

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 Aug 25th	P. McAloon	J. McAloon	L.Horsman & C. McAdie		Tom Kidd	Office	G. White & Tom Kidd	M. Cunningham	Bri Grayling
Sun Aug 26th	J. Clery	P. Lardner	C. Bulger, & K. Chamings	E. Shea	Pat Lardner & S. Pickering	(as above)	V. Hooper & John Pola	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Sept 1st		Beck Rodger	N. Billingsley		Marg Joyce & Tom Kidd	The Arnold Family, & B. Holland	V. Hooper & J. Crowe	M. Dempsey & M. Jerram	Jo Donnan & K. Scherger
Sun Sept 2nd	J. Brennan	R. Cooper	M. Cunningham, Sr. John & C. Reid	J&J Crowe	Blessie Stoneman	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)
Lake Bolac Sun Aug 26th	<u>Reader</u> M-A Otto	<u>Prayers</u> L. Breen	<u>Eucharistic Minister</u> M. Phillips	<u>Cleaner</u> L. Breen	<u>Lake Bolac Sun Sept 2nd</u>	<u>Reader</u> L. Breen	<u>Prayers</u> H. Smith	<u>Eucharistic Minister</u> I. Meek	<u>Cleaner</u> J. Aldous

Saint of the Week St. Monica Feastday: August 27 Patron of Wives and Abuse Victims Birth: 331 Death: 387. Saint Monica, also known as Monica of Hippo, is St. Augustine of Hippo's mother. She was born in 331 A.D. in Tagaste, which is present-day Algeria. When she was very young, she was married off to the Roman pagan Patricius, who shared his mother's violent temper. Patricius' mother lived with the couple and the duo's temper flares proved to be a constant challenge to young Monica. While Monica's prayers and Christian deeds bothered Patricius, he is said to have respected her beliefs. Three children were born to Monica and Patricius: Augustine, Navigius, and Perpetua. Unfortunately, Monica was unable to baptize her children and when Augustine fell ill, Monica pleaded with Patricius to allow their son to be baptized. [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

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, 26 Aug 2018
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time - 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.

25th/26th August 2018

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Gavin Thomas Quilty, Peter Shea, John Thomas, Sarah McKibbin, Ruby Davey, John Leo Thomas (Jack), Cecelia Moran Ivy Mullins, Claire Miles, John Keogh, Lawrence Keogh, Dominic Keogh, Irene Hockley, Kathleen Kennedy, Leo Stevens Jnr, Fr John Shelley, Shirley Billet, Harriet O'Boyle, Vincent Kennedy, Belinda Hearn, Mary Canty, Daniel (Mick) Roche, Martin Downes, Karen Vann, Gayle Harris, Patrick Harrington, Lisa Van Der Spank

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Monica Fitzpatrick, Robin Wright, (Jenny Wright's son), Sr. Geraldine Stapleton, Carmel Brennan, Jan Young

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, Mary Howard

Congratulations to Maiara who is being baptised on Saturday August 25th, daughter of Jarita and Humberto!

First Reading *Jos 24:1-2. 15-18*

We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 33:2-3. 16-23. R. v.9*

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The Lord turns his eyes to the just and his ears to their appeal. (R.)
3. They call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. (R.)
4. Many are the trials of the just man but from them all the Lord will rescue him. He will keep guard over all his bones, not one of his bones shall be broken. (R.)
5. Evil brings death to the wicked; those who hate the good are doomed. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. (R.)

Second Reading *Eph 5:21-32*

This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.

Gospel Acclamation *See Jn 6:63. 68*

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
 you have the words of everlasting life.
 Alleluia!

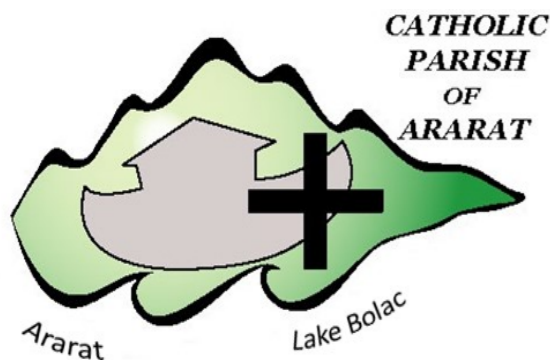
Gospel *Jn 6:60-69*

Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.

