

CHURCH ROSTER

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Sep 9 th	P. Gemmola	I. Brady	H&A Collins (N/A)		M&R Jerram	P. McAloon	G. White	M. Stapleton & K. Cham-mings	Bri- anne Gray- ling
Sun Sep 10 th	C. Reid	C. Bulger	G. O'Lough- lin, N. Billingsley & S. Reid	T. Gemmola	Marg Joyce & N. Billingsley	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Sep 16 th	P. McAloon	G. North	A. Reynolds, L.Horsma n & C. McAdie			A&V Joyce	G. White		?
Sun Sep 17 th		P. Lardner	C. Bulger, & K. Cham- mings	J. Start	Pat Lardner & S. Pickering	(as above)	Jim Crowe & V. Hoop- er	(as above)	(as above)



Sunday, 10 Sep 2017: Twenty-third 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 Ez 33:7-9

Responsorial Psalm Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8

**(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we

the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**

3. O that today you would listen to his voice!

'Harden not your hearts as at [Meribah](#),
as on that day at [Massah](#) in the desert

when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **(R.)**

Second Reading Rom 13:8-10

Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has
entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 18:15-20

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9th/10th September 2017

RECENT DEATHS:

Herbert Mannix

ANNIVERSARIES:

Fr Edward Jerram, Kathleen Edwards, Tups Brady, John Griffin, Eileen Rees, John Seild, Fr Frank McLaughlin, Ross McCann, John Hennessy, Patricia Egan, Gertrude Brennan, Ronald Ryan, Vin Fitzpatrick, Fortunata Di Domenico, Molly O'Connor, Keith Young, Teresa Conroy, Geoffrey O'Brien, Ruth Molloy, John Molloy, Matin Creenaune, Maureen Rathgeber, Eileen Arnold, Hugh Waring, Judith Vos, Jan Smith, George Tutton

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 :

Joke of the Week

A man decides to take the opportunity while is wife away to paint the toilet seat. After he finishes, he heads to the kitchen to raid the refrigerator.

The wife comes home sooner than expected. She heads to the bathroom, sits down and gets the toilet seat stuck to her rear. She becomes upset and in a panic shouts to her husband to drive her to the doctor. She puts on her overcoat to cover the seat, and off they go. When they get to the doctor's office, the man lifts his wife's coat to show her predicament.

The man asks, "Doctor, have you ever seen anything like this before?"

"Well, yes," the doctor replied. "But never framed."

Church Toilets

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

Vinnies

A big thank you to the parish and St. Mary's school for the wonderful support for our winter appeal. St Mary's Primary School " Poor Man's Mass" held on the 9th August (Father Brendan Davey anniversary) was very well supported with a total of 26 cartons of groceries donated to the centre.

Also, we have been overwhelmed with the generosity of our parishioners who have provided cash donations and groceries to the centre over the past few weeks. Lots of noodles, soups, canned vegetables which have been very handy to assist many households who are struggling to meet ends during a very cold winter.

A big Thank You from Vinnies!

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

PARISH PRAYER

Loving God, Good Shepherd of us all,

gather us and form us into a welcoming Parish family.

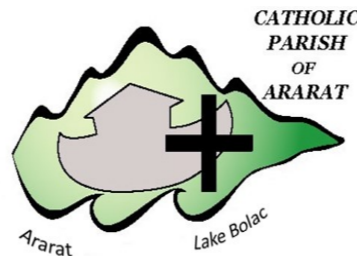
Touch our hearts with your love so that we, in turn, may reach out in love to one another,

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
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PRINCIPAL MARIAN COLLEGE: Mrs Carmel Barker
 Download newsletter—www.mcararat.catholic.edu.au

MASS TIMES

	<u>Ararat</u> (Immaculate Conception)	<u>Lake Bolac</u> (St. Bernard's)
Saturday	6.00pm	
Sunday	10.30am	8.30am
2nd Sunday of Every Month		8.30am (Lay Assembly)
Masses This Week		
Tues 12th	1pm	Funeral of Herbert Mannix
Wed 13th	9.30am	Convent
Thurs 14th	9.30am	Convent
Fri 15th	6pm	Hopkins

LAKE BOLAC— Lay Assembly 10th Sept

READER: I. Meek
PRAYERS: M-A Otto
EUCCHARISTIC
MINISTER: L. Breen
Cleaning: Reg & Helen

LAKE BOLAC— MASS Sept 17th

READER: Jane Higgins
PRAYERS: L. Breen
EUCCHARISTIC
MINISTER: R. Smith
Cleaning: H. Smith

Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2017

“Women must not be left alone to carry the burden of deciding between the family and an effective presence in public life.”

A VOCATION VIEW

How much would the world be changed if everyone were completely forgiving? Probably totally! Jesus' stories of forgiveness are so loved because they are so needed. Re-tell them! Re-live them!

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. Ailbhe, Feast Day September 12th, Patron Saint of Wolves, D 528, Bishop and preacher, one of the saints whose [life](#) has been woven into the myths and legends of Ireland. He was a known [disciple](#) of St. Patrick, and is called Albeus in some records. What is known about Ailbhe is that he was a missionary in Ireland, perhaps sponsored by King Aengus of Munster. He was also the first [bishop](#) of Emly in Munster, Ireland. Legends and traditions abound about his life. One claims that he was left in the woods as an infant and suckled by a wolf. This legend is prompted in part by Ailbhe's later life. An old she-wolf came to Ailbhe for protection from a hunting party, resting her head upon his breast. He is supposed to have been baptized by a [priest](#) in northern Ireland, possibly in a British settlement. The so called [Acts](#) of Ailbhe are filled with traditions that are not reliable. Ailbhe was noted for his charity and kindness, as well as his eloquent sermons. He is beloved in Ireland. *Read more on www.catholic.org/saints*

www.jcr.org.au



NOTICES

St. Anne's Group

The next Grand Mother's Group meeting will be at 2pm on Wednesday September 20th at Bernadette Harrington's house—4 Hewitt Street, Ararat. All welcome.

CWL

The next CWL meeting is next Tuesday September 12th at 1.30pm in the Parish Centre.

Parish Environment Coordinator

The Diocesan Ecological Sustainability Group is seeking a coordinator in each parish. This person will receive the mail from this diocesan committee and then speak with Joyce and Fr Andrew about bulletin notices and putting up posters, sometimes hosting an event etc. This would be much like Harry Collins is the Missions coordinator. He brings in bulletin notices and posters and ensures that Project Compassion gets a good run etc. The time commitment will be anything from 5 minutes a month to as busy as you want to be. Could we have a volunteer please? Maybe a couple of friends volunteer together.

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.

Australian Pastoral Musicians Network Conference – October 5-7, 2017

The APMN National Conference will be held in Perth from October 5-7, 2017. The conference will feature keynote address from David Haas, workshops, prayer and liturgy, showcase concert, conference dinner and resource display and sales. Flyer on notice board.

Funeral Signs

We now have Witches Hats to go out with the funeral sign posts so that they are more visible to drivers. Please can the signs and the witches hats be placed well within the white lines of the parking bays.

Many thanks for your understanding.

Eucharistic Ministers

Only two Eucharistic Ministers are needed for Saturday Evening Mass. Now that fewer people are rostered, would you consider Reading or Facilitating? Please contact Pat Lardner, Sr. Maree or Joyce in the office. The Roster will be changed accordingly. Many thanks.