

CHURCH ROSTER

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Nov 25th	H. Collins	Beck Rodger	A. Reynolds, L. Horsman & C. McAdie		Marg Joyce & Tom Kidd	A&V Joyce	G. White & Tom Kidd	M. Egan & M. Brady	A. Galoso & M. Fe Galoso
Sun Nov 26th	J. Clery	N. Potter	C. Bulger, & K. Cham-mings	J. Start	Pat Lardner & S. Pickering	(as above)	Jim Crowe	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Dec 2nd	J. Clery	H. Collins	T. Gem-mola		R&M Jer-ram & Tom Kidd	The Ar-nold Family, T. Weeks & C. Martin	Geoff White, Tom Kidd & Carmel Brennan	J. North & M. Cun-ningham	J. Clery
Sun Dec 3rd	N. Potter	R. Cooper	M. Cun-ningham, Sr. John & C. Reid	E. Shea	Blessie Stone-man	(as above)	John Pola & P. Gem-mola	(as above)	(as above)



Sunday, 26 Nov 2017
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Year A

As we celebrate, we acknowledge the Indigenous owners of the land on which our Churches are built, the Tjapwurong people, and we respect the presence of the spirits of their ancestors among us.

First Reading Ez 34:11-12. 15-17

You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22:1-3. 5-6. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. (R.)

2. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. (R.)

3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R.)

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 15:20-26. 28

He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel Acclamation Mk 11:9-10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 25:31-46

He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another. copyright One License Used with permission

25th/26th Nov 2017

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Thomas Kennedy, Stanislaus Cronin, William Carter, Klara Pashula, Kathleen Smith, George Cunningham, Donald Dalgleish, Les Hunt, James Sertori, Terry Phillips, Ireneo Torrecampo, William Davies, Eddie Walls, John Presser, Sr Elizabeth McGovern CSB, Mary Rix, Mons. Bill McCunnie, Matt Brennan, Phyllis Brown, Ellen Mullins, Patrick Mullins, Maura Brown, Nel Wagener, Bernard Joyce

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Sr. Alexia Riddington

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:

Baptism

Everything Christmas

Giving

Bishop's Christmas Appeal—December 24th/25th

Vinnies Christmas Appeal – Envelopes in church foyer

Christmas Giving Tree in church foyer in Ararat

Reconciliation 2nd Rite

Lake Bolac Sunday December 3rd, during Mass

Ararat Tuesday December 19th @ 6pm in the Church

4th Sunday of Advent

6pm Mass in Ararat as usual on Saturday Evening Dec 23

There will be **no morning Masses** in Lake Bolac or Ararat on Sunday Dec 24

Christmas Eve

6pm Ararat // 7.45pm Lake Bolac // 9.15pm Glenthompson // 11pm Ararat

Christmas Day

9am Ararat



CWL -The Catholic Women's League will be celebrating their Christmas Lunch on Tuesday December 12th in the Parish Centre. The meeting will start at 11am, lunch to follow.



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

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

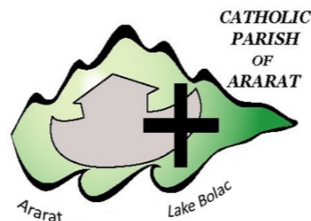
PARISH PRAYER

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.

Parish Priest: Fr. Andrew Hayes andrew.hayes@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

Ararat

(Immaculate Conception)

Saturday 6.00pm

Sunday 10.30am

2nd Sunday of Every Month

Masses This Week in Ararat

Tues 28th 6pm

Thurs 30th 9.30am

Fri 1st 6pm

Lake Bolac

(St. Bernard's)

8.30am

8.30am (Lay Assembly)

Memorial Mass

Hopkins

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. John Berchmans, [Feastday:](#) November 26
Patron of Altar Servers
Birth: 1599

Death: 1621 Eldest son of a shoemaker, [John](#) was born at Diest, Brabant. He early wanted to be a priest, and when thirteen became a servant in the household of one of the [Cathedral](#) canons at Malines, [John](#) Froymont. In 1615, he entered the newly founded Jesuit [College](#) at Malines, and the following year became a Jesuit novice. He was sent to [Rome](#) in 1618 to continue his studies, and was known for his diligence and piety, impressing all with his [holiness](#) and stress on perfection in little things. He died there on August 13. Many miracles were attributed to him after his death, and he was canonized in 1888. He is the patron of altar boys. His [feast day](#) is November 26.

Read more on www.catholic.org/saints

Church Toilets

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

Notices

Golden Gate Lodge Christmas Party

Thursday December 7, 12 noon in the Parish Centre

Clinical Pastoral Education

Last week this bulletin advertised a CPE course taking place in Terang in 2018. CPE is a fantastic course of preparation for people seeking employment or volunteering in pastoral roles in the church or other organisations. It is not a simple course but a year-long part-time course of supervised ministry. Both Sr Maree and Fr Andrew have undertaken this training and speak very highly of it. Interested? Speak to Fr Andrew or Sr Maree or email terang@ballarat.catholic.org.au. Applications close December 8.

November Memorial Mass in Ararat

This annual Mass in Ararat to remember those who have died will be celebrated this Tuesday, November 28 at 6pm, followed by supper. A plate would be appreciated. All welcome.

Concert Fundraiser for RAR

11.30am - 10th Dec 2017 Ararat Uniting Church- Barkly Street

Mary Doumany - *Mary is a Classical Trained Harpist and Composer who has performed with Sydney, Melbourne and Queensland Symphony Orchestras*

Donations to Grampians (Gariwerd) RAR Refuge and Asylum Seekers Group

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!

ACRATH Calendars have been ordered for next year—

Let Joyce in the office know if you would like one \$10 each

Making a Scene at Christmas

All are welcome to visit the *Making a Scene at Christmas* display at the Robert Clark Centre in the Ballarat Gardens from Friday, December 15 - Monday December 18. We are travelling to Shepparton (Tuesday, December 5) then Canberra where we will be displaying in the new Cathedral Hall (weekend December 7-11).

This Christmas, Give a Gift That Changes the World

If you would like to give a little extra to those who need it most at Christmas time, Caritas Australia offers Global Gift Cards. Donations go towards empowering the most marginalised members of our One Human Family to eradicate poverty in all its forms <https://fundraise.caritas.org.au/globalgifts>

Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2017

"Unrestrained liberalism only makes the strong stronger and the weak weaker and excludes the most excluded."

A VOCATION VIEW

The Church year ends today. We can proclaim Christ as King because we sense our vocation as being members of Christ's Royal Family, called to serve God and one another.

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