

CHURCH ROSTER

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
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. Gemmola	(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)

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, Fr. Andrew or the Safe Guarding Officer on arat@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Open new horizons
for spreading joy

Young people, faith
& vocational discernment

YEAR OF
YOUTH
2018
#YearofYouth

Church Toilets

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

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



Sunday, 14 Jan 2018 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - 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.

13th/14th January 2018

First Reading 1 Sm 3:3-10.19

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening

Responsorial Psalm Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv. 8.9

(R.) Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord.

and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry.

He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. (R.)

2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.

You do not ask for holocaust and victim.

Instead, here am I. (R.)

3. In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your
law in the depth of my heart. (R.)

4. Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.

My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 6:13-15. 17-20

Your bodies are members of the body of Christ

Gospel Acclamation Jn 1:41. 17

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah:

Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 1:35-42

They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him

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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, 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

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

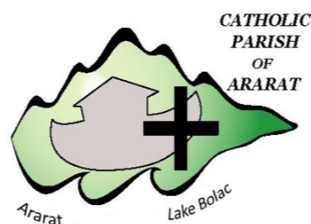
PARISH PRAYER

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
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

Thurs 18th	11am	Lowe St
Fri 19th	6pm	Hopkins

LAKE BOLAC– NO MASS Jan 14th 2018

LAKE BOLAC– MASS Jan 21st 2018

READER:	L. Breen	PRAYERS:	H. Smith
EUCCHARISTIC			
MINISTER:	I. Meek	Cleaning:	I. Meek

Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2017

Jesus did not stay in “the secure fortress of the rectory,” the pope said, but set out into the cities and villages, pausing to listen to the people he came across, “taking in the desire of those who sought him out, the delusion of a failed night of fishing, the burning thirst of a woman who went to the well to get water or the strong need to change one’s life.”

A VOCATION VIEW

A good Vocation prayer to say everyday, from the time we are ten years old till we are ninety years old, is found in today's first Scripture Reading: 'Speak, Lord for your servant is listening.' Just try it with sincerity starting today.

Saint of the Week: St. Hilary of Poitiers
Feastday: January 13
Patron against snake bites
Death: 368

"They didn't know who they were." This is how Hilary summed up the problem with the Arian [heretics](#) of the fourth century. Hilary, on the other hand, knew very well who he was -- a child of a loving [God](#) who had inherited eternal [life](#) through [belief](#) in the Son of God. He hadn't been raised as a [Christian](#) but he had felt a wonder at the gift of [life](#) and a desire to find out the meaning of that gift. He first discarded the approach of many people who around him, who believed the purpose of [life](#) was only to satisfy desires. He knew he wasn't a beast grazing in a pasture. The philosophers agreed with him. Human beings should rise above desires and live a [life](#) of virtue, they said. But Hilary could see in his own heart that humans were meant for even more than living a [good](#) life.

Read more on www.catholic.org/saints

Joke of the Week

A woman's husband had been slipping in and out of a coma for several months, yet she had stayed by his bedside every single day. One day, when he came to, he motioned for her to come nearer. As she sat by him, his eyes full of tears, he whispered,

"You know what? you have been with me all through the bad times. When I got fired, you were there to support me. When my business failed, you were there. When I got shot, you were by my side. When we lost the house, you stayed right here. When my health started failing, you were still by my side. You know what?"

"What dear?", she asked gently, as her heart started filling with warmth.

"I think you're bad luck."

NOTICES



CWL

Catholic Woman's League Australia Day Prayer service, Friday January 26th, 10am in the Church (Ararat) followed by morning tea in the Parish Centre.

Could parishioners bring a plate please.

Catholic Social Services National Conference "Hearing Healing Hope"

The 2018 Catholic social services national conference, *Hearing Healing Hope* (from February 21-23, 2018) provides an opportunity to reflect on the major issues that affect our communities of concern, our Catholic social service organisations, our parishes and ourselves as leaders. It is always so rewarding to be joined by many who share our mission of service and work for justice. Today's rapidly changing policy and social environment makes such gatherings even more important. The conference will be held in Melbourne and will be interactive at all stages – hearing, healing and building hope is not a passive program! The conference includes forums on:

- A healthy earth for a flourishing society, with Jacqui Rémond, Gavin Dufty and Bronwyn Lay
- Economics for a flourishing society, with Joe Zabar, Ged Kearney and John Roskam
- Responding to abuse, ensuring safe environments and dedication to service, with Commissioner Robert Fitzgerald, Sheree Limbrick and Lana Turvey-Collins
- The 2020 Plenary Council of the Church in Australia, with Archbishop Mark Coleridge

Fr Frank Brennan SJ discussing current issues in human rights (as we celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights)

Workshops will focus on NDIS, housing, governance issues, Indigenous engagement, parishes and service, caring for vulnerable clients and family violence. For more information and bookings, go to: www.css.org.au
See flyer on the Foyer

Renaissance of Marriage Conference

The Marriage Resource Centre will host the "Renaissance of Marriage Conference" on February 16-17, 2018 in Sydney. Conference information attached or go to www.ROM.org.au

Fr Albert Mligo from Tanzania

Several people, maybe many, have received emails from this Tanzanian priest seeking donations in lieu of previous generous assistance given to Fr Albert and his Projects by the late Fr Paul Mercovich. As Fr Paul's executors, we advise that Fr Albert will receive substantial ongoing benefit from his estate and suggest help be instead directed to other overseas charitable causes such as those helped by Bishop Paul Bird's Christmas Appeal, Caritas and Catholic Mission. *Frs Ed Moloney and John Monaghan.*

Diocesan e-News

Diocesan e-News is available to all members of the Diocese and those associated with and with an interest in the life of the Diocese. It is published every two weeks and distributed via email. You can subscribe to receive e-News on the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or you are welcome to submit items for publication to enews@ballarat.catholic.org.au. News items submitted should have relevance to the life and activity of the parishes and schools of the Diocese and include photos where possible.