L&D Anderson	(as above)	Jim Crowe	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Jul 22 nd	P. Gemmola	T. Gemmola			Marg Joyce & N. Billingsley	The Reynolds Family	Jim Crowe	Marg Dempsey	Jo Donnan & K. Scherger
Sun Jul 23 rd	C. Reid	J. Crowe	G. O'Loughlin, N. Billingsley & S. Reid	J. Start	L&D Anderson	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)



Sunday, 16th Jul 2017: Fifteenth 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 Tjapwuring people, and we respect the presence of the spirits of their ancestors among us.

First Reading **Is 55:10-11**

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 64:10-14. R. Lk 8:8**

(R.) The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

1. You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. (R.)
2. And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows, you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth. (R.)
3. You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. (R.)
4. The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing. (R.)

Second Reading **Rom 8:18-23**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Mt 13:1-23**

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15th/16th July 2017

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES:

William Smith, Fr Peter Elder, Lorna Weeding, Fr Jim Green, Margaret Skidmore, George Smythe, Vera Hayes, Laurence Cashin, Stan Parker, Carmel Kelly, Patrick Reed, Monica Cronin, Leo Heenan, Noel Coughlin, Peter McLoughlin

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Maryanne Carmichael, Kate Whelan, Grace Molloy, Taine Pearce, Emily May, Bernie Sorsogon (Manilla), Barry Wilson, Shirley Billet, Natasha Martens and Sr. Maree.

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 :

Joke of the Week

"I was sitting on a plane at Dublin Airport recently, about to take off for Prague, when one of the air hostesses noticed a panel above my seat was hanging down. She said we couldn't take off until this was sorted by an engineer. Ten minutes later the engineer comes on. He has a look at the panel while stroking his chin. He then walks off and comes back 15 minutes later with sticky tape and begins to tape the panel back in place. Someone says sarcastically, "Do you want a piece of chewing gum to make doubly sure?"

The engineer laughs and says, "You think this is bad! You should see the wing!"

Dublin humor!

Vinnies Winter Appeal

You will find some envelopes at the back of the Church should you wish to donate to the St. Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. Please drop your contributions into the Vinnies Shop on Barkly St. or into the collection during Mass but in a Vinnies envelope please so the counters can drop off the donations. All money stays in Ararat. If you would like to put a hamper together—Vinnies always welcome some of the following products—dried pasta, 2 minute noodles, crackers, biscuits, packet soup, tinned soup, snacks, cereals and rice.

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, the Safe Guarding Officer on Ararat@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Church Toilets

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

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.

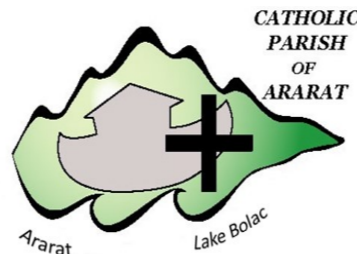
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Office Hours: Wed/Thurs/Fri 10am-3pm (see details for July/Aug)



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

(Immaculate Conception)

Saturday 6.00pm

Sunday 10.30am

2nd Sunday of Every Month

Prayers this Week

Tues 18th 9.30am

Thurs 20th Usual Lowe St Mass has been cancelled

Fri 21st 6pm

Lake Bolac

(St. Bernard's)

8.30am

8.30am

(Lay Assembly)

Convent

Mass Hopkins

LAKE BOLAC- MASS This week

READER: Jane Higgins

PRAYERS: J. Aldous

EUCHARISTIC

MINISTER: John Higgins

Cleaning: R. Liston

LAKE BOLAC- MASS Next Week

READER: R. Liston

PRAYERS: D. Haslett

EUCHARISTIC

MINISTER: M. Phillips

Cleaning: M-A Otto

Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2017

"Together with a culture of work, there must be a culture of leisure as gratification. To put it another way: people who work must take the time to relax, to be with their families, to enjoy themselves, read, listen to music, play a sport."

