

Ararat and Lake Bolac CHURCH ROSTER

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
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	Pat Lardner	M. Cunningham, Sr. John & C. Reid	H&A Collins	Kathy Leggett & S. Pickering	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Apr 7th	C. Brennan	P. Brady	H&A Collins		Brianne Grayling & Tom Kidd		G. White	M. Stapleton	Jo Donnan & K. Scherger
Sun Apr 8th	P. Lardner	P. Brennan	G. O'Loughlin, N. Billingsley & S. Reid	J&J Crowe	L&D Anderson	(as above)	V. Hooper	(as above)	(as above)
Lake Bolac Sun 1st April	Reader Jane Higgins	Prayers L. Breen	Eucharistic Minister M. Phillips	Cleaner I. Meek	Lake Bolac Sun 7th April	Reader NO MASS	Prayers	Eucharistic Minister	Cleaner

Saint of the Week St. Richard of Wyche Patron Saint of Coachmen Birth: 1197 Death: 1253

Richard of Wyche, also known as [Richard](#) of Chichester, was born at Wyche (Droitwich), Worcestershire, England. He was orphaned when he was quite young. He retrieved the fortunes of the mismanaged estate he inherited when he took it over, and then turned it over to his brother Robert. [Richard](#) refused marriage and went to Oxford, where he studied under Grosseteste and met and began a lifelong friendship with Edmund Rich. [Richard](#) pursued his studies at Paris, received his M.A. from Oxford, and then continued his studies at Bologna, where he received his doctorate in [Canon](#) Law. Read more on: catholic.org

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

Church Toilets

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



**Sunday, 1 Apr 2018
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection 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.

First Reading Acts 10:34. 37-43

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

(R.) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of [Israel](#) say: 'His love has no end.' *(R.)*

2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. *(R.)*

3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. *(R.)*

Second Reading Col 3:1-4

Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into [Galilee](#). That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation 1 Cor 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;

let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 20:1-9

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31st March/1st April 2018

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Erin Hooper, Des Phillips, Jean Crebbin, Frank Kenny, Elaine Fuga-Hooper, James Brown, Fr Tom Linane, Robert Jerram, Enrique Tolentino, Mauva Monroe, Bill Phyland, Malcolm Bates, Thelma McRae, Eric BeerRon, McMaster, Peter Upton, Paul Pavao Japunčić

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Sr. Geraldine Stapleton, Charlie Martin, 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

PARISH PRAYER

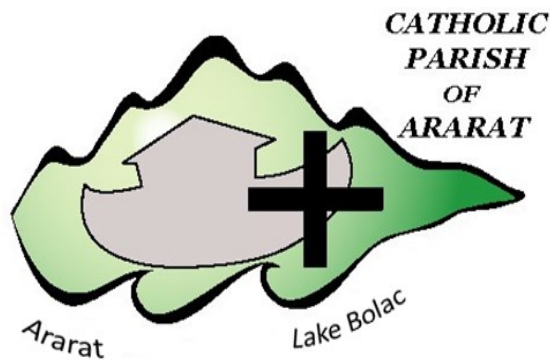
Loving God, Good Shepherd of us all,

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

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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

President: Peter Brady

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

Masses This Week

Fri 6th Hopkins



A Disturbing Easter to You All!

A happy and blessed (if not a little bit disturbing) Easter to everyone. Easter is the great assent and celebration of our faith, of God's saving action in the world. It is also hopefully a bit disturbing in the way that it calls us to be the resurrection of Jesus in the world, to be the clarion call to hope for the kingdom of God. That must mean making changes where change is due. Today I'm thinking about my homily for Reconciliation tonight, and all I can think about is cricket balls and sandpaper. Change where change is needed indeed! Happy Easter.

A VOCATION VIEW

Christ has become our Paschal Sacrifice. Your ultimate purpose, to live and to breathe, is the eternal Jesus. Go forth to announce to the world - Christ, our hope, has risen, Alleluia!

Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2017

"Jesus changes our sins into forgiveness and our fears into trust. In His Cross our hope is reborn again and again."

BlazeAid

Helping communities rebuild after natural disasters. A volunteer-based organisation that works with families and individuals in rural Australia after natural disasters such as fires and floods. Working alongside the rural families, our volunteers help to rebuild fences and other structures that have been damaged or destroyed. They are currently helping in Terang. If you would like to donate: go to www.blazeaid.com.au

Good Friday Collection 2017

The annual collection for the support of the Church in the Holy land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the Missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from the Good Friday Collection. Last year Australian Catholics donated \$1.4 million to this cause, despite tough Economic times, rural droughts and increasing costs of living which put a strain on family budgets and financial resources. Your generosity is Greatly appreciated. Please also pray that peace and harmony will become a reality in the birthplace of Jesus.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on April 8th this year. For further information, please see the foyer notice board.

Cuppa THIS 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.

Vinnies monthly Meeting will be at the Vinnies Centre on Barkly St. at 7pm.



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/>



Ararat ___ So far Ararat Parish has raised over \$1600 for Caritas. The Lenten Concert at St. Mary's Primary school last Thursday raised over \$1100!



Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2018. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit www.caritas.org.au to make your donation online.

Through your generosity you are helping to empower our most vulnerable neighbours worldwide to build a just future For themselves, their families and their communities You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion #projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Social Justice Notice

Ten steps to developing a sustainable, inclusive economy

Get active Work with others in your parish and local community to research the issue and to raise local awareness, including with other groups who hold similar concerns ... We are called to give voice to those who have been cast aside and, in solidarity, to call for an inclusive economy at the service of all.

(Social Justice Statement 2017-2018, p.17)

Don't leave it to others: this is everyone's business and we all have a part to play! Join your parish social justice group. Or organise a special meeting. Discuss social issues of your local community. Identify needs. Invite experts and guest speakers. Address issues that concern you. Join campaigns of like-minded groups.

Consider what your parish and community groups can do to mark Anti-Poverty Week. In 2017, it runs from 15 to 21 October.

Don't waste the gift of living within a democracy. Meet with your local State and Federal Member of Parliament. Voice your concerns. Seek action. (Federal contact details) Give voice to those who are excluded – email, write letters, call talk-back radio, call your MP. Submit articles to your local newspaper. Raise awareness. Challenge myths and stereotypes. Bring about change.