

Ararat and Lake Bolac CHURCH ROSTER

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Jun 23rd		Beck Rodger	H&A Collins		Marg Joyce & Tom Kidd	E. Coburn & Jo Jackson	C. Brennan	G. O'Loughlin &	M. Fe Galoso & A. Galoso
Sun Jun 24th	C. Reid	J. Crowe	G. O'Loughlin, N. Billingsley & S. Reid	J&J Crowe	Pat Lardner & S. Pickering	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)
Sun July 1st		J. Brennan	C. Bulger, & K. Cham-mings	D&M Lister	L&D Anderson	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)
Sat July 7th	G. White	A. Collins			Marg Joyce & Tom Kidd	C. Bush & J. Clery	Tom Kidd	M. Cunningham	Jo Donnan
Lake Bolac Sun 24th June	Reader H. Smith	Prayers P. Meek	Eucharistic Minister R. Smith	Cleaner I. Meek	Lake Bolac Sun 1st July	Reader D. Phillips	Prayers V. Albert	Eucharistic Minister I. Meek	Cleaner M-A Otto

Saint of the Week St. John the Baptist **Feastday:** June 24 **Patron** of Jordan, Puerto Rico, Knights Hospitaller of Jerusalem, French Canada, Newfoundland, Cesena, Florence, Genoa, Monza, Perth (Scotland), Porto, San Juan, Turin, Xewkija, and many other places
 Death: ~31-36 John the Baptist was a contemporary of Christ who was known for evangelization and his baptizing of Jesus Christ. John the Baptist was born through the intercession of God to Zachariah and Elizabeth, who was otherwise too old to bear children. According to scriptures, the Angel Gabriel visited Elizabeth and Zachariah to tell them they would have a son and that they should name him John. Zachariah was skeptical and for this he was rendered mute until the time his son was born and named John, in fulfillment of God's will.
 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, 24 Jun 2018:
 The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist**

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.

23rd/24th June 2018

First Reading **Is 49:1-6**

Behold I will make you a light to the nations.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 138:1-3. 13-15. R. v.14**

(R.) I praise you for I am wonderfully made.

- O Lord, you search me and you know me, you know my resting and my rising, you discern my purpose from afar. You mark when I walk or lie down, all my ways lie open to you. **(R.)**
- For it was you who created my being, knit me together in my mother's womb. I thank you for the wonder of my being, for the wonders of all your creation. **(R.)**
- Already you knew my soul, my body held no secret from you when I was being fashioned in secret and moulded in the depths of the earth. **(R.)**

Second Reading **Acts 13:22-26**

Christ's coming was announced beforehand by the preaching of John.

Gospel Acclamation **See Lk 1:76**

Alleluia, alleluia!
 You, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways.
 Alleluia!

Gospel **Lk 1:57-66. 80**

John is his name.

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RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Richard O'Neill, Tony Niccolaci, Alan McLoughlin, Peter Hinchey, Norman Gow, Aileen McIntyre, Fr Maurie Dullard S.J, Meryl Jacobs, Don Edwards, Dorothy Fox, Tanya Tobin, Nicole Holloway, Fr. Mick Fitzpatrick, Flo Flanagan, Norman Hoare, Jack Todd, Fr Don Gobbi, Elizabeth Shelvin, Tommy Eastick
 Gerard Lillis, Elias Alimasag

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Sr. Geraldine Stapleton, 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:

Mary Howard and Libby Shea

We Welcome Bishop Paul Bird and all the people who have travelled to Ararat for the Liturgy Formation Day.

PARISH PRAYER

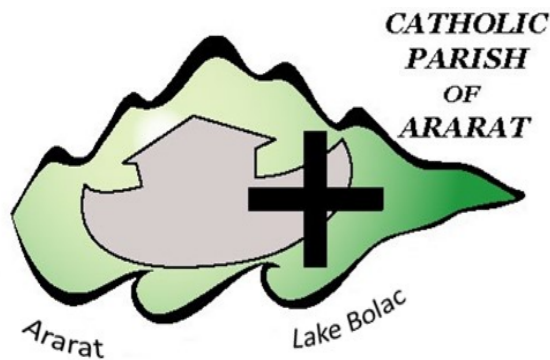
Loving God, Good Shepherd of us all,

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

Wed 27th 9.30am Church

Thurs 28th 9.30am Church

Fri 29th 9.30am Church

6pm Hopkins

A VOCATION VIEW

When the apostles were trying to reflect on their ministry, Jesus asked them to "come by yourselves to an out-of-the-way place." Listening to God in quiet prayer is very important in vocational discernment. Listen to God's voice in an out-of-the-way place.

Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2017

"A person's dignity does not depend on them being a citizen, a migrant, or a refugee, Saving the life of someone fleeing war and poverty is an act of humanity."



Vinnies

Do you have a couple of free hours? Vinnies would love you to join our happy volunteer team. If so, please call 53525560 and ask for Kath Leggett. The shop is open Mon-Thurs 10-4pm, Fri 10-2pm and Sat 10-12pm. Many thanks and looking forward to hearing from you!

ROSTERS

It's that time again! I'm about to put together the roster for the rest of the year. For all those who have an email—I have emailed you asking you to let me know what you can and cannot do. There is also a list on the table in the foyer for you to complete if you did not receive an email. Many thanks

Office Hours

The office will be closed over the school holidays. If you have any urgent matters please email on ararat@ballarat.catholic.org.au or call and leave a message. The office will be staffed for 2 hours on each Friday of the school holidays from 10am to 12 noon.

Normal office hours will resume on Thursday July 12th.

Wed June 27th

9am—12 noon

Thurs June 28th to Wed July 11th

CLOSED

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MAMMA MIA 2— The Movie July 19th

St. Mary's Primary School Fundraiser for Sports and Wellbeing. Tickets are \$25 and include the movie, complimentary drink, lolly bag and popcorn. Be there from 6.30pm sharp as the movie starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are on sale at the presbytery from Joyce or the school office. We appreciate the support. A local wine producer is donating the complimentary glass of wine and will donate 5% of all sales to the school Community Committee. See poster on the notice board.

A Movie Event

You've heard the song, now hear the story behind it. Where: The Salvation Army Ararat, When: Friday June 29th of June 6.30pm. See the poster in the foyer

Combined Churches Service

Sunday June 24, 5pm. Hosted by the Salvation Army. Please bring tea to share.

ACRATH World Day Against Human Trafficking Appeal

ACRATH has launched its fundraising appeal and hopes to raise more than \$100,000 in the lead up to World Day Against Trafficking in Persons on July 30. The money will help ACRATH maintain vital programs to combat human trafficking, especially forced marriage and forced labour. Media release attached.

Australian Catholic Youth Ministry Convention

ACYMC 2018, the Australian Catholic Youth Ministry Convention is a national conference for Youth Leaders & Ministers, from September 21-23, in Sydney. Registrations are now open. For more info and to register: www.acymc.org.au or contact the Ballarat Diocese Youth and Young Ministry Office Ph: 5337 7125.

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