

**Ararat and Lake Bolac CHURCH ROSTER**

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Mar 24th	P. McAloon	J. McAloon	A. Reynolds, L. Horsman & C. McAdie		Sr Maree & Tom Kidd	P & M Brady & P. Gemmola	G. White & V. Hooper		P. Weeks
Sun Mar 25th Palm Sunday	N. Potter	J. Brennan	C. Bulger, & K. Chamings	T. Gemmola	L&D Anderson	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Mar 31st	G. White	A. Collins	T. Gemmola & M. Howard		Marg Joyce & Tom Kidd	C. Bush & J. Clery	V. Hooper	Anne Joyce & Marilyn Brady	Jo Donnan
Sun Apr 1st Easter Sunday	J. Brennan	T. Arnold	M. Cunningham, Sr. John & C. Reid	H&A Collins	Kathy Leggett & S. Pickering	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)
<b>Lake Bolac</b> Sun 25th March	<b>Reader</b> V. Albert	<b>Prayers</b> I. Meek	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b> R. Liston	<b>Cleaner</b> J. Upton & K. Gleeson	<b>Lake Bolac</b> Sun 1st April	<b>Reader</b> Jane Higgins	<b>Prayers</b> L. Breen	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b> M. Phillips	<b>Cleaner</b> I. Meek

**Saint of the Week** St. Margaret Clitherow Feastday March 26th

St. Margaret Clitherow was born in Middleton, England, in 1555, of protestant parents. Possessed of [good](#) looks and full of wit and merriment, she was a charming personality. In 1571, she married [John](#) Clitherow, a well-to-do grazier and butcher (to whom she bore two children), and a few years later entered the [Catholic](#) Church. Her [zeal](#) led her to harbor fugitive priests, for which she was arrested and imprisoned by hostile authorities. Recourse was had to every means in an attempt to make her deny her Faith, but the holy [woman](#) stood firm.

**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](mailto: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

**Church Toilets**

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



**Sunday, 25 Mar 2018**  
**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - 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.

**24th/25th March 2018**

**Gospel**

**First Reading Is 50:4-7**

*I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.*

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2**

**(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

- All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)
- Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. (R.)
- They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)
- I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of [Jacob](#), give him glory. Revere him, [Israel's](#) sons.' (R.)

**Second Reading Phil 2:6-11**

*He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.*

**Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:8-9**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross.  
Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**Gospel Mk 14:1 – 15:47**

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark  
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**RECENT DEATHS:**

Henrietta Phillips

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Elizabeth Overington, Gwen Murray, Alma Brennan, Evelyn Gleeson, Dr. Pat Claridge, Anna Drewniak, Damien Rees, Ena Brady, Annie Rowe, Maureen Davey, Ella Jeffries, Noel Stevens, Bill Laffan, Margaret Walsh, Leo Stevens, Maurice Brown, Joan Weeks, Edmund Abberton, Frank Liston, John Oliver, Frank Pola, Bowie Shevlin, Margaret Leigh, Tom Smith, Ben Patterson, Fr Meredith Delahenty, Brian Young

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:**

Carmel Brennan, Jan Young, 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 :**

Linden Horsman

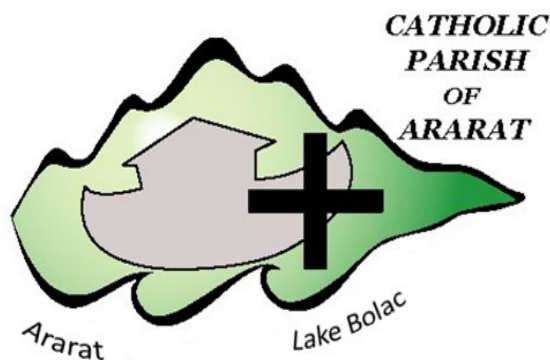
**LENTEN PRAYER**

God of all peoples and nations, you accompany us on our Lenten journey. May we learn to walk your way of justice and compassion with all your people. We keep in mind all the people around the world who are most vulnerable to poverty and injustice.

In this Year of Youth, may we support young people as they recognise that through their efforts, and generosity that they are participating in the building of a better world. Bless our prayers, our fasting and our Lenten gifts to Project Compassion.

May our hearts be open to receive your grace as we work towards a just future for all your creation.

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 (Secretary)

**St. Vincent de Paul Society:**

Vinnies Shop/Centre 03 5352 5560

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Manager: Kathleen Leggett

**PRINCIPAL ST. MARY'S SCHOOL:** Mr Bill Hill

Download newsletter: www.smararat.catholic.edu.au

Ph: 03 5352 5460

**PRINCIPAL MARIAN COLLEGE:** Mrs Carmel Barker

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www.mcararat.catholic.edu.au

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**Parish Centre**

Our Parish Centre is used for various activities—from Graduate Teacher Professional Development Days, Family Celebrations, Formal Meetings to a gathering place after a funeral.

