

**Ararat and Lake Bolac CHURCH ROSTER**

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
<b>Sat Dec 22nd</b>		Beck Rodger	N. Billingsley		Marg Joyce & Tom Kidd	Office	V. Hooper & J. Crowe	M. Cunningham	Jo Donnan & K. Scherger
<b>Sun Dec 23rd</b>	J. Brennan		M. Cunningham, Sr. John & C. Reid	J&J Crowe	Blessie Stoneman	(as above)	John Pola	As above	(as above)
<b>Sat Dec 29th</b>	B. Rodger		L. Horsman & C. McAdie		Tom Kidd & R&M Jerram		Tom Kidd	Anne Joyce	Bri Grayling
<b>Sun Dec 30th</b>	J. Start	P. Lardner	C. Bulger, & K. Cham-mings	D&M Lister	S. Pickering	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)
<b>Lake Bolac Sun Dec 23rd</b>	<b>Reader</b> D. Haslett	<b>Prayers</b> R. Liston	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b> L. Breen	<b>Cleaner</b> M-A Otto	<b>Lake Bolac Sun Dec 30th</b>	<b>Reader</b> M. A Otto	<b>Prayers</b> L. Breen	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b> M. Phillips	<b>Cleaner</b> L. Breen

**“Thank you” are two words sometimes we don’t say enough—today we thank the hardworking, loyal and faithful volunteers of St. Mary’s and St. Bernard’s Church.**

Saint of the Week	St John the Apostle	St. Nicholas	St. Wenceslas	Jesus	Noel	Brian
St. Stephen	Melchias	Balthasar	Kasper	Mary, the Blessed Virgin	Joseph	

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**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. If you have any concerns whatsoever—please contact the Parish Office, Fr. Andrew or the Safe Guarding Officer on

[ararat@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto: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, 23 Dec 2018**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year C**



**Tuesday, 25 Dec 2018:**  
**The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) - Mass during the Night**

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 Mi 5:1-4**

*Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.*

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19. R. v.4**  
**(R.) Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

- O Shepherd of [Israel](#), hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne. O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help. **(R.)**
- God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. **(R.)**
- May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. **(R.)**

**Second Reading Heb 10:5-10**

*I am coming to do your will.*

**Gospel Acclamation Lk 1:38**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the servant of the Lord:  
may his will for me be done.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel Lk 1:39-45**

*Why should it happen that I am honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?*

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**First Reading Is 9:1-7**

*A son is given to us.*

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 95:1-3. 11-13 R. Lk 2:11**  
**(R.) Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.**

- O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. O sing to the Lord, bless his name. **(R.)**
- Proclaim his help day by day, tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. **(R.)**
- Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad, let the sea and all within it thunder praise, let the land and all it bears rejoice, all the trees of the wood shout for joy at the presence of the Lord for he comes, he comes to rule the earth. **(R.)**
- With justice he will rule the world, he will judge the peoples with his truth. **(R.)**

**Second Reading Ti 2:11-14**

*God’s grace has been revealed to all people.*

**Gospel Acclamation Lk 2:10-11**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Good News and great joy to all the world:  
today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.  
Alleluia!

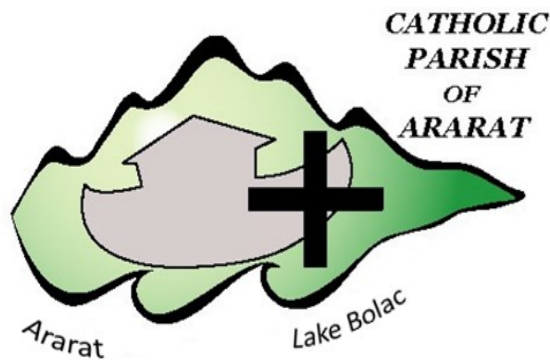
**Gospel Lk 2:1-14**

*Today a saviour has been born for you.*

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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.**



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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 Glenthompson at 8.30am

## Masses next Week

**Mon 24th** **Christmas Eve Masses**

Ararat 6pm

Lake Bolac 7.45pm

Glenthompson 7.30pm (Fr Ted)

Ararat 11pm

**Tues 25th** **Christmas Day**

Ararat 9am

**Thurs 27th** 3.30pm Hopkins

**Fri 28th** 9.30am

## A VOCATION VIEW

**Dec 23rd**—Vocations from God are not always clear. Not all of us are like Joseph who had an angel appear to him saying: "Take Mary as your wife, and fear not."