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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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Jan Crowe (President) & Anna Collins (Secretary)

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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 Glenhompson at 8.30am

Masses This Week

Wed 29th 9am (note earlier time) Church

Thurs 30th 9.30am Church

Fri 31st 6pm Hopkins

A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus teach us about life everlasting. "Your words Lord are spirit and life ..." It is this that gives us hope when we despair, a way of living when we stray from God's way. "The words I have spoken are spirit and they are life." It is God's words that we need to hear to lift our spirit and give life. Pray for vocations.

Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2017

"Today the World Meeting of [#Families](#) begins in Dublin. Let us join in prayer with all the families of the world, especially those in difficulty. [@WMOF2018](#) [@LaityFamilyLife](#)"



Next Week's Readings: Sept 2nd 2018

First Reading Dt 4:1-2, 6-8

Second Reading Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND

Collection for Sick and Retired Priests – next weekend SEPTEMBER 2nd

Creating a secure retirement future for the priests of the diocese is a duty and care in which we can all participate. Fifteen retired priests are currently supported by this Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation.

The funding required for these commitments is ongoing. Thanks to your generosity, this collection has raised nearly 1.8 million dollars since its inception in 1991, including nearly \$48,000 last year. Along with the priests' own contribution of approximately \$37,000 per year, this annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy.

A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.

CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US – THE CHURCH COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY

Kerala India Earthquakes and flood

Many parishioners would be aware through news reports and personal contacts of the earthquakes and flood disaster that has hit Kerala, India. Caritas India is providing support for the people of Kerala at this time. Caritas Australia, through our Asia Emergency Fund, is providing support to Caritas India and will continue to monitor the needs of the people of Kerala. If you wish to make a donation, our Asia Emergency Fund can be accessed through the Caritas website www.caritas.org.au. Any parishioner that wishes more information can contact Caritas Australia on 1800 024 413.

Social Justice Support Survey

This very short survey will collect valuable information about the support people need to enable them to action social justice initiatives within their communities. The information gathered will inform the design of an online resource accessible to all. The purpose of the survey is to find out what you want and need for learning about and living out social justice. There are only 12 statements to answer yes or no to. To complete the survey go to <https://goo.gl/forms/LSaONqXBRCcmLjwv1>

Literacy is Freedom

The Australian Literacy and Numeracy Foundation (ALNF) is dedicated to raising language, literacy and numeracy standards in Australia and raises funds to develop, implement and sustain innovative projects for individuals, families and communities. Did you know that currently only 1 in 5 indigenous children living in very remote communities can read at the minimum standard? There are things we can do to help. For more information go to the ALNF website <https://alnf.org>

Compassion Walk

Come join us in this community event promoting and celebrating compassionate actions in Ballarat on Sunday, September 16, 2018. This event is linking into the work of Compassionate Ballarat, who are enrolling Ballarat as a Compassionate City. Participate in experiential activities as you walk around the lake and enjoy food and entertainment in the main area near the rotunda and Pipers by the Lake. The event will feature Barry Gilson, Men's Shed, Amie Brûlée with band, Peter Daffy, the HanzOn Percussion Group, The Bandits, Lisa Wood and more! Registrations at 10.00am for 10.30am start and concluding at 1.00pm. Register at <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=404489>. For enquires please contact Steph via email compassionwalk.ballarat@gmail.com

Catholic Social Services Victorian Election Forum – save the date

The Hon. James Merlino MP, Deputy Premier and other Parliamentary leaders will join us to engage on the issues that most impact on the wellbeing of Victorians, particularly those on the margins. Monday, August 27, 2018 at Cathedral Room, Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert St, East Melbourne at 8.30am for 9.00am - 10.00am. More information at the CSSV website www.css.org.au

Joke of the week

Paddy took two stuffed dogs to the Antiques Road Show in Dublin. "OOH," said the presenter, "This is a very rare set produced by the celebrated John Brothers taxidermists."

"Do you have any idea what they would fetch if they were in good condition?" the presenter asked.

"Sticks?" ventured Paddy.