

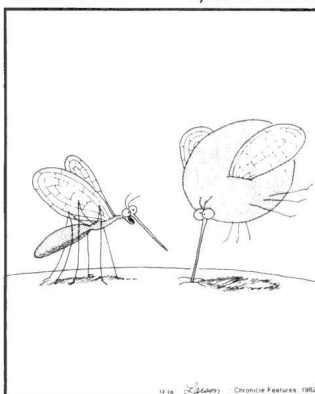
## CHURCH ROSTER

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Oct 7 <sup>th</sup>		P. McAloon	A. Reynolds, L. Horsman & C. McAdie		Geoff White & Tom Kidd	I. Brady, P. Gemmola & L. Styles	Geoff White & Tom Kidd	Anne Joyce & M. Brady	P. Weeks
Sun Oct 8 <sup>th</sup>	J. Start	P. Lardner	C. Bulger & K. Chamings	D&M Lister	S. Pickering	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Oct 14 <sup>th</sup>	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 15 <sup>th</sup>	N. Potter	K. Leggett	M. Cunningham, Sr. John & C. Reid	J&J Crowe		(as above)	J. Crowe	(as above)	(as above)

### Joke of the Week

A mum was having trouble getting her son ready for school.  
 "I'm not going!", he screamed. "The teachers all make fun of me and the kids all hate me. Give me two good reasons why I should go."  
 Mum replied, "Well first of all you are 49 and second you are the principal."

THE FAR SIDE By GARY LARSON



### 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](mailto:ararat@ballarat.catholic.org.au)



Sunday, 8 Oct 2017

Twenty-seventh 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.

7th/8th Oct 2017

### RECENT DEATHS:

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Gladys McKenzie-McHarg, Margaret Stapleton, Margaret O'Connor, Matthew Brennan, Annie Brennan, Margaret Smith, William Smith, Katherine Lesley, Maurice McNiece, Jack McNiece, James Caine, Mary Caine, James Donne, Mary Donne, Mary Ryan, Kate, Masterman, Michael Hevey, Otto Schwab, Dot Schwab, Margaret Eason, Kevin Beamish, Honora O'Halloran, Margaret Stainsby, Betty Wallwork, James Lannen, Connie Rice, Renee Daniels, Kate Tellefson, Edmund Joyce, Eileen Joyce, Jack Dowd, Lorna Clark, Ann Hogan, Ruby Holland, Vincent McLeod, Dorothy Beble, Allan Sinnott

### 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 :

First Reading **Is 5:1-7**

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7**  
**(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.**

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations. It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. (R.)  
 2. Then why have you broken down its walls? It is plucked by all who pass by. It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field. (R.)  
 3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)  
 4. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. (R.)

Second Reading **Phil 4:6-9**

Gospel Acclamation **See Jn 15:15**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
 I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel **Mt 21:33-43**

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### PARISH PRAYER

Loving God, Good Shepherd of us all,

gather us and form us into a welcoming Parish family.

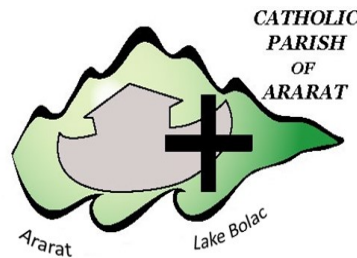
Touch our hearts with your love so that we, in turn, may reach out in love to one another,

in a neighbourly community. We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

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**Office Hours:** Wed/Thurs/Fri 10am-3pm



**PRINCIPAL ST. MARY'S SCHOOL:** Mr Tom Hogan

Download newsletter—[www.smararat.catholic.edu.au](http://www.smararat.catholic.edu.au)

**PRINCIPAL MARIAN COLLEGE:** Mrs Carmel Barker

Download newsletter—[www.mcararat.catholic.edu.au](http://www.mcararat.catholic.edu.au)

### MASS TIMES

#### Ararat

(Immaculate Conception)

Saturday 6.00pm

Sunday 10.30am

2nd Sunday of Every Month

Masses This Week in Ararat

Tues 10<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Church (with CWL)

Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Church

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> 6pm Hopkins

#### Lake Bolac

(St. Bernard's)

8.30am

8.30am (Lay Assembly)

#### LAKE BOLAC— Lay Assembly Oct 8th

**READER:** L. Breen

**PRAYERS:** H. Smith

#### EUCCHARISTIC

**MINISTER:** R. Smith

**Cleaning:** Irene & Rosemary

#### LAKE BOLAC— MASS Oct 15th

**READER:** D. Haslett

**PRAYERS:** Jane Higgins

#### EUCCHARISTIC

**MINISTER:** John Higgins

**Cleaning:** I. Meek

### Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2017

“A division of hearts cannot overcome difficulty.  
Only love is able to overcome.”

### A VOCATION VIEW

An employer would probably fire any employee who never does the job properly. God's plan calls us to live our vocation daily in the best way we can.

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

**Saint of the Week:** Sts. Denis, Rusticus, and Eleutherius,  
**Feastday:** October 9  
**Patron** of France; Paris; against frenzy, strife, headaches, hydrophobia, possessed people, rabies, The first mention we have of these three martyrs who died around 258 A.D. comes in the sixth century in the writings of Saint Gregory of Tours. Denis (or Dionysius as he is also called -**Dionysus** (is the god of the grape harvest, winemaking and wine, of ritual madness, fertility) is the most famous of the three. Born and raised in Italy, he was sent as a missionary to Gaul (now France) circa 250 A.D. by Pope St. Clement along with five other bishops. Denis made his base of missionary activity an island in the Seine near the city of Lutetia Parisiorum -- what would become Paris. For this **reason** he is know as the first **bishop** of **Paris** and the **Apostle** of France.

Read more on [www.catholic.org/saints](http://www.catholic.org/saints)



St. Vincent de Paul Society of Australia supports the latest **#LetThemStay** campaign. Please see the foyer notice board for details.



### Catholic Women's League

The CWL Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday October 10th in the Parish Centre. Mass begins at 9.30am in the Church followed by the meeting and then lunch.

### Arrangements for Funeral of Fr Paul Mercovich

Fr Paul's Requiem Mass will be in **St Arnaud** at 10.30am on Friday Oct 13<sup>th</sup>, followed by his burial in **Ararat** at 3pm. This will be followed by a cuppa in the Parish Centre.

### Grandmother's Group

The next Grandmother's group will take place at the house of Gwen Martin in Mount Romnia, Ararat at 2pm.

### 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](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) /Youth and Young Adult pages, or email [youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto: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@griefftoGrace.org.au](mailto:info@griefftoGrace.org.au) or phone 0407704539. For more information visit [www.griefftoGrace.org](http://www.griefftoGrace.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](http://www.ROM.org.au) (some very good resources on their website)

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