

Ararat and Lake Bolac CHURCH ROSTER

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
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)
Sat Feb 10th	G. White	Beck Rodger	T. Gemmola & N. Billingsley		Marg Joyce & Tom Kidd	The Arnold Family, T. Weeks	V. Hooper & Tom Kidd	M. Dempsey & M. Jerram	Jo Donnan & K. Scherger
Sun Feb 11th	J. Brennan	R. Cooper	M. Cunningham, Sr. John & C. Reid	T. Gemmola	Blessie Stone-man	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)
Lake Bolac Sun 4th Feb	Reader M-A Otto	Prayers M. Phillips	Eucharistic Minister John Higgins	Cleaner J. Aldous & T. Corbett	Lake Bolac Sun 11th Feb	Reader <i>MASS IN Glenthompson</i>	Prayers 8.30am	Eucharistic Minister	Cleaner

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

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. Brigid of Ireland

Feastday: February 1 **Patron** of Ireland, dairymaids, cattle, midwives, Irish nuns, and newborn babies
 Birth: 451 Death: 525

St. Agatha

Feastday: February 5 **Patron** of Sicily, bellfounders, breast cancer, against fire, Palermo, rape victims, and wet nurses
 Birth: 231 Death: 251

Read more on www.catholic.org/saints

Church Toilets

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



Sunday, 4 Feb 2018
Fifth 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.

3rd/4th February 2018

First Reading Jb 7:1-4. 6-7

I am filled with sorrow all day long.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 146:1-6. R. v.3

(R.) Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

1. Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving: to him our praise is due. (R.)
2. The Lord builds up [Jerusalem](#) and brings back [Israel's](#) exiles, he heals the broken-hearted, he binds up all their wounds. He fixes the number of the stars; he calls each one by its name. (R.)
3. Our Lord is great and almighty; his wisdom can never be measured. The Lord raises the lowly; he humbles the wicked to the dust. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 9:16-19. 22-23

Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 8:17

Alleluia, alleluia!
 He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering.
 Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 1:29-39

He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.

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RECENT DEATHS:

Liam Fitzpatrick, Kathleen Hinchey

ANNIVERSARIES:

Frank Thomas, Carmela Zammitt, Joseph Zammitt, Fr John Kelly, Ann Pola, Sr Dorothy Molloy, Stanley Hucker, Noel Peck, Glenda Sertori, Cec McOwan, John Kelly, Margaret Tyndall, Thomas Creenaune, Anthony Gordon, Imelda Gordan, Betty Parker, Margaret Traynor, Lloyd McKenzie-McHarg, David McColl, Joyce Speechley, Eunice Downes, Teresa Glass, Peg Dacey, Mary Shea, Alice Bulger

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Sr. Alexia Riddington, Susan Fitzpatrick

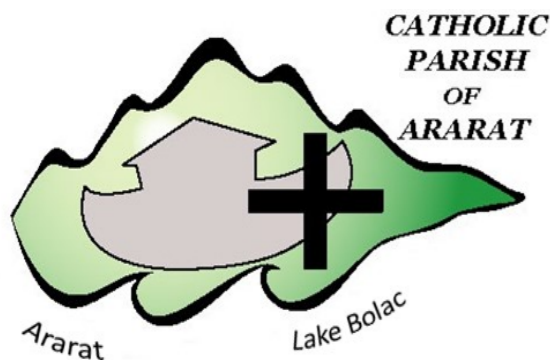
If you would like a sick person prayed for, ask for their permission. Names will be included for the duration of ONE MONTH after which family or friends can request more time.

Please pray for the intentions of:

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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Charlie Reid

Finance Committee Chairperson:

Peter Gemmola

Funeral Ministry:

Joan Fitzpatrick, Sr. Maree, Harry Collins & Sioux Reid

Catholic Women's League:

Jan Crowe (President) & Anna Collins (VP)

St. Vincent de Paul Society:

Vinnies Shop/Centre 03 5352 5560

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)

Saturday 6.00pm

Sunday 10.30am

Lake Bolac (St. Bernard's)

8.30am 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays

2nd Sundays at Glenthompson at 8.30am

Masses This Week in Ararat

Wed 7th Fr. Andrew with the Yr. 12's on retreat

Thurs 8th 10am Church (note later time)

Fri 9th 9.30am St Mary's Opening Mass (Church)

11am Marian College Opening Mass (Gym)

6pm Hopkins

A VOCATION VIEW

The afflicted Job in the Old Testament thinks that his life is like dust in the wind; his restlessness depicting the sorrow and sadness afflicting society today. Are we prepared for the task ahead? To heal the broken-hearted, to bind up all their wounds? How do you choose to respond?

"Dear young friends, in a culture of relativism and the ephemeral, many preach the importance of 'enjoying' the moment," he continues. "They say that it is not worth making a life-long commitment, making a definitive decision, 'for ever', because we do not know what tomorrow will bring. I ask you, instead, to be revolutionaries, I ask you to swim against the tide; yes, I am asking you to rebel against this culture that sees everything as temporary and that ultimately believes you are incapable of responsibility, that believes you are incapable of true love."

Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2017

Open new horizons
for spreading joy

Young people, faith
& vocational discernment

YEAR OF
YOUTH
2018
#YearofYouth

NOTICES

Safe Church Day in Stawell

Saturday 17th February. This day about the current expectations of a "Child Safe Church" is available to all parishioners. It would be good to have many parishioners in attendance. Bookings are required. Costs will be paid by the parish. Interested? Please contact the parish office this week or

www.churchesofchrist.org.au/scaw

Chanel College Geelong 60th Anniversary

Reunion for students of The Marist Fathers Era [1958-1970]. Info: chanel.geelong@gmail.com

Lenten Discussion Groups

For Lake Bolac please speak to Leanne Breen. For Ararat please speak to the parish office.

Rural Australians for Refugees Easter Sunday Parade

Parade in Bendigo in support of humanity / children growing up behind fences / men refused access to their families / people left without hope and future plans. Info: rarbendigo@gmail.com

Church Roster 2018

The new Roster has been emailed out to those with an address and is also on the Church notice board with some spare copies. If there is an anomaly—PLEASE contact Joyce in the office!

If you find yourself doing your Counting/Flower Ministry alone—please call the office or Sr. Maree and someone will help you.

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.

Irish Wit

There is no such thing as a large whiskey. Children in religious education classes in Dublin have claimed the first book in the Bible is the Book of Guinnesses.

Social Justice Notice

Ten steps to developing a sustainable, inclusive economy

Reflect on the Gospel—The Gospel reading for Social Justice Sunday 2017 was Jesus' parable of workers in the vineyard. Using an example of economic hardship, Jesus teaches how the reign of God is open to all, generous and especially mindful of those left behind. God provides sufficiently and fairly for each person, all the while attentive to the needs of those who experience exclusion and have little hope. *(Social Justice Statement 2017-2018, p.3)*

Prevailing notions of justice often have much to commend them—yet are diminished compared to God's love and justice. Our vision can be restricted if what we regard as 'fair' and 'equal' simply asks: why should someone who works one hour receive the same pay as someone who works eight hours? Or why should some receive subsidised housing, electricity, council rates? *Read, then re-read, Matthew 20:1-16. Then reflect on God's justice.*

CWL

The Catholic Women's League meet on the **second** Tuesday of every month.
Venue Parish Centre @ 1.30pm

Grandmother's Club

The GM Club meet on the **second** Wednesday of every month.
Venue TBA

