

Ararat and Lake Bolac CHURCH ROSTER

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Cleaning of Candle Stands	Cleaning
Sat Apr 6th	P. Gemmola	B. Rodger	H&A Collins		Tom Kidd	I. Brady, P. Gemmola	Geoff White	If you are good at cleaning brass!!	Jo Donnan
Sun Apr 7th	J. Clery	C. Reid	G. O'Loughlin, N. Billingsley & S. Reid	J&J Crowe	P. Lardner	(as above)	Jim Crowe		(as above)
Sat Apr 13th	P. McAloon	J. McAloon	A. Reynolds, L. Horsman & C. McAdie		Tom Kidd	P & M Brady & E. Coburn	G. White & V. Hooper	Mary Cunningham	K. Scherger
Sun Apr 14th	N. Potter	J. Brennan	K. Chamings & H&A Collins	H&A Collins	S. Pickering	(as above)	John Pola	Brass cleaning	(as above)
Lake Bolac Sun April 7th	Reader T. Higgins	Prayers J. Aldous	Eucharistic Minister Jane Higgins	Cleaner J. Aldous	Lake Bolac Sun April 14th	Reader	Prayers	Eucharistic Minister	Cleaner

Saint of the Week St. Bernadette Feastday: April 16 Patron of illness, people ridiculed for their piety, poverty, shepherds, shepherdesses, and Lourdes, France Birth: January 7, 1844 Death: April 16, 1879 Beatified By: 1925 Canonized By: by Pope Pius XI on December 1933. St. Bernadette was born in Lourdes, France on January 7, 1844. Her parents were very poor and she was the first of nine children. She was baptized at St. Pierre's, the local parish church, on January 9. As a toddler, Bernadette contracted cholera and suffered extreme asthma. Unfortunately, she lived the rest of her life in poor health. **Read more** www.catholic.org.com

Real Life Celebration 26-28 April 2019 Ararat Town Hall

Three days of family fun with inspiring speakers, music and lots of activities for the kids. Featuring Bill Newman & Dan Barlow. Great prizes to be won. All welcome

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, 7 April 2019
Fifth Sunday of Lent - 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.

6th/7th April 2019

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Eric Beer, Ron McMaster, Peter Upton, Paul Pavao Japunčić, Jack Costello, Fr Thomas Moriarty, Noreen Bonner, James V. Liston, Hilary Robinson, Fr Michael Nelan, Seamus Hennessy, Sr Clare Stansby RSM, Mons. Leo Fiscalini, Noel Fiscalini, Des Phillips, Nell Phillips, Ailsa Gilders, Joyce Kelly

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

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

Please pray for the intentions of :

Michael Doyle, Mary Cunningham, Mary Howard, Libby Shea

Anyone is hospital wishing to have communion, please contact the office on 53525460

First Reading Is 43:16-21

I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 125. R. v.3

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

- When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. (R.)
- The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. (R.)
- Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. (R.)
- They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing; they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. (R.)

Second Reading Phil 3:8-14

Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him.

Gospel Acclamation JI 2:12-13

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

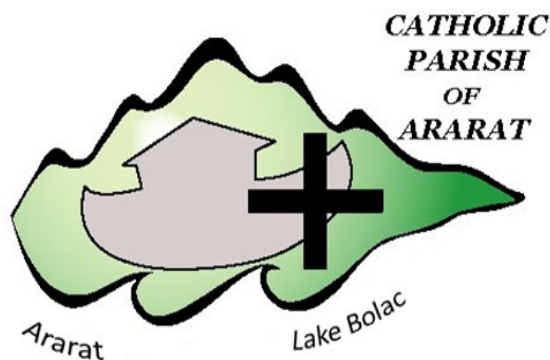
Gospel Jn 8:1-11

Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.
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Lenten Prayer

God of all peoples and nations, you accompany us on our Lenten journey.
May we learn to walk your way of justice and compassion with all your people.
We keep in mind all the people around the world who are most vulnerable to poverty and injustice.
May we support all people—young & old - as they recognise that through their efforts, and generosity that they are participating in the building of a better world.
Bless our prayers, our fasting and our Lenten gifts to Project Compassion.
May our hearts be open to receive your grace as we work towards a just future for all your creation.

