

Ararat and Lake Bolac CHURCH ROSTER

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Apr 7 th	C. Brennan	P. Brady	H&A Collins		Brianne Grayling & Tom Kidd		G. White	M. Stapleton	Jo Donnan & K. Scherger
Sun Apr 8 th	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)
Sat Apr 14 th	H. Collins	Beck Rodger	A. Reynolds, L. Horsman & C. McAdie		Marg Joyce & Tom Kidd	B. Holland & P. McAloon	G. White	M. Egan & M. Brady	A. Galoso & M. Fe Galoso
Sun Apr 15 th	J. Start	N. Potter	C. Bulger, & K. Chamings	D&M Lister	Pat Lardner & S. Pickering	(as above)	Jim Crowe	(as above)	(as above)
Lake Bolac Sun 7 th April	Reader NO MASS	Prayers	Eucharistic Minister	Cleaner	Lake Bolac Sun 15 th April	Reader R. Liston	Prayers V. Albert	Eucharistic Minister Jane Higgins	Cleaner M-A Otto

Saint of the Week St. Waldetrudis [Feastday](#): April 9 Death: 688

Also known as Waltrude or Waudru, she was the daughter of Saints Walbert and Bertilia and sister of St. Aldegusus of Maubeuge. Marrying [St. Vincent](#) Madelgarius, she became the mother of saints Landericus, Madalberta, Adeltrudis, and Dentelin. When her husband chose to become a [monk](#) about 643 in the monastery of Hautrnon, France, he had founded, she established a [convent](#) at Chateaulieu, around which grew up the town of Mons, Belgium. 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, 8 Apr 2018: Second Sunday of Easter
(Divine Mercy Sunday) - 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.

7th/8th April 2018

First Reading Acts 4:32-35

The whole group was united, heart and soul.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting

- Let the sons of [Israel](#) say: 'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of [Aaron](#) say: 'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' (R.)
- The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds.
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die. (R.)
- The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Jn 5:1-6

Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!
You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!
Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 20:19-31

After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.

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RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Jack Costello, Fr Thomas Moriarty, Noreen Bonner, James V. Liston, Hilary Robinson, Fr Michael Nelan, Seamus Hennessy
 Sr Clare Stansby RSM, Mons. Leo Fiscalini, Noel Fiscalini, Des Phillips, Nell Phillips, Ailsa Gilders, Joyce Kelly, Bernard Harrington and Peter Bulger

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Greg Shea, 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

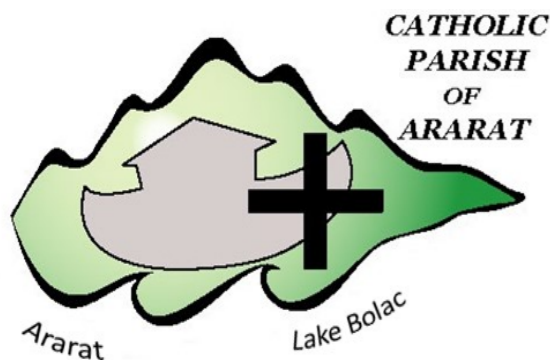
Loving God, Good Shepherd of us all,

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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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

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

Download newsletter:

www.mcararat.catholic.edu.au

Ph: 03 5352 3861

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

Wed 11th 9am (note earlier time)

Thurs 12th 9.30am

Fri 13th 6pm Hopkins

A VOCATION VIEW

Easter: resurrection and new life; to be begotten by God. A new life, achieved from a conquered tomb. Meaning for life for people for thousands of years. Nothing more secure, nothing more lasting. "As the Father sent me, so I am sending you..".

Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2017

Pope to Young, Sick, Newlyweds: 'Try to Live the Easter Message' 'Christ has overcome death and He helps us to accept sufferings as a privileged occasion of redemption and salvation.

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

Slavery Chocolate

Last weekend our parish bulletin featured an article titled "Be a Good Egg this Easter" which promoted the purchasing of chocolate with an ethical supply chain. We have been promoting this in the parish for a couple of years. Last weekend's article also appeared on our diocesan website and on the ACRATH website (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans.) Given the article had been approved by both of those organisations it's reasonable for us to publish the article too. My concern is that the article went beyond naming the "good" businesses but also named a couple to be avoided, both of which make their own claims to ethical practices. So who is right, the companies or those who check them? I found an independent league table that was more favourable to Lindt than Acrath had been. It's complicated for us as consumers isn't it? My hope is that we make a real attempt to be ethical in our purchases, whether that be of chocolate or coffee or clothing or whatever it is we buy. Read widely, think critically. That's all. Fr Andrew

CWL

The next Catholic Women's League meeting takes place in the Parish Centre on April 10th (Tuesday) at 1.30pm. New members are most welcome.

Grandmother's Club

The next Grandmothers Club meeting takes place at Bernadette Harrington's house on Hewitt St, Ararat at 2pm Wednesday April 11th.

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.



Ararat So far Ararat Parish has raised over \$3110 for Caritas.



Earth Day 2018, "Coming Together for our Common Home"

Earth Day 2018 will be on April 22. See website for further information <http://catholicclimatemovement.global/earth-day-2018/>

Save the Date - BBI-ACBC eConference

The 14th National BBI-ACBC eConference will be held on August 8, 2018 from 10.00am – 2.05pm, "Synodality in Practice: Listening to the Spirit and Leading Change". Registrations will be open soon.

Catholic Social Services Upcoming Events

Catholic Social Services offers the following upcoming events:

Mission Inspired Leadership – a series of four evenings for leaders and future leaders, presented again after a positive reception in 2017 and earlier years – Thursday evenings: 19 April, 17 May, 21 June, 19 July. Flyer on notice board.

'Walking the land with Catholic Social Teaching' on 16 May – a practical experience of applying the principles of Catholic Social Teaching to promote the flourishing of creation and the building of a more just and compassionate society. Flyer on notice board.

Joke of the Week

A Texan farmer goes to Australia for a holiday and while there meets an Aussie farmer. They get talking and the Aussie farmer shows off his big wheat field. The Texan is unimpressed and says, "We have wheat fields that are at least twice as large as that." They walk around the farm a little more, and then the Aussie shows off his herd of cattle. The Texan is again unimpressed and says, "We have long horns at least twice as large as that!" They carry on walking when the Texan sees a group of kangaroos hopping through the fields. He asked the Aussie, "And what are those?" The Aussie replies, "Don't you have any grasshoppers in Texas?"