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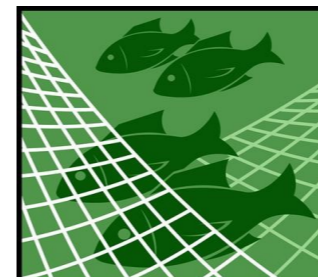
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Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning	Computer
Sat Jan 25th	A. Reynolds	Beck Rodger	N. Billingsley & A. Collins			Office	G. White	A. Joyce	K. Scherger	Sr. Maree
Sun Jan 26th	Pat Lardner	Charlie Reid	C. Bulger, Sr. John & K. Chamings	D&M Lister	Shirley Pickering	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)	R. North
Sat Feb 1st	P. McAloon	J. McAloon	L.Horsman & C. McAdie			Office	G. White	A. Joyce	?	Sr. Maree
Sun Feb 2nd	Pat Lardner	G. McKendrick	G. O'Loughlin, N. Billingsley	T. Gemmola	Pat Lardner & S. Pickering	(as above)	J. Crowe & John Pola	(as above)	(as above)	R. North
Lake Bolac	Reader	Prayers	Eucharistic Minister	Cleaner	Lake Bolac	Reader	Prayers	Eucharistic Minister	Cleaner	
Sun Jan 26th	R. Liston	K. Glesson	I. Meek	J. Upton & K. Gleeson	Sun Feb 2nd	V. Albert	D. Phillips	R. Smith	Jane Higgins	



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

26th January 2020

As we celebrate, we acknowledge the Indigenous owners of the land on which our Churches are built, the Tjapwuring people, and we respect the presence of the spirits of their ancestors among us.

First Reading Is 8:23 – 9:3

In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 26:1. 4. 13-14. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

- The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; Before whom shall I shrink? **(R.)**
- There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple. **(R.)**
- I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.
 Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 4:12-23

He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled

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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.

25th/26th January 2020

Recent Deaths:

Thelma Murphy

ANNIVERSARIES:

Reginald Olle, Dennis Donovan, Maurice Donovan, Sarah Hogan, Leah Smith, Colleen Hodge, Anna McKenna, Mary Hennessy, Mons. Louis Conway, Wendy Vernon, Mary Riddington, Elizabeth Brennan, Frank Melbourne, Dell Delaney, Ken Walker, Lindsay Lee, Fr Frank Harney, Beverly Woods, Joan Abbott

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Barbara Tobin, Sally-Anne Horsley

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

Ministry to the Sick:

Mary Cunningham—Retirement Home

E. Shea, T. Gemmola, D&M Lister, H&A Collins, J&J Crowe—Golden Gate

Sr. John—Lowe Street & Garden View Court

Other individuals in the parish to the sick at home

Next Week's Readings

Feb 2nd 2020

First Reading

[Mal 3:1-4](#)

Second Reading

[Heb 2:14-18](#)

A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus said: "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." Today he could say: "I will make you mechanics of souls; doctors of wounded hearts, counsellors of broken families; clowns in a joyless society." But regardless, Come.

Gospel Mt 4:12-23

He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!
Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,
Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in darkness
has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and
shadow of death a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him. Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him. He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

Gospel Reflection

In today's gospel passage we see the importance that the gospel of Matthew gives to portraying Jesus as the fulfilment of scripture. Throughout this gospel, the author is at pains to demonstrate that Jesus fulfils prophecy. The purpose in doing this was not only to tie Jesus into the prophecies of the Messiah but to demonstrate that Jesus was part of God's plan all along. This gospel was written at a time when there were growing tensions between early Christian communities and mainstream Jews. By highlighting the fulfilment of scripture, the author attempts to firstly reassure the Christian community in the face of aggression and resentment from the mainstream Jews and secondly, challenge those who oppose the Christian sect to see this movement as just another thread in the ancient story of their people. Having established the credentials of Jesus, the gospel writer then provides a summary of the teaching that will be played out in the gospel, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' Repent had a far more powerful meaning than what we tend to ascribe to it today. Much more than simply being sorry, repent carried with it a sense of turning one's life around; making amends for past failures; and choosing a whole new direction for one's life. Literally, it meant a 'change of mind'. To demonstrate the urgency and strength of this teaching, Jesus calls his first four disciples who immediately drop what they are doing and set out on a new life with him. These disciples are the first of many to 'repent' and turn their lives around. @gregsunter

Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2019

"Working together to practice hospitality, especially towards those whose lives are most vulnerable, will make us better human beings, better disciples, and a more united Christian people."

