

**Ararat and Lake Bolac CHURCH ROSTER**

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Dec 1st	P. Brennan	G. White	M. Mason, P. Brady		R&M Jerram & Tom Kidd	P. McAloon &	G. White & Tom Kidd	A. Joyce & Marilyn Brady	Jo Donnan
Sun Dec 2nd		S. Reid	C. Reid, M. Ollie & J. Start	H&A Collins	Kathy Leggett & S. Pickering	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Dec 8th	B. Rodger	I. Brady	C. McAdie & M. Mason		Tom Kidd	Office	Geoff White & R. Jerram	A. Joyce & Marilyn Brady	Bri Grayling
Sun Dec 9th	C. Reid	C. Bulger	G. O'Loughlin, N. Billingsley & S. Reid	D&M Lister	P. Lardner & V. Hooper	(as above)	V. Hooper	(as above)	(as above)
Lake Bolac Sun Dec 2nd	Reader Jane Higgins	Prayers M-A Otto	Eucharistic Minister John Higgins	Cleaner J. Upton & K. Gleeson	Lake Bolac Sun Dec 9th	Reader NO MASS	Prayers	Eucharistic Minister	Cleaner

**Saint of the Week** **St Francis Xavier** [Feastday:](#) December 3 [Patron](#) of Catholic missions; African missions; Goa, India; China; missionaries Birth: 1506 Death: 1552 St. Francis Xavier was a Navarrese-Basque Roman Catholic missionary born in the Kingdom of Navarre on April 7, 1506. His father was a privy counselor and finance minister to King John III of Navarre. He was the youngest in his family and resided in a castle which still partially stands today and is in the possession of the Jesuit order. As the young Francis grew, he was surrounded by war. Navarre was the target of a campaign by King Ferdinand of Aragon and Castile, and the kingdom was eventually conquered. Read more on [www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org)

**Child Safe Church**

Here at the Church of the Immaculate Conception & St. Bernard's, 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, 2 Dec 2018**  
**First Sunday of Advent - Year C**

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.

**1st/2nd December 2018**

**First Reading Jer 33:14-16**  
*I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.*

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 24:4-5. 8-9. 10. 14. R. v.1**  
**(R.) To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.**  
 1. Lord, make me know your ways.  
 Lord, teach me your paths.  
 Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
 for you are God my saviour. (R.)  
 2. The Lord is good and upright.  
 He shows the path to those who stray,  
 he guides the humble in the right path;  
 he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)  
 3. His ways are faithfulness and love  
 for those who keep his covenant and will.  
 The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him;  
 to them he reveals his covenant. (R.)

**Second Reading 1 Thes 3:12 – 4:2**  
*When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.*

**Gospel Acclamation Ps 84:8**  
 Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
 and grant us your salvation.  
 Alleluia!

**Gospel Lk 21:25-28. 34-36**  
*Your redemption is near at hand.*

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**RECENT DEATHS:**

Helen Vernon

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Ellen Mullins, Patrick Mullins, Maura Brown, Nel Wagener, Bernard Joyce, Penny Lang, Agnes Joyce, Fr. John Martin, Fr. Syd Morey, Maureen Dalgleish, Athol Howman, Fr. Martin Gleeson, Rudolf Schwab, Osmond Smith, Eric Hogan, Herman Krawczynski, Graeme Pora, Victims of Pearl Harbour Bombings 1941, Fr. John Monaghan, Josephine Neilson, Norma Lannen, Edmund Moran, Bishop Henry Cleary, Clare Rienets

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:**

Naomi Phillips, Mark Eastick, Robin Wright, (Jenny Wright's son), Sr. Geraldine Stapleton, Carmel Brennan,

*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.*

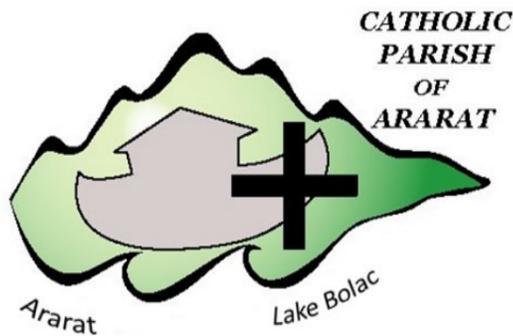
**Please pray for the intentions of:**

Mary Howard, Libby Shea, Joyce Clery

Monica Fitzpatrick would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers

**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) & Maureen Brady (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*

### Masses this Week

Tues 4th 9.30am Church  
(Marian College)

Wed 5th 9.30am Church

Thurs 6th 3pm Hopkins

Fri 7th 9.30am Church

### A VOCATION VIEW

In our materialistic society, someone must stand up to speak for our spiritual heritage. Could that be you?

### Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2017

"Faced with the tragedies of life, we are called to look to the horizon, because we have been redeemed and the Lord will come to save us."



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**Next Week's Readings: Dec 9th 2018**

**First Reading** Bar 5:1-9

**Second Reading** Phil 1:3-6, 8-11

**Happy 50th Birthday to Fr Andrew for December 7th!!**



### Willaura Hostel

A combined Church Service will be held at the Hostel on Wednesday December 5th, commencing at 2.00 p.m. A plate to share would be appreciated.

### Lessons from the Long Paddock 2018

This is a fantastic resource for adult faith formation, which focuses on real people from this outback Australian Diocese and offers a glimpse at some extraordinary themes relevant to the spiritual life from within a uniquely Australian perspective. This year Dr Michele Connolly RSJ, Fr Richard Leonard SJ and Bishop Columba OSPPE DD share reflections based on the films and the end product is a really excellent resource designed to support conversations about some of the things that matter at the heart of our Catholic tradition. For more information contact Kate Englebrecht, Chancellor/Director of Mission, Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes, ph. 02 68539350 or mobile 0420309689 (flyer in foyer)

### Music Ministry for all

Ballarat Diocese Youth and Young Adult Ministry has available user-friendly listings of wonderful songs (words and music) for Mass and other gatherings – all available through One License. Featuring highly regarded musicians, Fr Rob Galea, Matt Maher and Steve Angrisano. Available on the Youth and Young Adult Ministry pages

[www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

### Golden Gate Residents' Christmas Party

This year's Golden Gate Residents' Christmas Party will be held in the Parish Centre on **Thursday 6th December** at 4.45pm till 6.15pm. Any Golden Gate special Ministers who would like to attend and/or can assist with the meal, please message Teresa on 0417 587 427.

### St Anne's Grandmothers' Group

Christmas Break-up December 5th – Chalambar 12.30pm Kris Kringle \$10 – RSVP by Monday 3rd to Mary Cunningham or Margaret Dempsey for bookings

### Communion for those in Hospital

A reminder to all to contact the office if you know of someone in hospital who would like to receive communion.

### Joy Spreading

The next *Joy Spreading* event for young adults (18–30 yo) will be held Friday, December 7, 2018 from 6.30pm – 9.00pm in the Cathedral Parish Office meeting room with guest speaker Fr Justin Driscoll. An opportunity for young Catholic adults to share ideas and views in a friendly environment. Festive snacks and drinks provided. Info:

[www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) or ph: 5337 7160.