

CHURCH ROSTER

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Jul 29 th			A. Reynolds, L. Horsman & C. McAdie		Geoff White & Tom Kidd	I. Brady, P. Gemmola & L. Styles	Geoff White, Tom Kidd & C. Brennan	M. Jerram & Marilyn Brady	M. Fe Galoso & A. Galoso
Sun Jul 30 th		J. Brennan	C. Bulger, & K. Cham-mings	T. Gemmola	L&D Anderson	(as above)	Jim Crowe	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Aug 5 th	G. White	A. Collins	T. Gemmola, G. North & MA McDougall		R&M Jerram & Tom Kidd	P. Lardner, B. Mannix & P. Brennan	P. Gemmola & Tom Kidd	M. Stapleton & Joan Bond	
Sun Aug 6 th	J. Brennan	T. Arnold	M. Cunningham, Sr. John & C. Reid	H&A Collins	Kathy Leggett & Blessie Stone-man	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)



Sunday, 30 Jul 2017: Seventeenth 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 1 Kgs 3:5.7-12

Responsorial Psalm Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130. R. v.97

(R.) Lord, I love your commands.

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word.

The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold. (R.)

2. Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant.

Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight. (R.)

3. That is why I love your commands more than finest gold.

That is why I rule my life by your precepts: I hate false ways. (R.)

4. Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it.

The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 8:28-30

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 13:44-52

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29th/30th July 2017

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Keith McOwan, Dr Dan Meagher, Bill Kenyon, Les Clark, Denise Hourigan, Aileen Falvey, Sr Josephus Lannen, Peter Henderson, James Stapleton, Veronica Butler, Bp Francis Thomas, Beverley Austin, Arthur Mark, Leila Spiller, Gina Galea, Irene Hunter, Ada Maconachie, Robert McKibbin, Stan Weeks, Robert Steer, Maureen Daly, Kenneth McAdie, Pat McDougall, Bruce Atkinson, Kevin Beer

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Maryanne Carmichael, Kate Whelan, Grace Molloy, Taine Pearce, Emily May, Bernie Sorsogon (Manilla), 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

Dublin Pub Humour

Having a pint one Sunday evening, and the conversation at the table next to us gets round to holidays and who's going where. One of the men at the table turns and says,

"I'm going to Majorca (pronouncing it with a J instead of a Y).

He is immediately correct by a "well educated" female friend who is delighted to inform him that it's not madge-orka, but may-orka.

She continues, "Anyway when are you going?"

To which the guy replies,

"Last week in Yune, first week in Yuly!"

Church Toilets

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

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

PARISH PRAYER

Loving God, Good Shepherd of us all,

gather us and form us into a welcoming Parish family.

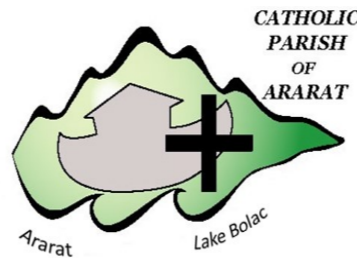
Touch our hearts with your love so that we, in turn, may reach out in love to one another,

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

	<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 1st	5pm	Convent
Wed 2nd	9am	Convent
	10am	Prayers Garden View
Thurs 3rd	9.30am	Mass Convent
Fri 4th	6pm	Mass Hopkins

LAKE BOLAC- MASS 30th July

READER: D. Phillips
PRAYERS: D. Haslett
EUCCHARISTIC
MINISTER: M. Phillips
 Cleaning: M-A Otto

LAKE BOLAC- MASS 6th August

READER: M-A Otto
PRAYERS: I. Meek
EUCCHARISTIC
MINISTER: R. Liston
 Cleaning: T. Higgins

Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2017

"If someone is gay and he searches for the Lord and has good will, who am I to judge? We shouldn't marginalise people for this. They must be integrated into society."

A VOCATION VIEW

Finding our vocation in life is like finding a buried treasure. We will do whatever we have to in order to be able to possess it. Finding the treasure is a gift, possessing it is our vocation.

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: Saint Panteleon, Feast Day July 27th, B 275, D 303. **Patron** of Physicians, midwives, livestock, invoked against headaches, consumption, locusts, witchcraft, accidents and loneliness, helper for crying children. St Panteleon came from Nicomedia, near the Black Sea, in Asia. He was such a famous **doctor** that the Emperor himself chose him for his own doctor. Panteleon was a Christian, but the bad influence from the **pagan** court caused him to give up his **Christian faith** entirely. A holy **priest** named Hermolaos made him realize what a **sin** he had committed. Panteleon listened to him, detested his **sin** and joined the Church once more. *Read more on www.catholic.org/saints*

www.dow.org.au



NOTICES

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 Filipino-Australian Community of Ararat Inc. Wish to invite all parishioners to get together for a Christmas in July celebration this Sunday 30th July at 3.00pm

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.

ACYF 2017

Registrations for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival are already over 80% capacity and Early Bird Registrations close on 18 August. The Festival is 7-9 December 2017, for Year 9-30 yo. Ballarat Diocese Youth and Young Adult Ministry has secured accommodation in Sydney and bus transport there and back. Please contact Amanda soon to 'book in' your group. If you are not yet part of a group, we can help – contact Amanda youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au or 0427 748 867. More information on www.ballarat.catholic.org.au / Youth and Young Adult pages.

Youth Synod Questionnaire:

The second part of the Youth Synod 2018 preparatory consultation with our Diocese is a Questionnaire. Groups and individuals of all ages are invited to respond. Pope Francis wants to hear from Dioceses around the world and responses to the Questionnaire will form part of the preparations for the world-wide **Ordinary Synod on Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment** in Rome in October 2018. The Questionnaire is available on the Diocesan website (*Latest News* on home page). Please email responses by 15 August 2017. For more info contact youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au or 5337 7125.

The Archbishop's Dinner Invitation

The Archbishop's Dinner is hosted by the Knights of the Southern Cross annually to raise funds for the education of Victoria's seminarians, and the further education of our priests, and the monies raised are divided equally between the Archdiocese of Melbourne, the Dioceses of Sandhurst, Sale and Ballarat, and the Military Ordinariate of Australia. Over the past 18 Dinners held, over \$1 million has been raised for this cause. Brochure on notice board.

<u>Church Collections</u>	<u>Planned Giving</u>	<u>Presbytery</u>
Weekend July 2nd	\$683.65	\$854.10
Weekend July 9th	\$642.10	\$663.20
Weekend July 16th	\$756.70	\$765.50 (Pope's Collection)
Weekend July 23rd	\$1964.00	\$631.50