

Ararat and Lake Bolac CHURCH ROSTER

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Feb 23rd	A. Reynolds	B. Rodger	L. Horsman & C. McAdie		Tom Kidd & R&M Jerram	P. McAloon & I. Brady	Tom Kidd	M. Cunningham	N. Potter
Sun Feb 24th	J. Brennan	P. Lardner	C. Bulger, Sr. John & K. Chamings	T. Gemmo-la	K. Leggett	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Mar 2nd	A. Reynolds	Beck Rodger	N. Billingsley & Sr. John		Marg Joyce & Tom Kidd	Office	V. Hooper	A. Joyce	K. Scherger
Sun Mar 3rd	J. Brennan	Imogen Tonks	M. Cunningham, Sr. John & C. Reid	J&J Crowe	Blessie Stoneman	(as above)	John Pola & J. Crowe	(as above)	(as above)
Lake Bolac Sun Feb 24th	Reader V. Albert	Prayers I. Meek	Eucharistic Minister R. Liston	Cleaner R. Liston	Lake Bolac Sun Mar 3rd	Reader H. Smith	Prayers P. Meek	Eucharistic Minister R. Smith	Cleaner I. Meek

Saint of the Week St Leander of Seville, [Feast-day](#): February 27 Birth: 534 Death: 600. St. Leander of Seville, [Bishop](#) (Feast - February 27th) Leander was born at Cartagena, Spain, of Severianus and Theodora, illustrious for their virtue. St. Isidore and Fulgentius, both [bishops](#) were his brothers, and his sister, Florentina, is also numbered among the saints. He became a [monk](#) at [Seville](#) and then the [bishop](#) of the See. He was instrumental in converting the two sons Hermenegild and Reccared of the Arian Visigothic King Leovigild.
Read more www.catholic.org.com

Joke of the Week A cyclone blew across the Pacific, sinking a yacht and leaving two sailors, Barry and Gerry adrift. They eventually washed up on a desert island. Barry was upset that they would never be found. Gerry, however was clam and relaxing by a tree. "How can you be so calm?" cried Barry. "We're going to die on this lonely island. We will never be discovered here."
"No, don't worry, 5 years ago I gave the Salvos \$500k and another \$500k to my church. I donated the same amounts 4 years ago. 3 years ago, I did well in the stock market, so I contributed \$750k to Amnesty International, last year I donated \$1m to Oxfam & the RSPCA. "So how's that going to help?" shouted Barry. Gerry smiled. "Well its time for their annual fundraising drives and somehow I just know at least one of them will find out where I am."

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, 24 Feb 2019
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - 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.

23rd/24th February 2019

First Reading 1 Sm 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8 (R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)
3. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)
4. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 15:45-49

Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!
I give you a new commandment;
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 6:27-38

Be merciful as your Father is merciful.
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RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Catherine Doery, Matthew Leggett, Brian Walshe, Nell Hooper, Flora Coad, Alison Burmeister, Arthur Spiller, Mary Radley, Bill Lavery, Mons Tom O'Brien, Jim Rix, Mavis Stewart, Marcia Shalders, Fr Thomas O'Brien, Geoff Dohnt, Bernadette Ferguson, Julie O'Brien, Brian Toner, Bill Campigli, William Kneebone, Gwen Clark, Teresa Cairns, Fr. Matt McGloin

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Maurice Rutter, Naomi Phillips, Mark Eastick, Sr. Geraldine Stapleton, Carmel Brennan

Please pray for the intentions of :

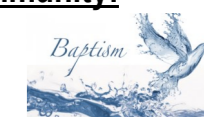
Mary Cunningham, Mary Howard, Libby Shea

Carmel Brennan

The parish received a lovely card this week from Carmel Brennan, who has decided to reside permanently in Bendigo. The card finishes with, "My grateful thanks and love. God be with you all." The card is on the table in the church foyer in Ararat.

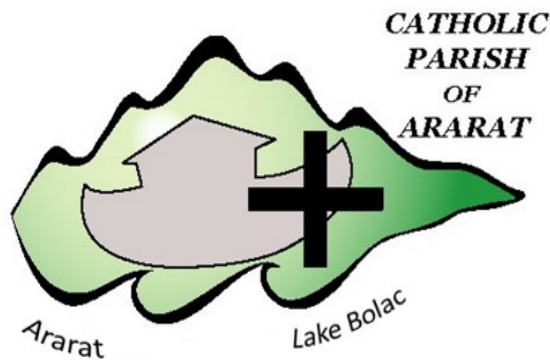
Baptisms—Welcome to the Community!

Clayton Thomas—
son of Rachael & Zachary



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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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

This week Fr Andrew and Fr Son will be away for the annual priests' retreat.

A VOCATION VIEW

If you love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you and pray for those who maltreat you, realise that God has already called YOU.

Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2019

As of tomorrow, we will live several days of dialogue and communion, of listening and discernment. May it be a time of conversion. We don't proclaim ourselves, but He who died for us.

Presbytery Offering

Here at St. Mary's the loose money in the basket that is so generously given by parishioners, is used as the Presbytery Offering. This money is used to support the Priests of the Parish to meet normal household and transport expenses and help support sick and retired priests. All contributions are most gratefully received. You could also use the old adage:

"Whenever I get stressed out about money...
I give some away."

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. The next class is Feb 28th. Last Tuesday was great too! 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

Next Week's Readings: Mar 3rd 2018

First Reading [Sir 27:4-7](#)

Second Reading [1 Cor 15:54-58](#)

Justice Matters

"Ten Steps to Making a Home for Everyone in Our Land"

3. REACH OUT TO PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOUSING DIFFICULTIES AND HOMELESSNESS. A place to call home is indispensable to our sense of self. Without it 'our spirit and identity are adrift, and our capacity for community engagement is weakened'. Social Justice Statement 2018–2019, p. 4

It is likely that people in your own networks, parish and local area have experienced homelessness or housing difficulties. They possess a humanity and dignity that needs to be honoured. Hearing their stories can build relationships that address personal needs and build solidarity. Buy a copy of The Big Issue, a magazine by people who are homeless: www.thebigissue.org.au Read stories from people who have experienced housing difficulties, for example <https://vincentcare.org.au/stories/client-stories> Read the Vincent de Paul Society's publication The Ache for Home: www.vinnies.org.au

North Queensland Flood Relief Week

COMMENCING MONDAY 25TH FEBRUARY

AuctionsPlus North Queensland Flood relief Charity Auction will commence at 1pm on Monday Feb 25th and run until 12pm Friday March 1st. If you have something to donate, please nominate it to AuctionsPlus prior to 12pm on Monday Feb 25th. For example, Dhiaga Wines (local wine label) will be donating a dozen wines to go in the auction. 100% of the proceeds will be donated to flood victim. So jump on board if you can! See the flyer on the notice board or phone Emily on 02 9262 4222

World Day of Prayer - This Friday, March 1

Ararat 10am St Mary's All welcome

Lake Bolac 11am Scott's Uniting Church. Please bring a lunch plate to share. All welcome

Lenten Discussion Groups – Ararat

This year there will be two Lenten Groups meeting at the Parish Office. Wishing to host a group at home? Please speak to Joyce this week.

Group I – 6pm Wednesday evenings – home by 7. Begins March 6

Group II – After 9.30am Mass on Thursday mornings. Begins March 7

Plenary Council Discussion

After Mass next Saturday and Sunday – All welcome



Plenary Council Questions

What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?

What questions do you have about the future of the Church for the Plenary Council to consider in 2020

Do you have a story of your experience of faith or the Church you would like to share?

