

CHURCH ROSTER

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Jan 27th	P. Gemmola	I. Brady	H&A Collins		Tom Kidd	I. Brady, P. Gemmola	Geoff White & R. Jeram	A. Joyce & Marilyn Brady	P. Weeks
Sun Jan 28th	C. Reid	C. Bulger	G. O'Loughlin, N. Billingsley & S. Reid	J. Start	P. Lardner	(as above)	Jim Crowe	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Feb 3rd	P. McAloon	J. McAloon	A. Reynolds, L. Horsman & C. McAdie		D. Dijon & Tom Kidd	A&V Joyce	G. White & Tom Kidd	M. Cunningham	Brianne Grayling
Sun Feb 4th	N. Potter	P. Lardner	C. Bulger, & K. Chamings	E. Shea	Pat Lardner & S. Pickering	(as above)	Jim Crowe & V. Hooper	(as above)	(as above)

Joke Of the Week

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 ararat@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Some of Oscar Wilde's Quotes:

"It is very easy to endure the difficulties of one's enemies. It is the successes of one's friends that are hard to bear."

"I regret I must decline your invitation owing to an engagement I am about to make."

"I never travel with my diary. One should always have something sensational to read on the train."

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, 28 Jan 2018: Fourth 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.

27th/28th January 2018

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Dell Delaney, Ken Walker, Lindsay Lee, Fr Frank Harney, Beverly Woods, Joan Abbott, Mark Hunt, Robert Thistlethwaite

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:

First Reading Dt 18:15-20

I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.9

(R.) If today, you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)

2. Come in, let us kneel and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)

3. O that today you would listen to his voice!

'Harden not your hearts as at [Meribah](#), as on that day at [Massah](#) in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 7:32-35

The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 1:21-28

This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.

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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

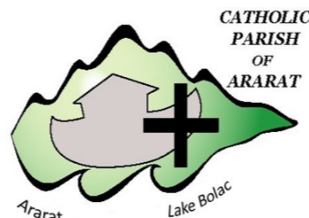
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PRINCIPAL ST. MARY'S SCHOOL: Mr Bill Hill

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)

Lake Bolac

(St. Bernard's)

Saturday 6.00pm

Sunday 10.30am

8.30am (except 2nd Sunday)

Masses This Week in Ararat

Tues 30th 9.30am Church

Thurs 1st 9.30am Church

followed by cuppa for Feast of St Brigid (please bring a plate)

Fri 2nd 6pm Hopkins

LAKE BOLAC— MASS Jan 28th 2018

READER: D. Haslett **PRAYERS:** R. Liston

EUCCHARISTIC

MINISTER: Jane Higgins **Cleaning:** T. Higgins

LAKE BOLAC— MASS Feb 4th 2018

READER: M-A Otto **PRAYERS:** M. Phillips

EUCCHARISTIC

MINISTER: John Higgins **Cleaning:** J. Aldous & T. Corbett

Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2017

"Good' is accomplished and is effective especially when it is done without seeking recompense and visibility, in the concrete situations of daily life."

A VOCATION VIEW

Every person who has ever born a child, and every person who has freely vowed away this honour, helps in some mysterious way to bring Jesus Christ into this world again. Can you say: "Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord"?

Job or Ministry

Some people have a **JOB** in the Church. Others involve themselves in a **MINISTRY**.

What's the difference?

If you are doing it just because no one else will, it's a **JOB**.

If you are doing it to serve the Lord, it's a **MINISTRY**.

If you quit because somebody criticized you, it was a **JOB**. If you keep on serving, it's a **MINISTRY**.

If you quit because no one praised you or thanked you, it was a **JOB**. If you stay with it even though nobody recognizes your efforts, it is a **MINISTRY**.

If our concern is success, it's a **JOB**. It's almost impossible not to be excited about a **MINISTRY**.

An average church is filled with people doing **JOBS**. A great and growing church is filled with people involved in **MINISTRY**.

Where do we fit in?

What about us?

If God calls you to a **MINISTRY**, don't treat it like a **JOB**.

If you have a **JOB**, give it up and find a **MINISTRY**.

God does not want us feeling stuck with a **JOB**, but excited and faithful to Him in a **MINISTRY**.

Be joyful always;

Pray continually;

Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

NOTICES

For Reflection: The Prayers of Intercession from our Australia Day Prayer.

We pray for peace in the troubled places of our world. For Manus Island, for northern Australia, for war-torn regions. **Loving God hear us.**

We pray for peace in our rural city. Bless with your abundant Spirit Cr Glenda McLean and all who represent us in local government. We pray for respectful and constructive dialogue. We pray for humility in listening, for courage in decision making, that God's spirit be in the hearts of all who have the privilege and responsibility of making choices on our behalf. **Loving God hear us.**

We pray for peace. We pray for all in our state and federal parliaments. We pray for those we elected to represent us, Louise Staley and Dan Tehan. May God's Spirit be in their hearts. **Loving God hear us.**

We pray for peace. We pray for all who agitate for change. We pray for our Rural Australians for Refugees, for those determined to "change the date," for those longing for change of government, for those who believe they deserve more of a "fair go," for those who always seem to lose. We pray for the wisdom and patience of God. May God's Spirit be in our hearts. **Loving God hear us.**

We pray for peace. We pray for the first inhabitants of our land, for those dispossessed and disrespected. We pray for a God's Spirit of compassion and understanding. We pray for a mutually beneficial way forward together. **Loving God hear us.**

Church Roster 2018

Well it's that time of year again! I have emailed those with an address to let me know of their commitments this year that may affect the roster. For those not on email—please could you phone or pop in to the office and let me know what you would like to do on the Roster. We are always looking for volunteers. We have parishioners having to give up their ministries but no shoes to fill them!

Liturgy Formation in Horsham

SS Michael & John's Parish in Horsham are having their Liturgy Formation Day on Sunday, February 25th 2018. Please see the flyer on the notice board. Please also be aware that Ararat will have their Liturgy Formation day on Sunday, June 24th 2018. More details to come.

Saint of the Week St. Angela Merici

Feastday: January 27

Patron of the sick, disabled and physically challenged people and those grieving the loss of parents

Birth: March 21, 1474, Death: January 27, 1540, Beatified By: April 30, 1768 by Pope Clement XIII, Canonized By: May 24, 1807 by Pope Pius VII

St. Angela Merici was an Italian religious educator and founder of the Ursulines whose deep prayer life and relationship with the Lord bore the fruit of mystical encounters with God. She was born on March 21, 1474 in Desenzano, a small town on the shore of Lake Garda in Lombardy.

Read more on www.catholic.org/saints