

Ararat and Lake Bolac CHURCH ROSTER

<u>Day & Date</u>	<u>Facilitator</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Eucharistic Minister</u>	<u>Golden Gate Communion</u>	<u>Welcomers</u>	<u>Counter</u>	<u>Collector</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Cleaning</u>
Sat May 12th	P. McAloon	Beck Rodger	A. Reynolds, L.Horsman & C. McAdie		Tom Kidd		G. White	M. Cunningham	Jo Donnan
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Lake Bolac Sun 13th May	Reader NO MASS	Prayers	Eucharistic Minister	Cleaner	Lake Bolac Sun 20th May	Reader M-A Otto	Prayers M Phillips	Eucharistic Minister John Higgins	Cleaner J Upton & K Gleeson

Saint of the Week St. Matthias

How does one qualify to be an apostle? The first act of the [apostles](#) after the [Ascension](#) of [Jesus](#) was to find a replacement for Judas. With all the questions, doubts, and dangers facing them, they chose to focus their attention on finding a twelfth apostle. Why was this important? Twelve was a very important number to the Chosen People: twelve was the number of the twelve tribes of Israel. If the new Israel was to come from the disciples of Jesus, a twelfth [apostle](#) was needed. 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, 13 May 2018
The Ascension of the Lord - 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.

First Reading Acts 1:1-11

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

1. All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. (R.)

2. God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. (R.)

3. God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 1:17-23

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Go and teach all people my gospel.
 I am with you always, until the end of the world.
 Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 16:15-20

The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

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5th/6th May 2018

RECENT DEATHS:

Josef Kapp

ANNIVERSARIES:

Monica Weddison, Tony Brady, Len Miller, Sr. Mary Antonia Thomas, Thomas Cronin, Daphne Nailon, Fr John Meade, Norman Start, Annie Schirmer, Gordon Schirmer, Monica Kelly, Celine Fernando, Fr John Leyden, Fr Tom Bourke, Leo O'Rorke, Janet O'Rorke, Gerard Cudmore, Claud Harrison, Elizabeth Harrison, Joan Connellan, Reg Palmer, Bianca Bulger, Bert Setori, Veronica O'Connor, Bernard McIntyre, Tom Rees, Mary Vassalla, Eileen Williams, John (Jack) Cavanagh, Joan Minoque, Robert Murphy, Fr Robert Meade, Albert Spiller, Michael Carroll, Lukas Bryant, Mons. Thomas Hussey, Terrance Hussey, Desmond Joyce

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

PARISH PRAYER

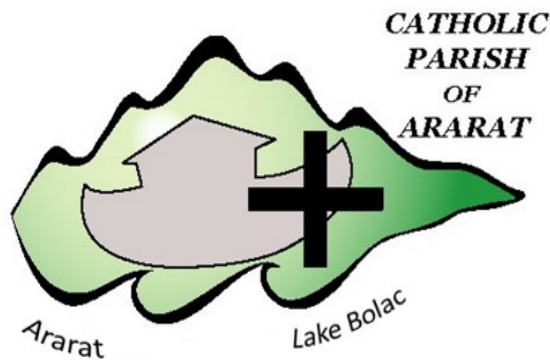
Loving God, Good Shepherd of us all,

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

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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

Wed 16th 9.30am Ararat

Thurs 17th 11am Lowe St

A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus said to his disciples 'Go into the whole world and proclaim the Good News to all creation.' There are still dark aspects to our world and to our neighbourhood that need the Good News. Answer the call to 'Go and teach all people my Gospel. I am with you always, until the end of time.'

Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2017

"The Ascension of the Risen Jesus contains the promise that we too will participate in the fullness of life with God."



Church Collections	Planned Giving	Presbytery
February	\$2287.00	\$3424.70
March	\$2538.00	\$3534.00
April	\$4469.00	\$5315.00
Variation from previous 3 months	-\$2813.00	-\$2039.00

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

BOOK NOW!

www.stagecenta.com

For more info—please see the poster on the notice board

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)



Liturgy Formation 2018

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission is offering Liturgy Formation Sessions this year: Birchip - Sunday, May 27; Ararat - Sunday, June 24; Hamilton - Sunday, July 29. Bishop Paul will celebrate Mass at 10.30am with the formation program beginning at 12.00noon. Lunch will be supplied by the parish at 1.00pm. [Registration Forms and stamped addressed envelopes on the notice board for your convenience](#) Registration is also available via the diocesan website

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

St. Bernard's Auxiliary

The AGM for the St. Bernard's Auxiliary will be on Wednesday May 16th at 7.30pm at Helen and Reg Smith's house, South Beach Road, Lake Bolac. All welcome

St Alipius Parish Coordinator Position

St Alipius Parish Ballarat East invites applications for the part-time position (16 hours per week) of Parish Coordinator. A Position Description and Application Form can be accessed on the Parish website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/employment.

Annual Mass Count

The Annual Diocesan Mass Count commences this weekend. It is counted over four weekends at all Masses and Lay-led Assemblies. The last weekend is 2/3rd June. Counters/collectors please take note.

Joke of the Week

He was a widower and she a widow. They had known each other for some years, having been high school classmates and having attended class reunions in the past. On the 60th anniversary of their class, the widower and the widow had a wonderful evening, their spirits high, with the widower throwing admiring glances across the table....and the widow smiling coyly back at him. Finally during one dance, he plucked up the courage to ask her, "Will you marry me?"

After six seconds of careful consideration, she answered, "Yes....yes I will!"

Needless to say, the evening ended on a happy note. However the next morning the widower was troubled. Had she said yes or no? He couldn't remember. He went over and over the conversation of the previous evening, but his mind was blank. So with fear and trepidation, he picked up the phone and called her. First, he explained that he couldn't remember as well as he used to. Then he reviewed the evening. As he gained a little more courage, he then enquired, "When I asked if you would marry me, did you say yes or did you say no?"

"Why, you silly man," she replied, "I said yes. Yes I will! I meant it with all my heart!" The widower was delighted. He felt his heart skip a beat. Then she continued: "I'm so glad you called, because I couldn't remember who asked me."