

**Ararat and Lake Bolac CHURCH ROSTER**

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Feb 9th	P. Gemmola	Beck Rodger	N. Billingsley		Marg Joyce & Tom Kidd	E. Coburn & J. Jackson	V. Hooper	A. Joyce	Jo Donnan
Sun Feb 10th	J. Clery	Imogen Tonks	M. Cunningham, H&A Collins	H&A Collins	Blessie Stoneman	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Feb 16th	Harry Collins	Anna Collins	C. McAdie & M. Mason		D&M Lister & Tom Kidd	P. Gemmola & J. Clery	T. Reynolds	M. Stapleton & K. Chamings	K. Scherger
Sun Feb 17th	P. Lardner	C. Bulger	G. O'Loughlin, N. Billingsley & S. Reid	E. Shea	S. Pickering	(as above)	V. Hooper	(as above)	(as above)
Lake Bolac Sun Feb 10th	Reader NO MASS	Prayers	Eucharistic Minister	Cleaner	Lake Bolac Sun Feb 17th	Reader M. Phillips	Prayers D. Phillips	Eucharistic Minister L. Breen	Cleaner L. Breen



**Sunday, 10 Feb 2019**  
**Fifth 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.

**First Reading Is 6:1-8**

*Here am I! Send me.*

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 137:1-5. 7-8. R. v.1**

**(R.) In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.**

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. **(R.)**
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. **(R.)**
3. All earth's kings shall thank you when they hear the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the Lord's ways; 'How great is the glory of the Lord!' **(R.)**
4. You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

**Second Reading 1 Cor 15:1-11**

*I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.*

**Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:19**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Come follow me, says the Lord,  
 and I will make you fishers of my people.  
 Alleluia!

**Gospel Lk 5:1-11**

*They left everything and followed him.*

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**9th/10th February 2019**

**RECENT DEATHS:**

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

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, Tom Hourigan, Maria Deininger, Edna Colwell, Ron Baxter, Dawn Emerson, Sheila Brady, Daisy Sharman, Fr. Jim Kaye

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:**

Maurice Rutter, 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

**"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time, they have the heart." - Elizabeth Andrew**

**Saint of the Week** St. Catherine de Ricci—**Feastday:** February 13 Birth: 1522 Death: 1589 St. Catherine was born in [Florence](#) in 1522. Her baptismal name was Alexandrina, but she took the name of Catherine upon entering religion. From her earliest infancy she manifested a great love of prayer, and in her sixth year, her father placed her in the [convent](#) of Monticelli in Florence, where her aunt, Louisa de Ricci, was a nun. After a brief return home, she entered the [convent](#) of the Dominican [nuns](#) at Prat in Tuscany, in her fourteenth year. While very young, she was chosen Mistress of Novices, then subprioress, and at twenty-five years of age she became perpetual prioress. The reputation of her [sanctity](#) drew to her side many illustrious personages, among whom three later sat in the chair of Peter, namely Cerveni, Alexander de Medicis, and Aldo Brandini, and afterward Marcellus II, Clement VIII, and Leo XI respectively. **Read more [www.catholic.org.com](http://www.catholic.org.com)**

**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](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

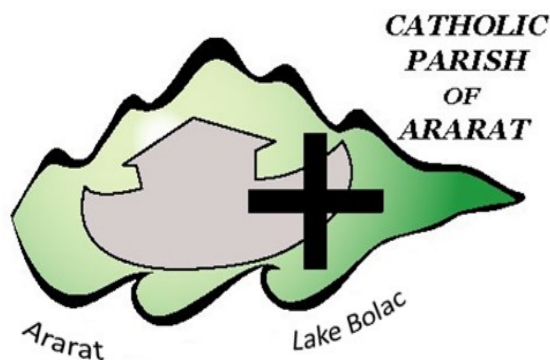
**Church Toilets**

All children—Primary school age and under— must be accompanied by an adult. Thank you for your understanding.



