

**CHURCH ROSTER**

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup>	J. Clery	H. Collins	T. Gemmola		R&M Jerram & Tom Kidd	The Arnold Family, T. Weeks & C. Martin	Geoff White, Tom Kidd & Carmel Brennan	J. North & M. Cunningham	J. Clery
Sun Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup>	N. Potter	R. Cooper	M. Cunningham, Sr. John & C. Reid	E. Shea	Blessie Stone-man	(as above)	John Pola & P. Gemmola	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Dec 9 <sup>th</sup>		G. White	M. Mason, P. Brady		R&M Jerram & Tom Kidd	The Reynolds Family & P. McAloon	G. White & Tom Kidd	A. Joyce & Marilyn Brady	
Sun Dec 10 <sup>th</sup>	P. Brennan	S. Reid	C. Reid, M. Ollie & J. Start	T. Gemmola	Kathy Leggett & S. Pickering	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)



**Sunday, 3 Dec 2017:  
First Sunday of Advent - Year B**

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** *Is 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8*

*Oh that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.*

**Responsorial Psalm** *Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19 R. v.4*

**(R.) Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

1. O shepherd of [Israel](#), hear us,

shine forth from your cherubim throne.

O Lord, rouse up your might,  
O Lord, come to our help. **(R.)**

2. 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.)**

3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen,  
the man you have given your strength.

And we shall never forsake you again:  
give us life that we may call upon your name. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** *1 Cor 1:3-9*

*The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.*

**Gospel Acclamation** *Ps 84:8*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

**Gospel** *Mk 13:33-37*

*Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.*

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**2nd/3rd December 2017**

**RECENT DEATHS:**

Sr. Genevieve Fitzpatrick (Sister of Jim Fitzpatrick)

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Bernard Joyce, Penny Lang, Agnes Joyce, Fr. John Martin, Fr. Syd Morey, Athol Howman, Fr. Martin Gleeson, Rudolf Schwab, Osmond Smith, Eric Hogan, Herman Krawczinski Graeme Pora, Victims of Pearl Harbour Bombings 1941

Fr. John Monaghan, Josephine Neilson, Edmund Moran, Bishop Henry Cleary, Clare Rienets

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:**

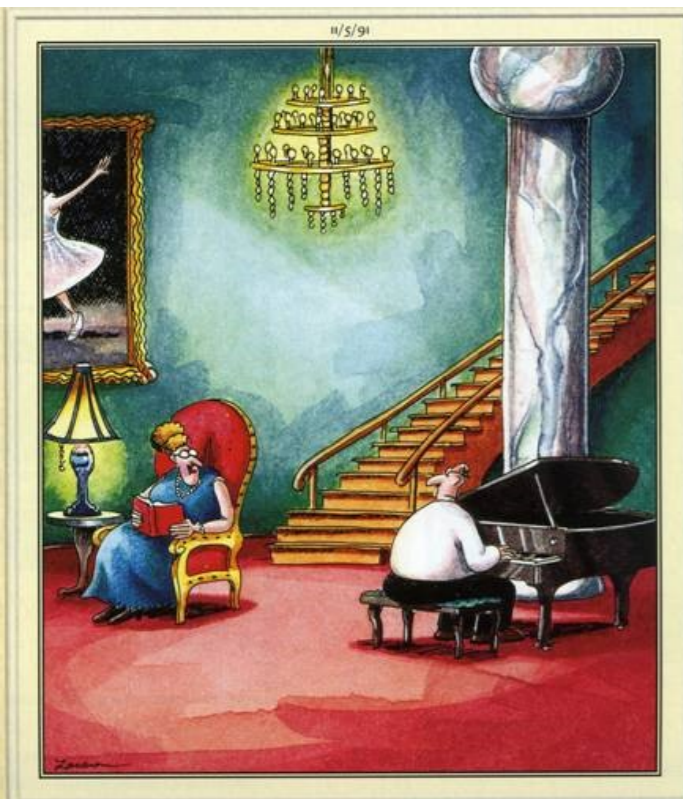
Sr. Alexia Riddington

*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**

**Joke of the Week**



"Why don't you play some blues, Andrew?"

Gary Larson



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

**PARISH PRAYER**

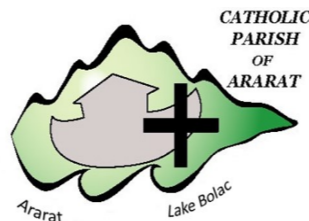
Loving God, Good Shepherd of us all,

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](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**

While Fr. Andrew is away "Making a Scene at Christmas" (please see Notices) Fr. Peter Wood will be celebrating Mass with us on the weekends of December 9th/10th and 16th/17th—the usual times and at Hopkins on Friday nights at 6pm.

#### Lake Bolac

(St. Bernard's)

**8.30am**

**8.30am (Lay Assembly)**

#### LAKE BOLAC— Dec 3rd 2017

**READER:** D. Phillips

**PRAYERS:** K. Gleeson

**EUCCHARISTIC**

**MINISTER:** John Higgins

**Cleaning:** H. Smith

#### LAKE BOLAC— Lay Assembly Dec 10th 2017

**READER:** P. Meek

**PRAYERS:** M-A Otto

**EUCCHARISTIC**

**MINISTER:** R. Liston

**Cleaning:** Reg & Helen

### Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2017

"The whole journey of life is one of preparation....to see, to feel, to understand the beauty of what lies ahead, of that homeland towards which we walk."

### A VOCATION VIEW

It's Advent; almost Christmas! A Season of dreams come true. Be on guard. The Lord may call you to follow Him.

**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

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite

Lake Bolac Sunday December 3rd, during Mass

Ararat Tuesday December 19th @ 6pm in the Church

### 4<sup>th</sup> 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



### Saint of the Week:

**St. Francis Xavier**

**Feastday:** December 3

**Patron** of Catholic missions; African missions; Goa, India; China; missionaries

Birth: 1506

Death: 1552

Beatified By: Oct. 25, 1619 by Pope Paul V

Canonized By: March 12, 1622 by Pope Gregory XV

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

## Notices

### Year of Youth

2018 is the Year of Youth. It begins this week 3<sup>rd</sup> December. The theme is *Open New Horizons for Spreading Joy*. Resources including a Prayer of the Faithful are available at [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) / Services & Agencies / Youth and Young Adult Ministry.

### 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](mailto:terang@ballarat.catholic.org.au). Applications close December 8.

### 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.

**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 are IN!!

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).



#### Church Toilets

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