**Dec 30th**—Vocations are born in the family. The priests, sisters and brothers of tomorrow are being born in our local hospitals and playing in our own backyards.

## Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2017

"God enters history and does so in His original style: surprise. The God of surprises always surprises us."

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

**Next Week's Readings:** Dec 30th 2018

**First Reading** [Sir 3:2-6. 12-14](#)

**Second Reading** [Col 3:12-21](#)

## Christmas Blessings

I wish each and every parishioner and visitor a wonderful and blessed Christmas. I wish you peace and good will and, however difficult or joyous your 2018 has been, an even better new year. Might I say that this year has been a lovely one for me. Four years in (it takes a while) I feel as though I belong in the parish now and am looking forward to the years ahead. There is so much more bible to unpack with you. Sioux and Harry are ready to help with and sometimes lead our funerals. By next Christmas the mosque should be built – a new holy place for Ararat. I am excited about that! The new year will bring a new priest to the parish. We will have a newly ordained Redemptorist priest for the year. Thank you to the parish staff and the Parish Council for your great work this year. Good things are happening. Special thanks to Mary who looks after me in the house. **Fr Andrew**

## Communion for those in Hospital

A reminder to all to contact the office if you know of someone in hospital who would like to receive communion.

## Advent—the 4 weeks leading up to Christmas day

"Remember Advent isn't about shopping, stressing, planning or buying! It's about expecting, waiting, hoping and praying! Do Advent correctly by volunteering at a hospital or soup kitchen, spend some extra time in prayer, be patient with your family, count down the days with an advent calendar, speak kindly to strangers, go to church and share hope with those who need it most." (taken from resources shared by C. Bulger—many thanks) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eC0FGQLBp7w>

## Pope Francis and World Day of Peace

Pope Francis' World Day of Peace is on January 1, 2019. The theme of Pope Francis' Message for the 52nd World Day of Peace is that politics must be at the service of peace. Join the world in praying for peace on January 1  
[www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

## Parish Office Hours

Wed Dec 26th	Closed (Boxing Day)
Thurs Dec 27th	Closed
Fri Dec 28th	10am-12 noon
Wed Jan 2nd	Closed
Thurs Jan 3rd	Closed
Fri Jan 4th	10am-12 noon
Wed Jan 9th	Back to normal hours

## 22nd/23rd December 2018

### RECENT DEATHS:

Mary Gellie

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Maurice Diggie, Sr. Rose Day RSM, Timothy Weeks, Pat Brennan, Doris Tognon, Fr Paddy Bushell, John Sullivan, Evie Hayes, Matthew Sullivan, Edward Mulcahy, Kath Schwab, Fr Pat Culligan, Peter Sinnott, James Sinnott, Fred Mason, Kathleen McLeod, Mary O'Neill, Shane Walls, Anne Handley, Joseph Colwell, Mary Pola, Peter Williams, Andrew Jackson, Bishop Joe Grech, Zsonella McGrath, James O'Connor, Fr. Ted Glowrey, Johanna Lannen, Winifred Hynes, Annette Mair, Bernice Clinton, Bernardino Torrecampo, Ivan Lee, Des Brennan, Dorothy Phyland

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

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

## 29th/30th December 2018

### RECENT DEATHS:

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Sr Veronica O'Brien, Bernie Moloney, Stephanie Mitchell, Jacob Pitcher, Theresa McColl, Roger Gleeson, Vincent Daly, Margaret Cochrane, Eileen Field, Fr Pat McGuire, Jessie Fleming, Vincent Thomas, Vera Shea, Anthony Gordon, Peter Keogh, Michael Campion, Don Rickard

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