

Ararat and Lake Bolac CHURCH ROSTER

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Feb 2nd	P. McAloon	J. McAloon	L.Horsman & C. McAdie		Tom Kidd	Office	G. White & Tom Kidd	A. Joyce	Bri Grayling
Sun Feb 3rd	J. Clery	P. Lardner	C. Bulger, & K. Chamings	J&J Crowe	Pat Lardner & S. Pickering	(as above)	J. Crowe & John Pola	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Feb 9th	P. Gemmola	Beck Rodger	N. Billingsley		Marg Joyce & Tom Kidd	E. Coburn & J. Jackson	V. Hooper	A. Joyce	Jo Donnan
Sun Feb 10th	J. Clery	Imogen Tonks	M. Cunningham, H&A Collins	H&A Collins	Blessie Stoneman	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)
Lake Bolac Sun Feb 3rd	<u>Reader</u> R. Liston	<u>Prayers</u> M. Phillips	<u>Eucharistic Minister</u> L. Breen	<u>Cleaner</u> L. Breen	<u>Lake Bolac Sun Feb 10th</u>	<u>Reader</u> NO MASS	<u>Prayers</u>	<u>Eucharistic Minister</u>	<u>Cleaner</u>

“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time, they have the heart.” - Elizabeth Andrew

Saint of the Week St. Agatha **Feastday:** February 5 **Patron** of Sicily, bellfounders, breast cancer, against fire, Palermo, rape victims, and wet nurses Birth: 231 Death: 251. St. Agatha, also known as Agatha of Sicily, is one of the most highly venerated virgin martyrs of the Catholic Church. It is believed that she was born around 231 in either Catania or Palermo, Sicily to a rich and noble family. From her very early years, the notably beautiful Agatha dedicated her life to God. She became a consecrated virgin, a state in life where young women choose to remain celibate and give themselves wholly to Jesus and the Church in a life of prayer and service. That did not stop men from desiring her and making unwanted advances toward her. **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 or on the foyer notice board. 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, 3 Feb 2019
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C
St. Brigid's Day—February 1st



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 Jer 1:4-5. 17-19

I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 70:1-6. 15. 17. R. v.15

(R.) I will sing of your salvation.

- In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your justice rescue me, free me: pay heed to me and save me. (R.)
- Be a rock where I can take refuge, a mighty stronghold to save me; for you are my rock, my stronghold. Free me from the hand of the wicked. (R.)
- It is you, O Lord, who are my hope, my trust, O Lord, since my youth. On you I have leaned from my birth, from my mother's womb you have been my help. (R.)
- My lips will tell of your justice and day by day of your help. O God, you have taught me from my youth and I proclaim your wonders still. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 12:31 – 13:13

There are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!
 The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.
 Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 4:21-30

Jesus, like Elijah and Elisha, was not sent only to the Jews.

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2nd/3rd February 2019

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mark Hunt, Robert Thistlethwaite, Frank Thomas, Carmela Zammit, Joseph Zammit, Colleen Peacock, Fr John Kelly, Ann Pola, Sr Dorothy Molley, Stanley Hucker Noel Peck, Glenda Sertori, Cec McOwan, John Kelly, Petronella Van Keulin, Margaret Tyndall, Thomas Creenaune, Anthony Gordon, Imelda Gordan, Betty Parker, Margaret Traynor, Lloyd McKenzie-McHarg, David McColl, Joyce Speechley, Eunice Downes, Teresa Glass, Peg Dacey, Mary Shea

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

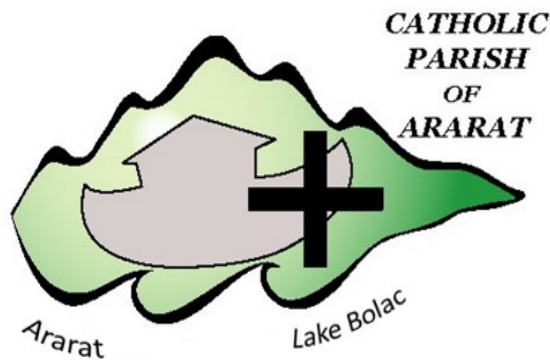
Maurice Rutter, Naomi Phillips, Mark Eastick, Robin Wright, (Jenny Wright's son), Sr. Geraldine Stapleton, Carmel Brennan