A VOCATION VIEW

The seed of a vocation seeks fertile surroundings. Sometimes it gets stepped on, sometimes it gets choked, sometimes it lacks depth. But other times it is nourished by loving and caring friends.

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

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.

Saint of the Week: St. Carmen, Feast Day July 16th. The name Carmen is a derivation of [Carmel](#) which is one of the titles given to Our Blessed Mother, namely, Our Lady of Mount Carmel. This is the patronal feast of the Carmelites. The Order of Carmelites takes its name from Mount Carmel, which was the first place dedicated to the Blessed Virgin and where a [chapel](#) was erected in her honor before her Assumption into Heaven. July 16 is also the feast of the "Scapular of Mount Carmel". On that day in 1251, pious tradition says, the Blessed Virgin appeared to [St. Simon](#) Stock, General of the Carmelites at Cambridge, England, showed him the [scapular](#) and promised [supernatural](#) favours and her special protection to his Order and to all persons who would wear the scapular. *Read more on www.catholic.org/saints*



Fr. Andrew's Column

Office hours during July/August

Fr. Andrew will be away for July. Joyce will be away for July and August. The office will be open:

Wednesdays and Fridays—10am-12.

On all other days the phone and the email will still be staffed. Please email rather than phone if you can. The office hours will return to normal in September. Fr Peter Wood MSC will be available for all weekend Masses and funerals in July. Please phone the funeral directors as is usual. They will contact Fr. Peter.

The Annual Collection for the Pope

The Annual Collection for the Holy Father will take place this weekend July 15th and 16th. All loose monies in the basket will go to the collection. Any monies in an envelope marked "Presbytery" will go into the Presbytery account. Through this collection we have the opportunity to support the Pope's Pastoral care for people around the world.

Counters—Please could you count all loose monies in the baskets for both Saturday and Sunday Masses for the Pope's Annual Collection. Many thanks to all.

Quinton Morris—Violin (visiting July 24th-26th inclusive)

"Breakthrough" - an interactive recital with Quinton Morris—an American Violinist from Seattle. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear the music of composer Chevalier de Saint-Georges. Quinton will be accompanied by the 2006 Australian National Piano Award Recipient: Amir Farid and playing in the Church on Tuesday July 25th

Please see the Foyer notice board for the flyer.

Funerals in the Uniting Church

For three days, July 24 – 26, St Mary's Church and Parish Centre has been booked for an educational music event for students from both Marian College and Ararat Community College. We have offered the use of the church because the PAC is being renovated. The church will be unavailable for funerals for those three days. Rev Paul Sanders has kindly made the Uniting Church available should we require a funeral during those days.

World Day against Trafficking in Persons - 30 July

Human trafficking is a crime that exploits women, children and men for numerous purposes. The International Labour Organization estimates that 21 million people are victims of forced labour globally. Children make up almost a third of all human trafficking victims worldwide, according to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Global Report on Trafficking in Persons. Additionally, women and girls comprise 71 per cent of human trafficking victims. In 2010, the UN General Assembly adopted the Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons, urging Governments worldwide to take coordinated and consistent measures to defeat this scourge. The United Nations designated **July 30 as the World Day against Trafficking in Persons**, declaring that such a day was necessary to "raise awareness of the situation of victims of human trafficking and for the promotion and protection of their rights." This is an issue that affects people in Australia as well as round the world. You can find more info at: <http://www.un.org/en/events/humantrafficking/index.shtml> and <https://acrath.org.au/>

Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide Proposals

In April this year, the bishops of Victoria published a pastoral letter in response to proposals to introduce legislation allowing euthanasia and assisted suicide. As a follow-up to that letter, a group of lay people has prepared a flyer encouraging people to write to parliamentarians and express their opposition to such legislation. Copies of the flyer have been made available for your consideration on the foyer notice board. You are invited to write to parliamentarians as suggested.