**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 Council Chairperson:**  
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:**  
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President: Peter Brady  
Manager: Kathleen Leggett

**PRINCIPAL ST. MARY'S SCHOOL:** Mr Bill Hill  
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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

<b>Wed Feb 13th</b>	9.30am	Ararat
<b>Thurs Feb 14th</b>	9.30am	Ararat
	3.30pm	Hopkins
<b>Fri Feb 15th</b>	9.30am	St. Mary's Primary School Opening Mass

A VOCATION VIEW

God does not ask you to be successful: God does ask you to be faithful. Put your vocation ahead of your career.

Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2019

"This Visit to the United Arab Emirates belongs to the "surprises" of God. So let us praise Him and His providence, and pray that the seeds sown may bring forth fruits of peace."

International Day of Prayer, Reflection and Action against Human Trafficking

Events for the Feast of St Josephine Bakhita, Patron Saint of modern slavery and human trafficking, will be celebrated by Archbishop Peter Comensoli on February 7, 2019 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne with Holy Hour at 6.30pm and Vigil Mass at 7.30pm. Further Masses will be held on Sunday, February 10, 2019 at Holy Eucharist Church, 1a Oleander Drive, St Albans at 3.00pm celebrated by Fr Ciril Bozic EV and Thursday, February 17, 2019 at St Anthony's Church, 90 Buckley Street, Noble Park at 2.30pm celebrated by Archbishop Peter. All welcome. Flyers on the notice board.

**Next Week's Readings:** Feb 17th 2018

**First Reading** [Jer 17:5-8](#)

**Second Reading** [1 Cor 15:12, 16-20](#)

Justice Matters

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

1. REFLECT ON THE PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN. Every day in our streets, we, like the Samaritan, see wounded people desperately in need of help. They are the homeless and the lost, injured by misfortune, by violence and by poverty. How have so many people come to be on the streets of such a rich nation? Social Justice Statement 2018–2019, p. 3

The Bishops' Statement begins with Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan. Consider this parable in the light of Australia's homelessness crisis. There are various ways we can be Good Samaritans: some people help with emergency relief or a bed for the night, while others use their community connections to provide support and create more housing. All kinds of responses are needed.

CWL

The next Catholic Women's League meeting will take place at 1.30pm in the Parish Centre on Tuesday February 12th. All welcome.

Trash n' Treasure

This Sunday morning 9th Feb, 9am-1pm. **Come on down and support the Ararat Retirement Village cake stall and raffle!** Funds raised are used to enhance lifestyle activities such as fuel for outings, Mother's Day, Easter events etc. Thank you for your support!

Lenten Discussion Groups

Lent begins this year on Wednesday March 6. Booklets and music have been ordered for our Lenten Groups. More information will come in the next couple of weeks. For now, please consider being a part of a Lenten discussion group. Would you like to host a discussion group in your home with friends?

Church Security

In Ararat the key to the chalices cupboard has now been put away for safe keeping. The tabernacle key has been moved.

WORLD DAY of PRAYER Christian greetings from the Ballarat Branch of World Day of Prayer.

For 92 years Australia has enthusiastically shared in this inspirational, international, intercultural and interdenominational tsunami of prayer around our planet within 24 hours. Last year, 30,000 Australians shared in 965 prayer services and we were only one of the 170 participating countries!

For much of that time Christians of **Slovenia** were prohibited from participation under a Marxist socialist communist rule. Slovenia is now a democratic parliamentary republic, the restrictions have gone, the churches reopened, the faith is blossoming, and they have prepared the 2019 prayer service for the whole world with the theme: **"Come – Everything is ready."** You are invited to join with three million Christians around the world, in a service near you on Friday 1st. March.

**Ararat:** St. Mary's Catholic Church, 304 Barkly Street, 10am. Friday 1st. March. All welcome!

**Lake Bolac:** Scott's Uniting Church, Lake Bolac, 11am Friday March 1st. Bring a lunch plate to share. All welcome!

Church Closures

St Joseph's Church Hawkesdale will celebrate their final Mass on Sunday, February 10, 2019 at 10.30am.

St John's Church Orford will celebrate their final Mass on Sunday, February 17, 2019 at 10.30am.

All welcome.

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.

Thanks to those people who have brought in pieces already. Keep them coming! —Joyce

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. Starting Feb 14th—yes Valentine's Day! Cost \$15

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