

CHURCH ROSTER

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Jan 6th	G. White		A. Reynolds, L. Horsman & C. McAdie		Marg Joyce	A&V Joyce	V. Hooper	M. Egan & M. Brady	A. Galoso & M. Fe Galoso
Sun Jan 7th	J. Start	H. Collins	C. Bulger, & K. Cham-mings	H&A Collins	Pat Lardner & S. Pickering	(as above)	Jim Crowe	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Jan 13th	H. Collins	Beck Rodger	T. Gemmola		R&M Jerram	The Arnold Family, T. Weeks & C. Martin	Geoff White & Carmel Brennan	J. North & M. Cunningham	J. Clery
Sun Jan 14th	N. Potter	R. Cooper	M. Cunningham, Sr. John & C. Reid	J&J Crowe	Blessie Stone-man	(as above)	John Pola & P. Gem-mola	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Jan 20th	P. Brennan	G. White	M. Mason, P. Brady		R&M Jerram & Tom Kidd	The Reynolds Family & P. McAloon	G. White & Tom Kidd	A. Joyce & Marilyn Brady	Jo Donnan
Sun Jan 21st	J. Clery	S. Reid	C. Reid, M. Ollie & J. Start	D&M Lister	Kathy Leggett & S. Pickering	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Jan 27th	P. Gemmola	I. Brady	H&A Collins		Margaret Ryan & Tom Kidd	I. Brady, P. Gemmola	Geoff White & R. Jerram	A. Joyce & Marilyn Brady	P. Weeks
Sun Jan 28th	C. Reid	C. Bulger	G. O'Lough-lin, N. Billingsley & S. Reid	J. Start	P. Lardner	(as above)	Jim Crowe	(as above)	(as above)

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

Church Toilets

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



Sunday, 7 Jan 2018
The Epiphany of the Lord

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.

6th/7th January 2018

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Fr Jim Green CSsR, Fr Frank Honan CSsR, Anthony Gordon, Geoffrey Lewis, Jack Flynn, Michael Joyce, Fr Brian James, Stephen Barry, Bartolo Mercovich, Jack Donovan, Linda Hughes-Soden, Linda Hughes-Soden, Clara Thomas, Peter Pola, Evie Moloney, Brian O'Donnell, Kathleen Canty, Peter Arandt, Imelda Gordan, Adorative McPhee, Bill Moloney, Bill Coster, Evelyn O'Neill, Brendan Moran, Rita Higgins, Stan Matthews, Fr John Kirby, Ian Pearce, John Shield, Mary Shield, Kathleen Lees, Percival Bushick, Fr. Frank Sexton CSsR, Francis Jaench, Stasia Matters

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Sr. Alexia Riddington, Susan Fitzpatrick

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

First Reading Is 60:1-6

The glory of the Lord shines upon you

Responsorial Psalm Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

- O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. (R.)
- In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. (R.)
- The kings of [Tarshish](#) and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of [Sheba](#) and [Seba](#) shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. (R.)
- For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 3:2-3. 5-6

The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!
 We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.
 Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 2:1-12

We have come from the East to worship the king

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PARISH PRAYER

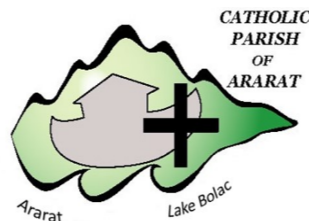
Loving God, Good Shepherd of us all,

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.

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

	<u>Ararat</u> (Immaculate Conception)	<u>Lake Bolac</u> (St. Bernard's)
Saturday	6.00pm	
Sunday	10.30am	8.30am (except 2nd Sunday)

Masses This Week in Ararat

Tues 9th	9.30am	Church
Wed 10th	9.30am	Church
Thurs 11th	9.30am	Church
Fri 12th	6pm	Hopkins

LAKE BOLAC— MASS Jan 7th 2018

READER:	T. Higgins	PRAYERS:	J. Aldous
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:	M. Phillips	Cleaning:	M-A Otto

LAKE BOLAC— January 14th NO Mass

Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2017

"According to tradition, the wise men were sages, watchers of the constellations, observers of the heavens in a cultural and religious context which saw the stars as having significance and power over human affairs. The wise men represent men and woman who seek God in the world's religions and philosophies: an unending quest."

