

Ararat and Lake Bolac CHURCH ROSTER

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Apr 21st	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 22nd	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)
Sat Apr 28th	P. Brennan	G. White	M. Mason, P. Brady		R&M Jerram & Tom Kidd	P. McAloon	G. White	M. Cunningham	Jo Donnan
Sun Apr 29th	J. Clery	S. Reid	C. Reid, M. Ollie & J. Start	E. Shea	Kathy Leggett & S. Pickering	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)
Lake Bolac Sun 22nd April	Reader T. Higgins	Prayers J. Aldous	Eucharistic Minister R. Liston	Cleaner T. Higgins	Lake Bolac Sun 29th April	Reader L. Breen	Prayers H. Smith	Eucharistic Minister I. Meek	Cleaner J. Aldous

Saint of the Week St Mark **Feastday:** April 25 **Patron** of notaries, Venice, Barristers Birth: 1st Century

Death: April 25, 68 AD. Much of what we know about St. Mark, the author of the Second Gospel, comes largely from the New Testament and early Christian traditions. Mark the Evangelist is believed to be the 'John Mark' referred to in the Acts of the Apostles, the history of the early Church found in the Canon of the New Testament. He was the son of Mary of Jerusalem (Acts 12:12) whose home became a meeting place for the apostles. He is also the cousin of St. Barnabas (Colossians 4:10), a Levite and a Cypriot. Read more on 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

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, 22 Apr 2018
Fourth 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.

21st/22nd April 2018

First Reading Acts 4:8-12

This is the only name by which we can be saved.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29. R. v.22

(R.) The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men: it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. **(R.)**

2. I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**

3. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;

I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Jn 3:1-2

We shall see God as he is.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 10:11-18

The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

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RECENT DEATHS:

Bernie Murphy

ANNIVERSARIES:

Jim Brennan, Colin Gleeson, Albert Stainsby, Jim Lavery, Ian Kirkham, Val Gemmola, Sr Catherine O'Halloraran, Alex Murray, May Richards, Cosmos Fernando, Tom McGrath, Len Davies, Martin Keogh, Clare Heard, Peter Sheehan, James Lannen, Nora Hogan, Mary Lugg, Agnes Joyce, Richard Williams, Shirley Baker, John McRae, Peter White, Baden Edwards, Margaret Clark, Brian Broderick

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

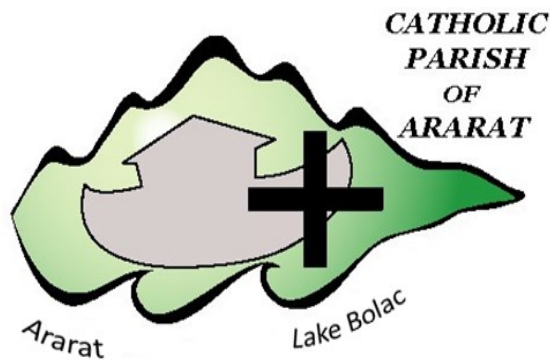
Loving God, Good Shepherd of us all,

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

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Jan Crowe (President) & Anna Collins (Secretary)

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Vinnies Shop/Centre 03 5352 5560

President: Peter Brady

Manager: Kathleen Leggett

PRINCIPAL ST. MARY'S SCHOOL: Mr Bill Hill

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PRINCIPAL MARIAN COLLEGE: Mrs Carmel Barker

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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

Wed 25th 6pm Ararat

Thurs 26th 9.30am Ararat
5pm Lake Bolac

Fri 27th 9.30am Ararat
Hopkins 6pm

A VOCATION VIEW

This is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The world needs worthy leaders, Good Shepherds of the 21st Century, caring unselfishly for the needs of God's people. Please, pray for Vocations.

Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2017

"Those who protect children are on God's side and triumph over those who oppress them. Let us free every child from every form of exploitation."

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



Ararat So far Ararat Parish has raised over \$4830.00 for Caritas. Many parishioners have also contributed ONLINE!

Sunday Assemblies in the Absence of a Priest May 5/6

As was noted some weeks ago, this year our parish will have a go at two or three "Sunday Assemblies." That is, Sunday gatherings in the absence of a priest, as happens in most parishes in the diocese. Lake Bolac, of course, have been having these every month for many years. These will take place at all of the usual Mass times on the weekend of May 5/6.

Visit of Fr Tuyen

This week we are fortunate to have Redemptorist priest Fr Tuyen with us to pray with us in preparation for the Australian Plenary Council in 2020.



Story of the Universe

You are invited to take a Cosmic Walk. When: Thurs May 3, 10.30am – 12noon. Where: St Mary's Parish Centre. Using here painted images, Margaret Hill will be your guide. Gold coin entry please. Places are limited to 20. There is a name sheet in the foyer of the church.



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/ Flyers attached.

St Thomas Aquinas Church Clunes - Closing Event

St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church Clunes are having an afternoon to farewell their French harmonium organ before it is moved to the Clunes Museum. This organ is a rather rare instrument and we are delighted that the Clunes Museum have accepted our offer to put this organ on permanent display for future generations to view. This organ was purchased after the church was built and has been the church organ ever since. Also it will be the last opportunity people will have to come to St Thomas Aquinas Church Clunes as the church has been sold. This event will be held on Sunday, April 29, 2018 at 2.30pm. The pews and fittings from the church have been removed therefore if seating is required, you will need bring your own chair. Afternoon tea will be provided at the conclusion of this event. For enquires please phone 0432 390 314 or 54766233

Joke of the Week

A farmer buys an old run down farm with plans to turn it into a thriving enterprise. The fields are overgrown with weeds, the house is falling apart, the fences are broken. During his first day of work, the local priest stops by to bless the man's work, saying, "May you and God work together to make this the farm of your dreams!"

A few months later, the priest calls again and it's a completely different place. The house is rebuilt, the stock are munching on plenty of feed and the paddocks are filled with crops. "Amazing!" the priest says. "Look what God and you have accomplished together!" "Yes, reverend," says the farmer, "but remember what the farm was like when God was working it alone!"