

Ararat and Lake Bolac CHURCH ROSTER

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Jan 12th	H. Collins	Beck Rodger	M. Mason & C. McAdie		R&M Jerram & Tom Kidd	E. Coburn & J. Jackson	Geoff White & Carmel Brennan	A. Joyce	J. Clery
Sun Jan 13th	P. Lardner	R. Cooper	H&A Collins & Sr John	H&A Collins	Blessie Stoneman & V. Hooper	As above	John Pola & V. Hooper	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Jan 19th	P. Brennan	G. White	M. Mason, P. Brady		R&M Jerram & Tom Kidd	Office	G. White & Tom Kidd	Marilyn Brady	K. Scherger
Sun Jan 20th	C. Reid	S. Reid	M. Cunningham & C. Bulger	T. Gemmola	S. Pickering	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)
Lake Bolac Sun Jan 13th	Reader NO MASS	Prayers	Eucharistic Minister	Cleaner	Lake Bolac Sun Jan 20th	Reader D. Haslett	Prayers R. Liston	Eucharistic Minister Jane Higgins	Cleaner Jane Higgins

“Thank you” are two words sometimes we don’t say enough—today we thank the hardworking, loyal and faithful volunteers of St. Mary’s and St. Bernard’s Church.

Saint of the Week St. Paul the Hermit **Feastday:** January 15 **Patron** of San Pablo City, Philippines Birth: 229 Death: 342 Also known as Paul the First Hermit and Paul of Thebes, an Egyptian hermit and friend of St. Jerome. Born in Lower Thebaid, Egypt, he was left an orphan at about the age of fifteen and hid during the **persecution** of the Church under Emperor Trajan Decius. At the age of twenty two he went to the **desert** to circumvent a planned effort by his brother in **law** to report him to authorities as a **Christian** and thereby gain control of his property. Paul soon found that the eremitical **life** was much to his personal taste, **Read more on 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

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 Jan 2019
The Baptism of the Lord - 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.

First Reading **Is 42:1-4. 6-7**

Here is my servant, my chosen one in whom I am well pleased.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 28:1-4. 9-10. R. v.11**

(R.) The Lord will bless his people with peace.

- O give the Lord you sons of God, give the Lord glory and power; give the Lord the glory of his name. Adore the Lord in his holy court. (R.)
- The Lord’s voice resounding on the waters, the Lord on the immensity of waters; the voice of the Lord, full of power, the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. (R.)
- The God of glory thunders. In his temple they all cry: ‘Glory!’ The Lord sat enthroned over the flood: the Lord sits as king for ever. (R.)

Second Reading **Acts 10:34-38**

God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power.

Gospel Acclamation **See Mk 9:8**

Alleluia, alleluia!
 The heavens were opened and the Father’s voice was heard:
 this is my beloved Son, hear him.
 Alleluia!

Gospel **Lk 3:15-16. 21-22**

When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.

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12th/13th January 2019

RECENT DEATHS:

Peg Clark, Sharon McMaster

ANNIVERSARIES:

Evelyn O’Neill, Brendan Moran, Rita Higgins, Stan Matthews, Fr John Kirby, Ian Pearce, John Shield, Mary Shield, Kathleen Lees, Percival Bushick, Fr. Frank Sexton CSsR, Francis Jaench, Stasia Matters, Mons. John Hoyne, Fr John Coughlan, Fr William Cain, Elizabeth Nicolaci, Maria Nicolaci, Pasquale Nicolaci, Maria Francesca Y Nicolaci, Concetta Nicolaci Y Tolomeo, Maria Franco, Pedro Franco, Romeo Raffaele, Riso Maria Jioseffa Y Romeo, Marcelo Franco, Gerard Brown, Margaret Winnell, Bridget Cashin, John Downes, Lois Gordon, Rex Billingsley, Lorna McPherson, Margaret Start, Nell Laffy, Sr Agnes Lyng, Mario Diana, Liam Fitzpatrick

