

St Marys Parish Ararat.

Time and talent sheet (Cut this sheet out)

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Please put a tick beside the relevant ministries and leave this in the brown box in the foyer of the church or email it to ararat@ballarat.catholic.org.au

I would like to help our parish community thrive by offering my time and talents in the following ministries –

Sunday Eucharist Celebration

Greeter/QR Code helper

Computer

Music/Choir

Reader

Collector

Offertory Procession

Eucharist Minister

Parish Community Support and Outreach

Altar Society (including Church Preparation or opening church each day)

Liturgy Group (including Funeral support or Communion to the housebound)

Offertory Counting Teams

Parish Council

Parish Finance Committee

Parish Op Shop volunteer (In Stawell but Ararat Volunteers very welcome)

St Vincent de Paul Society (monthly meeting)

Saint of the Week St. Jose Luis Sanchez del Rio, Death: 525 *Read more on—www.catholic.org/saints*
Feastday: February 10 **Patron:** of Persecuted Christians, Children, Adolescents and Sahuayo Birth: March 28, 1913
Death: February 10, 1928 Beatified: November 20, 2005 Canonized: October 16, 2016 by Pope Francis

St. José Luis Sánchez del Río was born on March 28, 1913 in Sahuayo, Michoacán, Mexico as the third of four children in his family. José loved his faith and grew up with a strong devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe.
Read more on—www.catholic.org/saints

St Bernard's Liturgy & Cleaning Roster 2021

DATE	READER	PRAYERS of FAITHFUL	CLEANING
Wk 1 - Saturday 6th February	Michael Phillips	Irene Meek	Helen Smith
Wk 3 - Saturday 20th February	Irene Meek	Val Reid	Leanne Breen
Wk 1 - Saturday 6th March	Tricia Higgins	Leanne Breen	Irene Meek

Come and enjoy a delicious lunch for a small donation after our weekly Mass here in Ararat. Next lunch is Thursday 11th Feb. Let Joyce know if you'll be staying for lunch.



St. Mary's Catholic Parish of Ararat Sunday 7 February 2021

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time B

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 Jb 7:1-4. 6-7

A reading from the book of Job

Job began to speak: Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed,

and vanished, leaving no hope behind.
Remember that my life is but a breath,
and that my eyes will never again see joy.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 146:1-6. R. v.3

(R.) Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

1. Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving: to him our praise is due. (R.)
2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's exiles, he heals the broken-hearted, he binds up all their wounds. He fixes the number of the stars; he calls each one by its name. (R.)
3. Our Lord is great and almighty; his wisdom can never be measured. The Lord raises the lowly; he humbles the wicked to the dust. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 9:16-19. 22-23

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel.

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 8:17

Alleluia, alleluia! He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering. Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 1:29-39

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them. That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was. In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

Gospel Reflection This week's gospel follows directly on from last week's reading and, as is typical with Mark's gospel, the events occur on the very same day. The urgency of the gospel is obvious in this week's reading; Jesus had a very busy 24 hours! Having launched his public ministry in the synagogue earlier that day, Jesus accompanies his new disciples to meet some of their family and have a meal. However, on arriving at the home of Simon and Andrew, they find Simon's mother-in-law is sick. Unlike the public displays of his healing power that preceded and will follow this episode, Jesus does not say anything but simply takes the woman by the hand and helps her up. Her response of beginning to wait on Jesus and his disciples is a faith response and a recognition of who Jesus is. A theme that runs through this gospel is that the disciples never fully understand who Jesus is. Here, a woman who has just met him recognises him as the Messiah and begins to serve him.

Still on the same day, we see the expansion of Jesus' healing ministry. On this one day he has cast an unclean spirit out of a possessed man in the synagogue, healed Peter's mother-in-law of a fever and then healed the crowds of people who came to the door. The next morning he announces that they will take the ministry to the whole region of Galilee. In a very simple way, the gospel of Mark has described the growth of Jesus' ministry from very humble isolated examples to a deliberate reaching out to the people of an entire region.

Fr Andrew Hayes Masses this week:

Stawell: Tues to Fri 10am

Every Sunday 10.30am

Ararat: Tues 9th 11am CWL, all welcome

Thurs 11th 11am, with lunch

Fri 12th 9.30am, school only, no extras due to covid rules

Every Sunday 8.30am

Landsborough: 6pm Saturday Vigil of the 2nd, 4th Sundays

Lake Bolac: 6.30pm Saturday Vigil of the 1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays

Glenthompson: 8.30am Mass on the 2nd & 4th Sundays



CWL Meeting February 9. Note change of time 11 am Mass with light lunch and meeting to follow.