Amen.



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Charlie Reid

Finance Committee Chairperson:
Peter Gemmola

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Catholic Women's League:
Jan Crowe (President) & Anna Collins (Secretary)

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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 9th 9.30am Church

Wed 10th 9.30am Church

Thurs 11th 3.30pm Hopkins

Fri 12th 9.30am Church

A VOCATION VIEW

Lent is six weeks of being serious about forgiveness and knowing we are loved. Who will step forward to tell of God's great love for us?

Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2019

"If you are young in years, but feel weak, weary or disillusioned, ask Jesus to renew you. With him, hope never fails."

Arrangements for Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday April 14

Lake Bolac will have Mass at 8.30am (usually not a Mass Sunday)

Ararat 6pm Saturday and 10.30am Sunday

Mass of the Oils

St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat, Monday April 15
6.30pm

Reconciliation:

Lake Bolac – During Mass Sunday April 7

Ararat - 7pm Tuesday April 16

Holy Thursday

Masses at 7pm at both Lake Bolac and Ararat

Good Friday

Lake Bolac 11am Stations of the Cross

Ararat 3pm Passion

Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday

Usual Mass times

Ararat 6pm Saturday and 10.30am Sunday

Lake Bolac 8.30am

Justice Matters

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

9. REMEMBER: STANDING WITH THOSE IN NEED IS CENTRAL TO OUR FAITH The Church and international law both regard housing as an essential entitlement for all people to meet their basic needs, flourish in community and have their inherent human dignity affirmed and upheld by others. Social Justice Statement 2018–2019, p. 12 Every person has an inherent dignity as a child of God, and that dignity obliges us to identify with those who are less fortunate. Let's make this a basis or our work for justice. Consider how we can use more compassionate language, upholding the dignity of the most vulnerable and ensuring that they flourish in a just and generous society.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Fifth Sunday of Lent 7th April 2019



Salma featured in Project Compassion 2013. At the time she was pregnant with her first child, sick and terribly frightened. In distress, she sought the help of a midwife trained by Caritas' Safe Motherhood Program. Six years on, she's now a healthy mother of two strong, happy children. Salma is committed to giving her children the education they need to provide them with the future she hoped for.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help reduce infant mortality rates in countries like Bangladesh and proved hope to pregnant women in remote communities for happy and healthy families. Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Saturday Night Masses at 6pm

There was an error on last week's bulletin (Fr Andrew's fault!!)

On the Holy Week and Easter roster, the Saturday Evening Masses in Ararat will be at 6pm as usual.

Next Week's Readings: Apr 14th 2019

First Reading Is 50:4-7

Second Reading Phil 2:6-11

Ministries for Holy Week and Easter Ministries

In the foyer in Ararat there are sheets to place names for ministries for the Easter ceremonies.

Lenten Gospel Discussions Continuing Wednesday 6pm & Thursday after the 9.30am Mass

Lent resources are available from the diocesan website. Click on the "Liturgy Resource" tab on front page www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

CWL The next CWL meeting is on April 9th at 1.30pm—All Welcome

St. Anne's Grandmother's group

The next St. Anne's group meeting will be at Margaret Dempsey's house at 2pm on Wednesday April 10th 2019

Easter Office Hours

Wed 10th Apr 11am-1pm

Thurs 11th Apr **Closed**

Fri 12 Apr 11am-1pm

Wed 17th Apr 11am-1pm

Thurs 18th Apr 11am-1pm

Good Friday **Closed**

Wed 24th Apr 10am-3pm

Thurs 25th Apr **Closed**

Fri 26th Apr 10am-3pm

Please see the notice board for other information/flyers



Why Buy Fair Trade Chocolate?

It is estimated 70 percent of the world's cocoa comes from West Africa. The most recent figures estimate that 1.8 million children in West Africa are involved in the industry and some are forced or trafficked. The Fair Trade Easter Campaign aims to contribute to the broader global FAIRTRADE movement by advocating for the purchasing, sales and consumption of ethically produced chocolate at Easter time.