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

Weekday Masses

This week Fr Andrew will be away

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The 2020 Bushfire Tragedy – Ecumenical Prayer

Our time of prayer together is focused where our hearts and minds have beckoned over the last weeks and more...

Individuals who have died

People who are missing

Those traumatised by the fires

Families whose homes have been destroyed

People forced to flee their properties

Those who have lost their livelihood

The death of farm animals and livestock

The destruction of habitat and wildlife

Those who try to hold the advance of the flames

Those who do what they can to help

The shift from crisis to recovery

The need to care for our good earth

Australia Day

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council is an advisory body to the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference. The NATSICC recently published the following statement which I think expresses very well the problem I'm having with Australia Day. For me, a special national day to celebrate what is good (and to reflect on what is not) is important and good and nation shaping, but doing it in memory of the original arrogant colonial conquering and land stealing continues an unnecessary hurt for people. Fr Andrew.

Here's the statement:

The 26th of January 1788 was not a day of celebration for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people nor was it for the passengers upon the first fleet – a mix of prisoners and military personnel. Perhaps it is time that we rethink the date upon which our nation comes together as one to recognise and acknowledge the gifts that God has provided in our great southern land. For the past year, those that sit upon the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council have asked their community, peers, friends and fellow Catholics if they celebrate Australia Day. The resounding response was no. That answer was not followed by hatred or vitriol, it was simply that they felt it was not meant for them nor was it mindful of the hurt experienced by Australia's First People. For many, the opportunity to spend the day with family and friends is appreciated and our people understand and respect the pride that some Australians have for the day, however the foundation of unity and inclusiveness is just not there.

Celebrating our nation on a day that harbors grief, invokes painful memories and ignores the true history of our society just doesn't make sense. Given that the day has been celebrated on various dates and under different names in the past 100 years, what will be lost by moving the date?

Fire Appeal

The Australian Bishops have announced that an appeal / collection will take place on the Australia Day weekend. Please see inserted message. Please be assured that all donations from Victoria will be directed to Victorians.

Joyce (Secretary/Dhiaga Wines) & Emma (Child Safety Officer/EatPrayLoveTravel) are also fundraising for the Redcross & the Wildlife Fund in Victoria. Emma is donating a \$100 travel voucher in a raffle and Joyce is teaming up with The Merrjig in Port Fairy—please see the back of the bulletin.

Anniversaries

The anniversary books have been updated for both Ararat and Lake Bolac. A reminder that parishioners are very welcome to take a pen and write in more names.

Plenary Council Delegates from the Diocese of Ballarat

Bishop Paul is inviting us to nominate delegates from our diocese for the sessions of the Australian Plenary Council to be held in 2020 and 2021. Copies of Bishop Paul's letter are available through parishes, through the diocesan website at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au and are also attached. Nominations need to reach Bishop Paul by Friday, February 7, 2020.

Calling all volunteers!! We continually need to renew our list—we are down to a skeleton ministry! PLEASE POP YOUR NAME DOWN IF YOU CAN or email the office on ararat@ballarat.catholic.org.au or phone

Joyce on 03 5352 5460

Please write your name (and email) on the sheet of paper on the notice board—huge thanks!

Marriage Matters

A message from Bishop Michael Kennedy, Bishop of Armidale: On the notice board is a copy of "Marriage Matters" for each Sunday of the Year for the Year A Liturgical Year for people to read. They are very brief reflections on marriage based on the Readings for the Sunday. They have been produced by Marriage Encounter in England and Wales and are being shared with the rest of the English speaking Church.

Ireland Group Tour, "Eat Pray Love"

Joyce Clery and Emma Coburn (Ararat Parishioners) are co-hosting a tour of Ireland from 1-13, September 2020. Itinerary on the notice board.