A VOCATION VIEW

Even gift bearing kings, accompanied by camels and servants, went to visit Jesus Christ. You, come and follow Him. Take the Good News back to your people: Jesus is Lord of all.

Saint of the Week:

St. William of Bourges
Feastday: January 10
Patron of University of Paris
 Birth: 1155
 Death: 1209 William Berruyer, of the illustrious family of the ancient counts of Nevers, was educated by Peter the hermit, archdeacon of Soissons, his uncle by the mother's side. He learned from his infancy to despise the folly and emptiness of the riches and grandeur of the world, to abhor its pleasures, and to tremble at its dangers. His only delight was in exercises of piety and in his studies, in which he employed his whole time with indefatigable application. He was made canon, first of Soissons, and afterwards of Paris: but he soon took the resolution of abandoning all commerce with the world;

Read more on www.catholic.org/saints

Joke of the Week

When KFC's sales hit a lean patch, Colonel Saunders came up with a brilliant advertising idea. He got in touch with the Pope and asked whether he could change the words of the Lord's Prayer from, "Give us this day our daily bread", to "Give us this day our daily chicken".
 "I can't possibly do that," said the Pope.
 "Not even for \$1 million?", asked the Colonel.

"No, not for \$1m. The Lord's prayer is scared and not for corporate sponsorship," the Pope said.

"How about \$50million?" "Ok, it's a deal," said the Pope.

The next day the Pope went to a meeting of cardinals. He said, "I have some good news and bad news. The good news is, KFC is going to donate \$50 million to the Vatican. The bad news is, we lost the Tip Top account."

NOTICES

Some Parishioners may like to consider doing the Lay Ministry program (below) as we will need more people on board next year when Fr. Andrew is away!

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – now open for new participants

The Lay Pastoral Ministry Program offers low-cost opportunities for online study and formation for lay workers in the diocese, both employees and volunteers. A wide range of subject areas are offered: Scripture, Sacraments, Social Justice, Leadership skills, Youth Ministry, many more. Study one subject or many - it's a flexible program! Registration for the January 2018 study cycle is open now (closes 5 January). A study cycle means you do one subject over 5 weeks. There are 6 study cycles each year, you can start at any one. Details on the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (link is on home page), or contact Amanda, ph: 5337 7125 or email amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Four Day Workshop

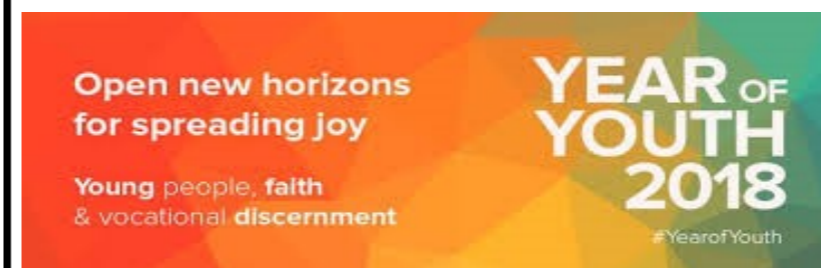
Kardia Formation invites you to join us for a weekend Summit in Melbourne with Margaret Silf, 18 – 20 May 2018, Imagining the Self in a Spiritually Expansive World and/or a four-day workshop The Future is Within Us, 14 – 17 May 2018. For more information www.kardia.com.au or see the flyer on the parish notice board.

ACYF - view Youth Festival events

All the highlight plenary events from the Youth Festival are available for viewing at xt3. How do we connect with young people? Have a look at this. View ACYF on demand at xt3.com

Year of Youth

Resources from the National Youth Office are now available, including *No Young People in my Parish*, and *A Guide to Listening Forums*. For these and other information go to 'Year of Youth' on the Youth and Young Adult Ministry page of the diocesan website: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-and-agencies



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