

Ararat and Lake Bolac CHURCH ROSTER

| Day & Date | Facilitator | Reader | Eucharistic Minister | Golden Gate Communion | Welcomers | Counter | Collector | Flowers | Cleaning |
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| Sat Sept 22nd | J. Clery | Beck Rodger | | | Marg Joyce & Tom Kidd | E. Coburn & B. Rodger | V. Hooper & J. Crowe | M. Dempsey & M. Jerram | K. Scherger |
| Sun Sept 23rd | J. Brennan | Imogen Tonks | M. Cunningham, Sr. John & C. Reid | J&J Crowe | Blessie Stoneman | (as above) | John Pola | (as above) | (as above) |
| Sat Sept 29th | A. Reynolds | P. Gemmola | M. Howard & M. Mason | | D&M Lister & Tom Kidd | Office & P. McAloon | T. Reynolds | M. Cunningham | J. Clery |
| Sun Sept 30th | P. Lardner | C. Bulger | G. O'Loughlin, N. Billingsley & S. Reid | E. Shea | Pat Lardner & Kathy Leggett | (as above) | V. Hooper | (as above) | (as above) |
| Lake Bolac Sun Sept 23rd | Reader M-A Otto | Prayers K. Gleeson | Eucharistic Minister John Higgins | Cleaner J. Upton & K. Gleeson | Lake Bolac Sun Sept 30th | Reader A. Liston | Prayers M. Phillips | Eucharistic Minister L. Breen | Cleaner L. Breen |

Saint of the Week Sts. Cosmas and Damian **Feastday:** September 26 **Patron** of Druggist (pharmacists) Sts. **Cosmas** and Damian were brothers, born in Arabia, who had become eminent for their skill in the science of medicine. Being Christians, they were filled with the **spirit** of charity and never took money for their services. At Egaea in Cilicia, where they lived, they enjoyed the highest esteem of the people. When the **persecution** under **Diocletian** broke out, their very prominence rendered them marked objects of persecution. Being apprehended by order of Lysias, governor of Cilicia, they underwent various torments about the year 283. Their **feast day** is September 26th. They are **patron saints** of pharmacists.
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, 23 Sep 2018
Twenty-fifth 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.

22nd/23rd September 2018

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Marc Watson, Mary Brick, Robert Milesi, Bill McKinnon, Alice Parker, Jack Parker, Joyce Henning, Edmund Gleeson, Margaret Johnson, Bruce Harrison, Robert Prydderch, Alex Shields, Marjorie Stapleton, Margaret Ryan, Joe Hayes, Mary Kelly, Kaz Grabowski, Judith Haberecht-Reid

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

"The Church's maternal vocation to the needy and to the sick has found concrete expression throughout the two thousand years of her history in an impressive series of initiatives on behalf of the sick. This history of dedication must not be forgotten. It continues to the present day throughout the world." Pope Francis

First Reading Wis 2:12, 17-20

A reading from the book of Wisdom
Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6

(R.) The Lord upholds my life.

1. O God, save me by your name; by your power, uphold my cause. O God, hear my prayers; listen to the words of my mouth. (R.)
 2. For proud men have risen against me, ruthless men seek my life. They have no regard for God. (R.)
 3. But I have God for my help. The Lord upholds my life. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart and praise your name for it is good. (R.)

Second Reading Jas 3:16 – 4:3

A reading from the letter of St James
Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.

Gospel Acclamation See 2 Thes 2:14

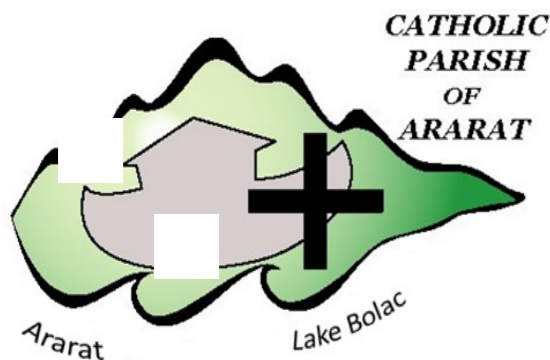
Alleluia, alleluia!
 God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
 Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 9:30-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity ... All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.
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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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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 1796

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

Prayer this Week

Tuesday 25th 9.30am Convent

(Liturgy of the Word)

St. Bernard's Catholic Church, Lake Bolac

You are invited to their Ecumenical Day Service on Thursday Oct 11th 2018 at 11am. Light lunch provided.

