

**Ararat and Lake Bolac CHURCH ROSTER**

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Apr 28 <sup>th</sup>	P. Brennan	G. White	M. Mason, P. Brady		R&M Jerram & Tom Kidd	P. McAloon	G. White	M. Cunningham	Jo Donnan
Sun Apr 29 <sup>th</sup>	J. Clery	S. Reid	C. Reid, M. Ollie & J. Start	E. Shea	Kathy Leggett & S. Pickering	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)
Sat May 5 <sup>th</sup>	P. Gemmola	I.Brady	H&A Collins		Tom Kidd	I. Brady, P. Gemmola	Geoff White & R. Jerram	M. Jerram & M. Dempsey	B. Grayling
Sun May 6 <sup>th</sup>	C. Reid	C. Bulger	G. O'Loughlin, N. Billingsley & S. Reid	T. Gemmola	P. Lardner	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)
<b>Lake Bolac</b> Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Reader</b> L. Breen	<b>Prayers</b> H. Smith	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b> I. Meek	<b>Cleaner</b> J. Aldous	<b>Lake Bolac</b> Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Reader</b> D. Haslett	<b>Prayers</b> R. Liston	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b> Jane Higgins	<b>Cleaner</b> Jane Higgins

**Saint of the Week** St. James the Lesser **Feastday:** May 3 **Patron** of Hatmakers

St. [James](#) the Less, the author of the first [Catholic](#) Epistle, was the son of Alphaeus of Cleophas. His mother [Mary](#) was either a sister or a close relative of the Blessed Virgin, and for that reason, according to [Jewish](#) custom, he was sometimes called the brother of the Lord. The [Apostle](#) held a distinguished position in the early [Christian](#) community of Jerusalem. [St. Paul](#) tells us he was a [witness](#) of the Resurrection of Christ; he is also a "pillar" of the Church, whom [St. Paul](#) consulted about the Gospel. 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, 29 Apr 2018**  
**Fifth 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.

**28th/29th April 2018**

**RECENT DEATHS:**

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Michael Hogan, Stan Kelly, Milton Neilson, Shayne Byron, Kathleen Morris-Rowe, Frank Peterson, Fr Tom Brophy, Mons. Dan Brazil, Joe Price, Joyce (Bub) Joyce, Eileen Dawson, Robert Wilson, Cath Howman, Winifred Brookward, Des North, Fr Matt Joyce CSsR, Michael McNamara, Pat Mahoney, Gerald Harrington, Fr Mick Philbin, Kerry Shea, Robert Cummins

**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:**

Libby Shea and Linden Horsman

**Congratulations!**

Joe & Mary Skubnk will celebrate **65th** wedding anniversary

Margaret & Frank Dempsey are celebrating their **60th** wedding anniversary

Irene & Don Sturt celebrate **50th** wedding anniversary

A marvellous achievement—many congratulations!

**First Reading Acts 9:26-31**

*He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.*

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 21:26-28. 30-32. R. v.26**

**(R.) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live for ever and ever! **(R.)**

2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him. They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;

before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **(R.)**

3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.' **(R.)**

**Second Reading 1 Jn 3:18-24**

*His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.*

**Gospel Acclamation Jn 15:4-5**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

**Gospel Jn 15:1-8**

*All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.*

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**PARISH PRAYER**

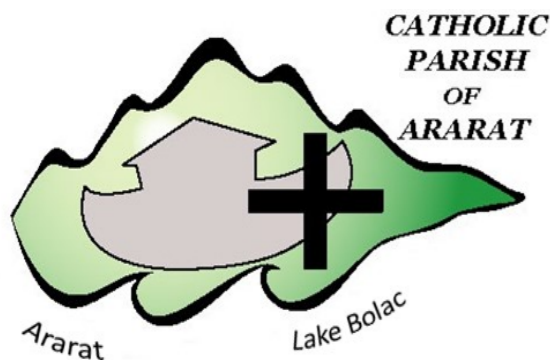
Loving God, Good Shepherd of us all,

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

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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

**Tues 1st** 9.30am Ararat

**Wed 2nd** 9.30am Ararat

**Thurs 3rd** 9.30am Ararat

The Mass on Wednesday morning will be celebrated with the special intention of praying for the residents of Golden Gate Lodge.

