

CHURCH ROSTER

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Nov 11th	G. White	A. Collins	T. Gemmola,		Marg Joyce, Tom Kidd & M. Ryan	C. Bush & J. Clery	V. Hooper & Tom Kidd	A. Joyce & Marilyn Brady	P. Weeks
Sun Nov 12th	J. Brennan	T. Arnold	M. Cunningham, Sr. John & C. Reid	J&J Crowe	Kathy Leggett & S. Pickering	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Nov 18th	C. Brennan	P. Brady	H&A Collins		Tom Kidd	B. Holland & P. McAloon	G. White & Tom Kidd	M. Stapleton	Jo Donnan & K. Scherger
Sun Nov 19th	P. Lardner	P. Brennan	G. O'Loughlin, N. Billingsley & S. Reid	D&M Lister	L&D Anderson	(as above)	V. Hooper	(as above)	(as above)



Sunday, 12 Nov 2017 Thirty-second 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 **Wis 6:12-16**

Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2**

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary, to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. (R.)

3. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands.

My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)

4. On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night

for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. (R.)

Second Reading **1 Thes 4:13-18**

Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation **Mt 24:42. 44**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

Gospel **Mt 25:1-13**

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

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11th/12th Nov 2017

RECENT DEATHS:

Salvatore Cannata

ANNIVERSARIES:

Enid Dower, Allan Hewitt, Grace Schwab, Irene Wilson, Hughie Lees, Wilham Parker, Fr Nik Serzants, Ray Gellie, Tom O'Neill, Elma Upton, Irene Prydderch, Jean Cunningham, Arthur Morrison, Janine Shalders, Brian Clothier, Peter Carter, Margaret Brady, Margaret Darcy, Fr Mick Kehoe, Dorothy Woodford, Lillian Marshall, Bill Gordon, Michael Parker, Bryan Coffey, Tim Joyce

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

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



The young Kangaroo lives with its mum until it is strong enough to leave. Unlike a human child, it does not move back in shortly afterwards and stay for years!!

(Taken from a Ladybird book—The Mum—How it works)

Music Lovers' Concert

Ararat Anglican Church
Sunday December 3rd
2-4pm

See flyer on notice board in Church foyer.



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

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

Church Toilets

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

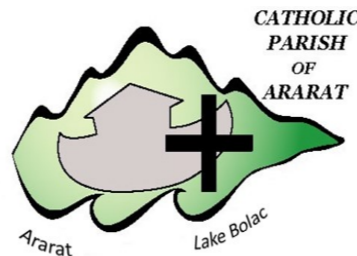
PARISH PRAYER

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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 Download Church Bulletin - www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

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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> (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 in Ararat

Mon 13th	11am	Funeral Prayers for Salvatore Cannata
Tues 14th	9.30am	Church
Wed 15th	11am	Lowe St

LAKE BOLAC— Lay Assembly Nov 12th

READER: P. Meek
PRAYERS: I. Meek
EUCCHARISTIC
MINISTER: R. Liston
Cleaning: Leanne & M-A

LAKE BOLAC— Lay Assembly Nov 12th

READER: V. Albert
PRAYERS: D. Haslett
EUCCHARISTIC
MINISTER: M. Philips
Cleaning: Jane Higgins

Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2017

On Asylum Seekers—"We have become used to the suffering of others: it doesn't affect me; it doesn't concern me; it's none of my business! ...Their condition cannot leave us indifferent."

A VOCATION VIEW

We usually put a great amount of preparation into big events like weddings, anniversaries and parties of all kinds. We should prepare much more for the final banquet in the Kingdom of Heaven!

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.

Saints of the Week: St. Martin of Tours, **Feastday:** November 11
Patron of the poor, soldiers, conscientious objectors, tailors, and winemakers
 Birth: 316 or 336 Death: 397

Saint Martin of Tours was born in in Savaria, Pannonia in either the year 316 or 336 AD. That region is what is today the nation of Hungary. His father was a tribune, which is a high-ranking officer in the Imperial Horse Guard. Martin and his family went with his father when he was assigned to a post at Ticinum, in Northern Italy. It is here that Martin would grow up. Just before Martin was born, Christianity was legalized in the Roman Empire and the bloody persecution of Christians soon came to an end. It was not the official religion of the State, but it could be practiced and proclaimed openly.

Read more on www.catholic.org/saints

Notices

Planned Giving Envelopes are ready to collect in the Church Foyer

November Memorial Masses Ararat and Lake Bolac

These annual Masses to remember those who have died will be celebrated in Ararat on **Tuesday November 28 at 6pm**, followed by supper. A plate would be appreciated. Lake Bolac's Mass will be on Sunday **November 19 at 8.30am**.

Masses around Christmas

4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday Dec 23 Usual 6pm Vigil Mass in Ararat
 Sunday Dec 24 There will be **no** Sunday morning Masses in Ararat or Lake Bolac

Christmas Eve

6pm Ararat
 7.45pm Lake Bolac
 There will be a late Mass in Ararat (earlier than midnight) *at a time yet to be determined*.

Fr Andrew is still in discussion with Hamilton parish about his commitments there.

Christmas Day

9am Ararat

Ararat West Primary School Fete

If anyone would like to help Ararat West PS but are not sure what to do, they are having their School Fete on **Friday November 17th from 5pm—8pm**. If you would like to donate anything and in particular cakes/slices or consumables, please can you make sure to itemize the ingredients on a label. The Office building is still standing, so you can drop off your donations on the morning of Friday November 17th.

Our Diocesan Community The latest issue has arrived. It has an article about Sr Marie Feiss and another about St Vincent de Paul's recent gathering in Ararat.

Training for Ministries in Ararat (45 minute sessions)

It's been a while since our last training for readers and Ministers of the Eucharist. The following sessions have been earmarked for some training. The training will be different to last time. Please make one of these sessions a priority.

Readers – after Mass on Saturday November 25 and Sunday November 26

Ministers of the Eucharist – after Mass on Saturday December 2 and Sunday December 3

Paperwork is on its way for the other Ministries—Gardening, Counting, Flowers etc. More in regards to OH&S issues!

CWL

The Catholic Women's League will have their monthly meeting on Tuesday November 14th at 1.30pm in the Parish Centre.

ACRATH Taking action against slavery and human trafficking in Australia

Did you know that slavery and human trafficking exists today, here in Australia? Australia is a destination for trafficked people who are used for a variety of purposes in various industries. We can take action to give them a voice. ACRATH stands for the *Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans* and is endorsed by Catholic Religious Australia. ACRATH works towards the elimination of human trafficking in Australia, the Asia Pacific region and globally. The ACRATH website seeks to tell the stories of victims of slavery so that we can make a stand against the abuse of human rights. The ACRATH website allows users to discuss and respond to human trafficking and slavery in our country and region. Together, we are called to respond to this injustice. The ACRATH website provides a wealth of resources and information parishes and communities can use to work toward solving this problem. Visit website: www.acrath.org.au

ACRATH Calendars have been ordered for next year—let Joyce in the office know if you would like one \$10 each