\$5 entry fee (see notice on board)

A VOCATION VIEW

When Jesus says, "If you wish to rank first, you must remain the last one of all and the servant of all," many people could immediately turn and walk away. Are you willing to serve as Jesus did?

"Letter to the People of God" published by the Vatican on August 20

Copies of this letter from Pope Francis are available on the notice board. Please take one

Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2017

"First of all, be free persons! What do I mean? Perhaps it is thought that liberty is to do whatever one wishes. This isn't liberty! Liberty means to be able to reflect on what we do, to know how to appreciate what is good and what is bad, behavior that makes one grow means to choose always the good. We are free for the good."

To be free to always choose the good is demanding, but it will make you persons who have a backbone, who are able to face life; persons with courage and patience."

-Pope Francis to Students

Next Week's Readings: Sept 30th 2018

First Reading

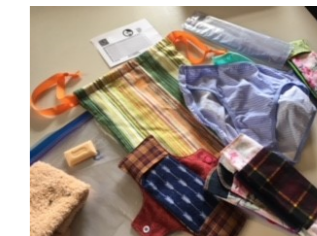
Second Reading

Days for Girls—Ararat Rotary Club

"Days of isolation, days of missing school, days without income, days of shame. It happens world-wide to girls and women in many impoverished communities. Days for Girls provides a solution."

Days for Girls is a feminine hygiene program providing quality, sustainable solutions who have nothing suitable to manage their period. The Rotary Club had their "Days for Girls" in the parish centre last Saturday Sept 15th. It's a wonderful program and the Rotary Club have booked the Parish Centre again for **Oct 27th at 11am** for another "Days for Girls". Everyone is welcome to attend. Arrive for a cup of tea, help make the Hygiene Packs and stay around for a light lunch.

For more information, please contact Jenny Beales on jpbeales@bigpond.net.au



Anniversary Register

Dear parishioners, please can you check the spelling of your loved ones on the Anniversary Book beside the candles. It is tradition to list those on the anniversaries a week ahead on the bulletin so that they can be in your thoughts and prayers. For example, those whose anniversaries are from Sept 17th to 23rd inclusive, will be listed on this weekend's bulletin.

Plenary Council Preparations in Ballarat Diocese Update

The Ballarat Diocese is holding Gatherings as part of preparations for Plenary Council 2020. Representatives from Parishes, school communities, Catholic organisations and all others who might be interested, are invited to attend. The gatherings provide an opportunity to hear from and meet Ms Lana Turvey-Collins, Facilitator of the Australian Plenary Council 2020 Preparation Team. Details of gatherings are on the notice board and also on website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7125.

ACRATH Updates

The ACRATH Calendar 2019 is now available for purchase for \$10.00 each (GST Free). Orders can be emailed to calendar@acrath.org.au Australian Aid: Email Your MP Campaign: Australian aid has been cut every year for the last five years. Our contribution to our neighbours and the world is now the smallest it has ever been in our nation's history. Don't wait until after the next election to ask your MP to support Australian aid. Use the tool on this page to email your MP <http://australianaid.org/actions/tell-your-mp-you-care-actforpeace/>

Joy+ Youth Festival!

Joy+ Youth Festival for 15-30yo. Sunday, November 25, Ballarat 2.00pm - 8.00pm. Fantastic music with Genevieve Bryant and her band, special guests and Bishop Paul. This is a free event and includes lunch. Registrations and more details on youth ministry page www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Caroline Chisholm Society Victorian Election Statement

The Caroline Chisholm Society supports mothers with babies and toddlers who are experiencing financial or emotional stress. The goal of the society is to offer a safe and nurturing environment for your kids. On Saturday, November 24, 2018, Victorians will decide who forms the next State Government. When deciding who gets your vote, please consider pregnant and new mums, babies and toddlers. Caroline Chisholm Society has heard the voice of over 1200 families who came to see us last year about the opportunities and challenges faced by families in raising their babies and toddlers. Attached is information to present to your local candidate in the lead up to the election. Please see flyer on the notice board

JOKE: A young Irish boy said to his grandfather,

"Make a frog noise for me, Grandad."

"No, son, I don't feel like making a frog noise right now."

"Oh please, Grandad, make a frog noise."

"No, I don't want to."

"Oh please, Grandad, make a frog noise."

"Why is it so important to you that I make a frog noise?"

"Mum says when you croak we can have this house."