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

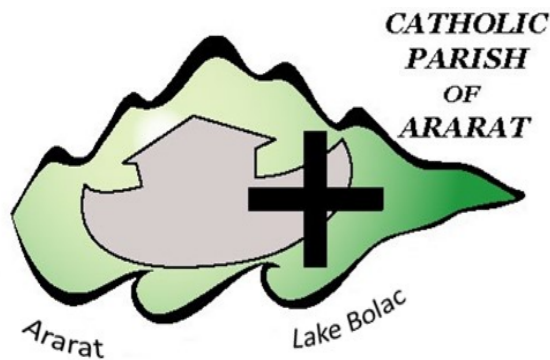
Naomi Phillips, Mark Eastick, Robin Wright, (Jenny Wright’s son), Sr. Geraldine Stapleton, Carmel Brennan

Please pray for the intentions of :

Mary Howard, Libby Shea

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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Peter Gemmola

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Joan Fitzpatrick, Sr. Maree, Harry Collins & Sioux Reid

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Jan Crowe (President) & Maureen Brady (Secretary)

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Vinnies Shop/Centre 03 5352 5560

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Manager: Kathleen Leggett

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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 in Ararat

Tues 15th 9.30am Ararat

Wed 16th 11am Lowe St

Thurs 17th 3.30pm Hopkins

A VOCATION VIEW

"Come on, continue your Baptism by baptising others in the Holy Spirit and fire. "You are my beloved child," says the Lord!"

Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2018

"The spirit of the world is conquered with the spirit of faith: believing that God is really in the brother and sister who are close to me."

Please drop in a piece of material that means something to you, to the office—about 30cm * 30cm. We are putting together a cloth for the foyer table.

Many thanks—Joyce

Next Week's Readings: Jan 20th 2018

First Reading [Is 62:1-5](#)

Second Reading [1 Cor 12:4-11](#)

Australia Day Prayer

St Mary's Ararat Saturday January 26th @ 10am

Please bring morning tea to share



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.

World Youth Day in your Parish

The next World Youth Day is on Sunday, January 27, 2019 in Panama City. You may wish to view the live stream of the Vigil with Pope Francis on Sunday morning before or after your regular Parish Mass, or include prayers for young people in your Mass. Prayers, information and the live stream link will be on the Youth & Young Adult Ministry pages of the diocesan website: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Catholic Man Breakfast Series

Men of all ages are invited to a Catholic Man Breakfast to be held on Thursday, February 21, 2019 at Craig's Royal Hotel in Ballarat. The Breakfast will be hosted by Bishop Paul Bird CSsR and will feature former leading Radio Executive, Shane Healy, as guest speaker. Shane has walked a fascinating path to the top of the highly competitive radio industry in Australia and has connected with high profile performers such as Brian Taylor, Neil Mitchell and Rex Hunt. Further information from Chris Liston, ph. 0437 318 251 or email chris.listo2@gmail.com or Vincent Sully, ph. 0407 310 115 or email vcjdh.sully@gmail.com.

Plenary Council 2020 - Hearing your Voice

Welcome to everyone gathering to celebrate the joy of Christmas. The Catholic Church is currently asking people to share their thoughts about future directions. Everyone is invited to reflect on and respond to the question "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" as part of preparing the agenda for the Plenary Council 2020. You can respond as individuals or in families, or groups. Information and details of how to submit your response are on bookmarks or flyers in churches and also on the Ballarat diocese website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au. Every voice is welcome! **Please note:** The website address on the bookmark is incorrect – the correct address is www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

St. Mary's Parish Roster



The roster for the first half of this year is now on display on the new board.

Should you need to change anything, please swop with someone you know.

Many thanks

Joyce

Joke of the Week

An Irishman walks into a railway station and presents himself at the ticket counter.

"I'd like a return ticket," he says.

"Where to?"

"To here!" says the Irishman.