

CHURCH ROSTER

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Dec 9 th		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 th	P. Brennan	S. Reid	C. Reid, M. Ollie & J. Start	T. Gemmola	Kathy Leggett & S. Pickering	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Dec 16 th	P. Gemmola	I.Brady	H&A Collins		Tom Kidd	I. Brady, P. Gemmola	Geoff White, Tom Kidd & R. Jerram	A. Joyce & Marilyn Brady	P. Weeks
Sun Dec 17 th	C. Reid	C. Bulger	G. O'Loughlin, N. Billingsley & S. Reid	H&A Collins	P. Lardner	(as above)	Jim Crowe	(as above)	(as above)
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Sunday, 10 Dec 2017 Second 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 40:1-5. 9-11*

Prepare the way for the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8*

(R.) Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people.

His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. *(R.)*

2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced.

Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. *(R.)*

3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit.

Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. *(R.)*

Second Reading *2 Pt 3:8-14*

We wait for new heavens and a new earth.

Gospel Acclamation *Lk 3:4. 6*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Mk 1:1-8*

Make straight the paths of the Lord.

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9th/10th December 2017

RECENT DEATHS:

Maureen Dalglish

ANNIVERSARIES:

Florence Heenan, Daniel Ryan, Joan Boyle, Joan Ryan, Rodney Harvey, Margaret Mary Smith, Glenys Balchin, Noel McOwan, John Thomas, Fr. Gery Payne, Grace Harrison, Florentina Uda de Torrecarpo, Janice Porter, Norman Rowe, Hayley Pugh, Maureen Dalton, Norman William Rowe, Emma Brennan, John Hearn, Pepito Galang, Myra Campbell, Fr Bill Egan, Barry Karlake, John McSparron, Laurence Cashin, Fr. John Connellan, Fr. Billie Close, Fr. Pat O'Dowd, Joan Dadswell, Damien Gordon, Joan Fogarty

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

ACRATH Calendars are IN!! \$10 each

Only 6 left. Sr Marie will be selling them at this weekend's Mass.



A big thank you to the students and staff at Marian College for their generous donations of groceries and toys for our Christmas Appeal .

It is greatly appreciated by the members of the Ararat conference.

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

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.



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

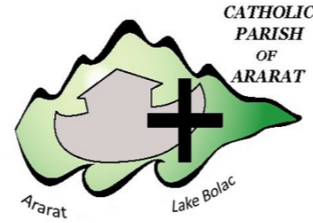
PARISH PRAYER

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

Parish Secretary: Joyce Clery ararat@ballarat.catholic.org.au
Safe Guarding Officer: Emma Coburn ararat@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 **Lake Bolac**

(Immaculate Conception) (St. Bernard's)

Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 10.30am **8.30am**

Masses This Week in Ararat

Wed 13th 12.30pm **Funeral Prayers for**
 Maureen Dalgleish
 (Burial at Willaura at 11am)

LAKE BOLAC— Lay Assembly Dec 10th
2017—LAST LAY ASSEMBLY

READER: P. Meek
PRAYERS: M-A Otto
EUCCHARISTIC
MINISTER: R. Liston
Lay Assembly: Reg & Helen

LAKE BOLAC— MASS Dec 17th

READER: I. Meek
PRAYERS: L. Breen
EUCCHARISTIC
MINISTER: D. Haslett
Cleaning: L. Breen

Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2017

"Every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is **always a moral**—and not simply an economic act."

A VOCATION VIEW

The cry of the people: "Lord, let us see your kindness". Who will prepare the way of the Lord coming to us today?

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: St. John of the Cross

Feastday: December 14

Patron of Contemplatives, mystics and

Spanish poets

Birth: 1542

Death: December 14, 1591

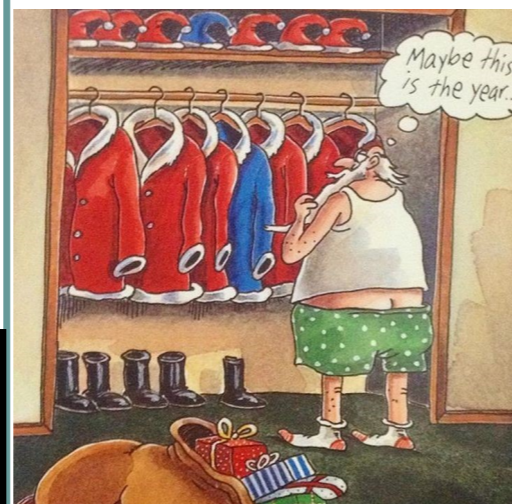
Beatified By: January 25, 1675 by Pope Clement X

Canonized By: December 27, 1726 by Pope Benedict XIII

Saint John of the Cross was born Juan de Yepes y Alvarez, in Fontiveros, Avila, Spain in 1542. His father was employed by wealthy family members as an accountant, but they disowned him when he married a poor woman from the lower class. As a result of his family's poverty, John's family suffered greatly.

Read more on www.catholic.org/saints

Joke of the Week:



Maybe this is the year?

Church Toilets

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

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—please leave the gifts UNWRAPPED in a box or bag under the tree.



Reconciliation 2nd Rite

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



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).

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.

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>

Office Hours over Christmas

December Mon 18th, Tues 19th, Wed 20th—10am—3pm

December 21st to January 4th—**CLOSED**

Office reopens Friday January 5th—10am—3pm

Carols by Candlelight Ararat 2017

Alexander Gardens, Sat 6pm Dec 9th. Enjoy a community event for all the family with carol singing, children's activities, food and fun. Run by the Ararat Y's Men's Club, the event is free for everyone.