## A VOCATION VIEW

Who shall come forward to explain the love God has for His people who should be one in faith? We need more faith-filled, prayerful and spirited people to make the Vine and the Branches One again. How about you?

## Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2017

“God alone can give us true happiness. It's useless wasting time looking for it elsewhere: in wealth, pleasure, and power. “

## Ararat Parish Contributions

2017—\$4628.80 2018—\$4930.60

These figures DO NOT include online donations from our parishioners!



## NOTICES

### Sunday Assemblies Next Weekend

Next Weekend on Saturday evening and Sunday we will have “Sunday Assemblies” in place of Mass at the usual Mass times. (Fr Andrew will be away.)

### A Message from Fr. Tuyen

It is an honour for me to be with the 12 Redemptorists visiting parishes of Ballarat to raise the awareness of the Plenary Council 2020. Perhaps, some people are expecting us to set a fire on the diocese, so everyone will go to Church and look towards to the plenary council, or at least, as Red missionaries, we must make a change to all parishes and bring young and old and those who call themselves Catholic to church.

I must say that I wish I had the power to do things that way, but it seems that even if we had 120 Redemptorists to come and working hard in three years, doubt that we could bring more people back to the church. So what good things can the only 12 Redemptorists do in three weeks?

I do not know! However, as one of the 12 Redemptorists, I am trying my best to be among people and say with all those who I have the chance to meet, that they are loved and God will be there with them in their own circumstances.

Indeed, I began my journey with the people of Maryborough, I was there with them in the final Mass for the St. F.x church at Tarnagulla before the new owner turned the church into an art gallery; said the vigil mass of the Good Shepherd at St Augustine; be with people at St Kevin Avoca for the good shepherd Sunday mass; visited the St Augustine school kids and attended the Maryborough parish council meeting. My visitation continued in Stawell and Ararat in very much the same way to be among people, sharing with them in all the activities of the parish.

For all those efforts, there is always one message in that God loves us. Let us all put our trust in God and believe that the Holy Spirit is at work within us. The power of our risen Christ is with us and God is doing the best for His Church. For whatever may happen, God is there in our midst. Therefore, we look towards the plenary council 2020 in prayers full of hope.

Joseph Tuyen C.S.S.R

### Grandmother's Club

The Grandmother's Club meeting will take place at Gwen martin's House on May 9th at 2pm. The address is 2 Mt Romney Road, Ararat.

### CWL

The Catholic Women's League meeting will take place in the Parish centre on Tuesday May 8th at 1.30pm. All welcome

### GodStart

In Australia, Mother's Day is observed on the second Sunday in May with the chrysanthemum as its 'official' flower. It is a celebration of God's gift of mothers. Please find attached the GodStart Resources with ideas to celebrate Mary in May and a special Reading to reflect on the strength of this woman of faith. 'Mothers around the world display this faith. They believe that however this mothering journey might unfold, they will continue to recognise that the growth of their child is beyond human understanding. This gives a tiny insight into the creative power of God.' Cathy Dixon (Please take a booklet for your child to colour from the foyer notice board)

**Curtains (Starring our very own Christine Bulger and Joyce Clery in Lead Roles!!)**

**ARARAT MUSICAL COMEDY SOCIETY**

**Stawell Entertainment Centre**

26 May 2018 to 3 Jun 2018

**View Session Times**

Tickets - **Adults \$25.00**

**Concession \$20.00**

**Under 18's \$15.00**

**Family (2+2) \$70.00**

Duration - 150

Restrictions/Warnings

**Contains loud noises**

**Murder (stylised / not gory)**

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## Story of the Universe - Parish Centre Thursday May 3, 10.30am – 12noon

There are five places remaining for this special event on Thursday. A name sheet is available in the foyer in Ararat. Bolac people can speak to Fr Andrew

