

CHURCH ROSTER

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
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)
Sat Jul 29 th			A. Reynolds, L. Horsman & C. McAdie		Geoff White	I. Brady, P. Gemmola & L. Styles	Geoff White & C. Brennan	M. Jeram & Marilyn Brady	M. Fe Galoso & A. Galoso
Sun Jul 30 th		J. Brennan	C. Bulger, & K. Chamings	T. Gemmola	L&D Anderson	(as above)	Jim Crowe	(as above)	(as above)



Sunday, 23rd July 2017: Sixteenth 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.

22nd/23rd July 2017

First Reading Wis 12:13.16-19

Responsorial Psalm Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16. R. v.5

(R.) Lord, you are good and forgiving.

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call.

Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice. (R.)

2. All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord: for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God. (R.)

3. But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 8:26-27

Gospel Acclamation See Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 13:24-43

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RECENT DEATHS:

Sr Marie Feiss Csb, Sr Aileen Vear Csb, Mrs Roby Laxton (Adelaide) and Alice Busuttil.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mary Bryant, Kevin Harrison, Leo Heenan, Lorna Norbury, Patrick O'Neill, Lionel Tillett, Marjorie Tillett, Paddy McLoughlin, Robert Mason, Molly Gleeson, Leonard Henry Horsley, Don Hearn, Josephine Pinzone, Phil Brady, Neville Cruse, Christopher Hogan, Nora Hogan, Alice Greenwood, Vincenzo Pinzone, Myrtle Casey, Susan Aisbett

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Maryanne Carmichael, Kate Whelan, Grace Molloy, Taine Pearce, Emily May, Bernie Sorsogon (Manilla), Barry Wilson, Shirley Billet, 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 :

Joke of the Week

More Dublin Humour!

“At a wedding last Friday night and it was the best man’s speech. He says, “These are the loveliest bridesmaids I’ve ever seen, just gorgeous.”

Someone shouts out from the crowd,

“Ya should have gone to Spec Savers!”

Heard a girl answer her phone in one of the Dublin Maternity Hospitals,

“Well, tell me, am I an Auntie or an Uncle?”

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.

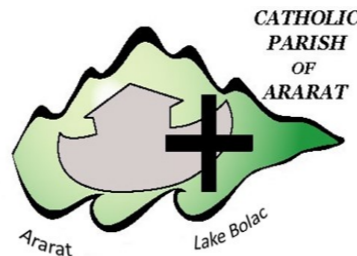
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Office Hours: Wed/Thurs/Fri 10am-3pm (see details for July/Aug)



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

	<u>Ararat</u>	<u>Lake Bolac</u>
	(Immaculate Conception)	(St. Bernard's)

Saturday 6.00pm

Sunday 10.30am 8.30am

2nd Sunday of Every Month 8.30am

(Lay Assembly)

Prayers this Week

Tues 25th 11am Funeral Mass for
Sr. Marie Feiss Csb

Ararat

Fri 28th 6pm Mass

Hopkins

LAKE BOLAC- MASS 23rd July

READER: R. Liston

PRAYERS: K. Gleeson

EUCHARISTIC

MINISTER: Jane Higgins

Cleaning: I. Meek

LAKE BOLAC- MASS 30th July

READER: D. Phillips

PRAYERS: D. Haslett

EUCHARISTIC

MINISTER: M. Phillips

Cleaning: M-A Otto

Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2017

“What would the Church be without you? Women of strength, fighters, with that spirit of courage which puts you in the front lines in the proclamation of the Gospel, To you, religious women, sisters and mothers of this people, I wish to say ‘thank you,’ a big thank you... and to tell you that I love you very much.”

A VOCATION VIEW

There are many weeds growing with the wheat in our lives. Sometimes the weeds strangle our growth, or prevent us from hearing clearly God's voice. We need time to reflect on the garden of our life.

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. Bridget of Sweden, Feast Day July 23rd, Patron Saint of Sweden.

Saint Birgitta was the daughter of Uppland's Lagman, Birger Petersson and his wife, Ingeborg, who was a member of the same clan as the reigning family. Birgitta's family was pious; her father went to confession every Friday and made long and arduous pilgrimages as far away as the Holy Land. Birgitta's mother died, leaving Birgitta, ten years old, Katharine, nine and a newborn baby boy, Israel. The children were sent to their maternal aunt for further education and care. It seems that as a young child, Birgitta had a dream-vision of The Man of Sorrows. This dream was very vivid. Birgitta asked Him who had done that to Him. His answer: 'All those who despise my love.' The memory of this dream never left Birgitta and may have even left an indelible mark on her sub-conscious. As was usual during the Middle Ages, Birgitta was married when she was 13 years old to a young man, Ulf Gudmarsson with whom she had eight children, four daughters and four sons, all of them survived infancy, and that was very rare at that time. *Read more on www.catholic.org/saints*



A Message from the Principal at St. Mary's primary School, Ararat

“I have spoken with Father Andrew and Audrey Brown (CEO Director) to announce my resignation as Principal of St Mary's at the end of the year. My decision was based on my own physical health. Most people would be unaware that I have a chronic kidney condition. This condition has deteriorated in recent months and has had an impact on my wellbeing. It is with a heavy heart that I have made this decision. I have come to love our school community and there is nothing I enjoy more than celebrating the success of our children, staff members and families. Our Parish community is so supportive of St. Mary's and delights in hearing the ‘good news’ stories from our school. Thanks to Father Andrew for walking this journey with me. He has continued to challenge my thinking (in a good way!). St. Mary's has a sense of community that is to be treasured. Never take this for granted.

Go gently,

Tom Hogan – Principal”

Pope's Appeal

Many thanks to all parishioners—this year the Pope's Appeal has raised \$765.50

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.

Vinnies Mass on August 6th

On Sunday August 6, Bishop Paul Bird will be with us for our 10.30am Mass as part of the Vinnies Festival meeting weekend. Vinnies people will be fulfilling the ministries at Mass. Let us pray for the success of their festival.

Sharing expertise in the use of Social Media

Catholic Social Services Victoria is hosting a half-day social media workshop on Wednesday, July 26, 2017. The focus will be on Twitter and Facebook and targeted at those with at least some familiarity with these. Other platforms will feature in the discussions. A selection of speakers from member organisations will share key ways in which their organisation uses these social media platforms, as well as sharing lessons learned along the way. As part of the morning, Fr Frank Brennan SJ, CEO of Catholic Social Services Australia, will join us to speak about the use of social media in advancing effective communications in our crowded world. Flyer on notice board in Church.

Symposium: “Promoting Lay Formation: Cardijn and the YCW in Australia”

Please find attached an invitation to the symposium “Promoting Lay Formation: Cardijn and the YCW in Australia” on Saturday, July 29, 2017 at CTC East Melbourne.

ALERT—Counters and Collectors

This is a message from the Bishop's Office—please take care and be extra vigilant when collecting/counting—be aware of any suspicious characters.