

**Ararat and Lake Bolac CHURCH ROSTER**

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Apr 14 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	J. Start	N. Potter	C. Bulger, & K. Cham-mings	D&M Lister	Pat Lardner & S. Pickering	(as above)	Jim Crowe	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Apr 21 <sup>st</sup>	H. Collins		T. Gemmola & M. Howard		R&M Jerram & Tom Kidd	T. Weeks	Geoff White & Carmel Brennan	J. North & M. Cunningham	P. Weeks
Sun Apr 22 <sup>nd</sup>	N. Potter	R. Cooper	M. Cunningham, Sr. John & C. Reid	J. Start	Blessie Stone-man	(as above)	John Pola & P. Gemmola	(as above)	(as above)
<b>Lake Bolac</b> Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Reader</b> R. Liston	<b>Prayers</b> V. Albert	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b> Jane Higgins	<b>Cleaner</b> M-A Otto	<b>Lake Bolac</b> Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	<b>Reader</b> T. Higgins	<b>Prayers</b> J. Aldous	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b> R. Liston	<b>Cleaner</b> T. Higgins

**Saint of the Week** St. Bernadette **Feastday:** April 16 **Patron** of illness, people ridiculed for their piety, poverty, shepherds, shepherdesses, and Lourdes, France Birth: January 7, 1844 Death: April 16, 1879 Beatified By: 1925 Canonized By: by Pope Pius XI on December 1933. St. Bernadette was born in Lourdes, France on January 7, 1844. Her parents were very poor and she was the first of nine children. She was baptized at St. Pierre's, the local parish church, on January 9. As a toddler, Bernadette contracted cholera and suffered extreme asthma. Unfortunately, she lived the rest of her life in poor health. Read more on [www.catholic.org](http://www.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](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, 15 Apr 2018**  
**Third Sunday of Easter - 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.

**14th/15th April 2018**

**RECENT DEATHS:**

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

William Lannen, Joseph Bolcek, John Molloy, Julia Lavery, Walter Doery, John Brown, Joan Gleeson, Shirley McKenzie-McHarg, Neil Albert, Frances Pola, Vin Smith, Margaret Clark, Emanuel John Penza-Vella, Ellen Hennessy, Edward Bulger, George Shea and Eric Carter

**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

**First Reading Acts 3:13-15. 17-19**

*You have killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.*

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R. v.7**

**(R.) Lord, let your face shine on us.**

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! (R.)
2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him. (R.)
3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. (R.)
4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. (R.)

**Second Reading 1 Jn 2:1-5**

*Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.*

**Gospel Acclamation See Lk 24:32**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:  
 make our hearts burn with love when you speak.  
 Alleluia!

**Gospel Lk 24:35-48**

*It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.*

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**PARISH PRAYER**

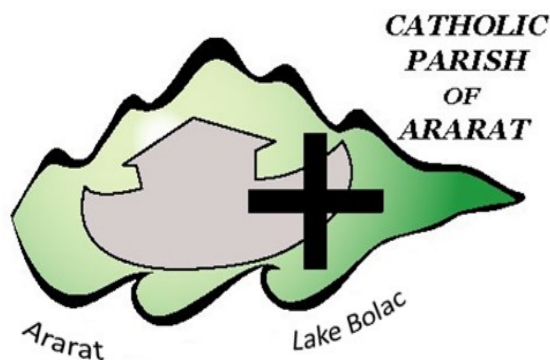
Loving God, Good Shepherd of us all,

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.



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**Parish Council Chairperson:**

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

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

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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

**Tues 17th** 9.30am Church

**Wed 18th** 9.30am Church

**Thurs 19th** 11am Lowe St

**Fri 20th** 6pm Hopkins

## A VOCATION VIEW

What could convince someone to turn to God? That God became man and is the sacrifice that takes our sins away. Let us pray - Lord Jesus, make Your word plain to us and set our hearts on fire with love when You speak. Enable us to respond to the call to be witnesses of Your love.

## Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2017

"Keeping a heart free of all that tarnishes love, sowing peace all around us, accepting daily the path of the Gospel, even though it may cause us problems: that is holiness."

## 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](http://www.blazeaid.com.au)



Ararat So far Ararat Parish has raised over \$4738.00 for Caritas.

## Visit of Tuyen

For three days our Parish will host Redemptorist priest Fr Tuyen, from Wednesday April 25 to Friday April 27. Fr Tuyen will pray with us in preparation for the Australian Plenary Council in 2020. We will begin to see a rolling out of consultation regarding the current and future needs of the Catholic Church in Australia. Fr Tuyen's visit will begin this process for us with three days of prayer. More information next weekend.

## Story of the Universe

Marg Hill, of Moyston, has painted an extraordinary series of artworks depicting the scientific beginnings of the universe. She will share the artworks and some of the science behind them with our parish on **Thursday morning May 3** in the Parish Centre. Places at this showing and discussion will be limited, but another session at a later date is anticipated. More information next weekend.

## 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.



## 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.

## Knox Public Lecture 2018

Please find attached an invitation to this year's Knox Public Lecture to be presented by Dr Jeff Kildea, "What Price Loyalty? Australian Catholics in the First World War" on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at the Catholic Leadership Centre, Melbourne.

## Campion Ignatian Spirituality, "Being with God in Nature" Program

Campion has developed a ministry team for Being with God in Nature and all are invited to spend some time walking contemplatively in nature. Programs include 6 prayer day walks around Melbourne and Victoria, a Stillness Weekend at Pallotti College, Milgrove, the 5 Day Wilderness Retreat in the Grampians National Park and a 7 Day Emmaus walking retreat along the South Gippsland Trail. As well we will offer prayer days and weekends of reflection at Campion, including the Sacred Earth in May. We try to offer events that cater for people of different interests and fitness levels. The Prayer Day Walks and the Wilderness Retreats have attracted people from different age groups. More information at [www.campion.asn.au/](http://www.campion.asn.au/) Flyers attached.

## Joke of the Week

Edna and Harry were both 85 years old and had been married for 60 years. Far from rich, they managed to get by, and although they weren't young, they were both in good health due to Edna's insistence on boring health foods and repetitive exercise. During a rare vacation, the couple's plane crashed, sending them to heaven. When they reached the pearly gates, St. Peter took them to a beautiful mansion. They gasped in astonishment when he said, "Welcome to heaven. This will be your home now."

Harry asked St. Peter how much it was all going to cost. "Why nothing," St. Peter replied, "this is heaven." Harry looked out the window and saw a massive beautiful golf course and grumbled to St. Peter, "What are the green fees?" "This is heaven," he replied. "You play for free, everyday." Next they went to the clubhouse and saw the lavish buffet lunch, from seafood to steaks and exotic desserts. "Don't even ask," St. Peter said. "it's all free and the best part is you can eat and drink as much as you like and you'll never get fat or sick!"

Harry was outraged: "No gym to work out at? No testing my sugar or blood pressure?" "Never again. All you do here is enjoy yourself," St. Peter said. The old man glared at his wife and said, "You and your bloody bran flakes and rabbit food. We could have been here 10 years ago!"