Caritas Prayer

God of all peoples and nations as you accompany us on our Lenten journey,

May our fasting strengthen our commitment to live in solidarity,

Our almsgiving be an act of justice, and our prayers anchor us in love and compassion.

Through living simply and loving generously, may we care for our global family and our common home,

As we aspire not to have more but to be more.

We ask this in Jesus' name, Amen

Don Bosco Retreat Centre, Lysterfield

This centre offers a number of retreats and reflections days for seniors, youth, families, Lent ... Info: donboscoretreats.org.au

A VOCATION VIEW: The afflicted Job in the Old Testament thinks that his life is like dust in the wind; his restlessness depicting the sorrow and sadness afflicting society today. Are we prepared for the task ahead? To heal the broken-hearted, to bind up all their wounds? How do you choose to respond?

Readings Feb 14th 2021

First Reading Lv 13:1-2, 44-46

Second Reading 1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1

ANNIVERSARIES: Feb 8th—14th

Margaret Tyndall, Thomas Creenaune, Anthony Gordon, Imelda Gordan, Betty Parker, Margaret Traynor, David McColl, Joyce Speechley, Eunice Downes, Ron Manneke-Jones, Teresa Glass, Peg Dacey, Mary Shea, Alice Bulger, William Smith, Fr Timothy Lynch, Jane Renouf, Elsie Fradd, Jean Vernon, Honora Pola, Bernard Dowler, Matilda Donovan, Molly Pola Vera Ruzic, Win Boyd, Stephen McColl, Debra Shea, Eileen Menzies, Dorothy Shalders

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Fr. Hugh Thomas CSsR, Lorna & Peter Raeburn, Julie Neale and Margaret Hassall

Please contact the office if you would like your name to be on the sick list. Names are kept on this list for one month—and be put on again.

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

Ministry to the Sick:

Please email Fr. Andrew during these difficult times to discuss Ministry to the sick on

andrew.hayes@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Or phone the office on 5358 1119 Stawell (Thursdays)

Ararat QR Code



Location Code A5W FTY

You will need to have downloaded the APP onto your phone. It will not work if you just take a "photo" of the image above. There will be someone to help. But we would urge you to come 10 minutes earlier to Mass if you are unsure of what to do.

Pope Francis—Twitter

I would like to congratulate the UN Secretary General António Guterres, and Latifah Ibn Ziaten, Foundress of the Imad Association for Youth and Peace, winners of the 2021 [#ZayedAward](#) for [#HumanFraternity](#). I thank both of you for your witness.

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Charlie Reid

Finance Committee Chairperson:

Peter Gemmola

Funeral Ministry:

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

Catholic Women's League:

Jan Crowe (President) & Anna Collins (Secretary)

St. Vincent de Paul Society:

Vinnies Shop 03 5352 5560

President: Peter Brady

Manager: Kathleen Leggett

PRINCIPAL ST. MARY'S SCHOOL: Roxanne Leed

Download newsletter: www.smararat.catholic.edu.au

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PRINCIPAL MARIAN COLLEGE: Mrs Carmel Barker

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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

Other Important Numbers

Victorian Coronavirus Hotline — 1800 675 398

If you suspect you may have the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) call the dedicated hotline – open 24 hours, seven days.

Older persons COVID-19 Support line — 1800 171 866

Translations for Victorian Government coronavirus website - www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/translations

Vinnies Ararat Welfare Phone: 0459 163 461

Salvation Army Australia — 13 SALVOS

St Vincent de Paul, Stawell – 0437 344 323

Stawell Inter Church Council Welfare Cottage – 0408 038 949

Ararat Vinnies: 03 5352 5560

John Dunn Funerals 03 5352 1047

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Ballarat Cathedral Office 03 5331 2933

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Finances

If you would like to donate to a parish, please see the details below. Many thanks

Details for Ararat Parish:

Parish Account "Main Church Account"

Westpac Bank **BSB** 033 201 // Acc 810035

Presbytery Account "Presbytery Account"

Westpac Bank **BSB** 033 201 //Acc 810043

Details for Stawell Parish

Parish Account **BSB** 013 815 **Acc:** 286326347

Presbytery Account **BSB** 013 815 **Acc:** 286326355