It is a space that can accommodate up to 100 people comfortably and has an industrial kitchen. If you would like more information—please contact the office (Joyce) on 03 5352 5460

## 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

## Arrangements for Holy Week and Easter

**Sun 25th** Passion Sunday – At Lake Bolac we will have a number of guests including our Buddhist friends for the Eel Festival.

**Mon 26th** 6.30pm Mass of the Oils St Patrick's Cathedral

**Tues 27th** 6pm Easter Prayer Hopkins

**Wed 28th** 9.30am Mass Church /

2pm Funeral Prayers for

Henrietta Phillips /

7pm 2nd Rite Reconciliation Ararat

**Thurs 29th** 9.30am Lenten Discussion /  
Marian College Stations of the Cross /  
6pm Mass Lake Bolac

(including 2nd Rite Reconciliation) /  
8pm Mass Ararat

**Fri 30th** 11am Stations, Lake Bolac

3pm The Passion Ararat

**Sat 31st** 6pm Easter Vigil Ararat

**Sun April 1** Easter Sunday 8.30am Lake Bolac /  
10.30am Ararat

## A VOCATION VIEW:

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is she who gives her life in the name of the Lord. Blessed are they who live their united life in the name of the Lord.

## Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2017

"Trade Unions have been an essential force for social change, without which a semblance of a decent and humane society is impossible under capitalism."

## Marian College Stations of the Cross

This year Marian College's Stations will take place on Holy Thursday at J-Ward. All parishioners will be very welcome. The twenty minute presentations will be at 9.30 / 10.15 / 11.20 / 12.00 / 12.30

## Cuppa Next Weekend

Next weekend in Ararat we will have a cuppa after each Mass. All welcome.

## St Vincent de Paul.

At the back of the church we have put some info for you to take home on **Assist A Student**.

This is an education program aimed at breaking the cycle of poverty.

Donations from Australia are used to provide education funds for students across partner countries in Asia and the Pacific. Feel free to take this info home to read.

Your help is appreciated by St Vincent de Paul.



## Plenary Council 2020

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. All people are invited to reflect on the question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia?" Find out more at: [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

## Bush Dance Fundraiser - CANCELLED

Ballarat Friends of Ainaro Bush Dance Fundraiser to be held on March 24, 2018 has been cancelled.

## Irish Heritage Exhibition

The Archives of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat and the Ballarat Diocesan Historical Commission presents an Irish Heritage Exhibition on April 14 & 15, 2018 from 9.30am – 4.30pm in Ballarat. Flyer on notice board.

## Be a Good Egg This Easter

Children as young as 12 years old are picking cocoa in West Africa to make the chocolate we eat. Some of these children are trafficked. Most are forced to pick cocoa from an early age for minimal or no wages, for long hours, in dangerous working conditions, without any possibility of attending school. Most of these children have never tasted chocolate and they never will. Chocolate eaters around the world have made a difference already by making a decision to only buy slavery-free eggs at Easter (sadly not Lindt or Ferrero Rocher) for fair trade suppliers and ideas go to: <https://acrath.org.au/take-action/slavery-free-easter-chocolate/>



Sixth Sunday of Lent 25th March 2018



When Psyche Mae featured in Project Compassion 2008, she was living in a squatter settlement, on the edge of a giant rubbish dump outside Manila in the Philippines. She is now a young social worker, with plans to study a Master's degree, whilst helping others emerge from poverty, thanks to the support of individuals and Caritas Australia.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help improve the health and wellbeing of communities in the Philippines so they can work towards eradicating poverty, providing a just future for all.**

**A Just Future starts with your support!** You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

## Social Justice Notice

## Ten steps to developing a sustainable, inclusive economy

**Call for change as a matter of faith** We call for a new approach that prevents exclusion from the outset and, like the owner of the vineyard in our Gospel reading, engages all people as dignified, active contributors to sustainable and inclusive growth.

(Social Justice Statement 2017-2018, p.3) In baptism, each one of us is called to share in the ministry of Jesus Christ – to bring good news to the poor and let the oppressed go free (Luke 4:18). We are asked to serve people in need – in our workplace, church or social groups, whether known or unknown to us, on the streets or in the broader community. In solidarity, we must challenge views that condemn them. We work for an economy that prevents exclusion. Pope Francis has instituted the annual World Day of the Poor for 19 November. In his inaugural message for the day (2017), he says: *Blessed, therefore, are the open hands that embrace the poor and help them: they are the hands that bring hope. Blessed are the hands that reach beyond every barrier of culture, religion and nationality, and pour the balm of consolation over the wound of humanity. Blessed are the open hands that ask nothing in exchange, with no 'ifs' or 'buts' or 'maybes': they are hands that call down God's blessing upon their brothers and sisters.*