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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Manager: Kathleen Leggett

PRINCIPAL ST. MARY'S SCHOOL: Mr Bill Hill

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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 in Ararat

Tues 5th 9.30am

Wed 6th 9.30am

Thurs 7th 3.30pm Hopkins

Fri 8th 11am Marian College

Opening Mass (Gym)

A VOCATION VIEW

"The Lord says: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I dedicated you." Always listen to an Old Friend.

Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2018

"The secret to navigating life well is to invite Jesus on board. The helm of life should be given to Him, so that He can direct the route."

Joy Spreading with Bishop Paul

The next *Joy Spreading* event for young adults (18–30 yo) featuring Guest Speaker Bishop Paul Bird with Q&A, will be held on Friday, February 22, 2019 from 6.30pm-8.30pm at the Lake View Hotel Ballarat. An opportunity for young adults to share ideas and views in a friendly

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.

Thanks to those people who have brought in pieces already. Keep them coming!

—Joyce

Next Week's Readings: Feb 10th 2018

First Reading [Is 6:1-8](#)

Second Reading [1 Cor 15:1-11](#)

Welcome Fr Son Nguyen!

This weekend we welcome our new priest! We wish Fr Son a richly blessed first year of his priesthood.

CWL

The next Catholic Women's League meeting will take place at 1.30pm in the Parish Centre on Tuesday February 12th. All welcome

World Hijab Day

Friday February 1 was "World Hijab Day." World Hijab Day (WHD) is an annual event in its sixth year. World Hijab Day Organization asks global citizens of all faiths to wear the Hijab (head-covering) for a day in solidarity with Muslim women worldwide. The overall mission of WHD is to create a more peaceful world where global citizens respect each other. Particularly, WHD focuses on fighting bigotry, discrimination, and prejudice against Muslim women. This is most crucial in these times where Hijab is being banned in some countries while in other countries, Muslim women are being targeted and harassed verbally and physically.

Lenten Discussion Groups

Lent begins this year on Wednesday March 6. Booklets and music have been ordered for our Lenten Groups. More information will come in the next couple of weeks. For now, please consider being a part of a Lenten discussion group. Would you like to host a discussion group in your home with friends?

Church Security

In Ararat the key to the chalices cupboard has now been put away for safe keeping. The tabernacle key has also been moved.

WORLD DAY of PRAYER Christian greetings from the Ballarat Branch of World Day of Prayer.

For 92 years Australia has enthusiastically shared in this inspirational, international, intercultural and interdenominational tsunami of prayer around our planet within 24 hours. Last year, 30,000 Australians shared in 965 prayer services and we were only one of the 170 participating countries!

For much of that time Christians of **Slovenia** were prohibited from participation under a Marxist socialist communist rule. Slovenia is now a democratic parliamentary republic, the restrictions have gone, the churches reopened, the faith is blossoming, and they have prepared the 2019 prayer service for the whole world with the theme: "**Come – Everything is ready.**" You are invited to join with them, and three million Christians around the world, in a service near you on Friday 1st March.

Ararat: St. Mary's Catholic Church, 304 Barkly Street, 10am. Friday 1st March. All welcome!

Happy St. Brigid's Day—1st February

St. Brigid's Blessing

May Brigid bless the house wherein you dwell

Bless every fireside every wall and door

Bless every heart that beats beneath its roof

Bless every hand that toils to bring it joy

Bless every foot that walks its portals through

May Brigid bless the house that shelters you.



Explore Yoga Co.

Sharing is caring and so I (Uali) want to let you know that Explore Yoga Co. is now offering Thursday evening classes twice a month at St. Mary's Parish Centre in Ararat. Starting Feb 14th—yes Valentine's Day! Cost \$15

Tea is served after class if you want to linger and chat. Class runs from 5:45PM to 6:45PM.

Please see flyer on notice board— or ph: 0403 170 676