

## Ararat and Lake Bolac CHURCH ROSTER

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Mar 9th	G. White	H. Collins	M. Howard & M. Mason		D&M Lister & Tom Kidd	Office & P. McAloon	T. Reynolds	M. Egan	P. Weeks
Sun Mar 10th	P. Lardner	C. Bulger	G. O'Loughlin, N. Billingsley & S. Reid	E. Shea	Pat Lardner & Kathy Leggett	(as above)	V. Hooper	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Mar 16th	J. McAloon	B. Rodger	A. Reynolds, & C. McAdie		Geoff White & Tom Kidd	E. Coburn & J. Jackson	Geoff White & Tom Kidd	M. Egan	J. Clery
Sun Mar 17th	J. Clery	P. Lardner	C. Bulger, & K. Chamings	D&M Lister	S. Pickering	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)
Lake Bolac Sun Mar 10th	Reader NO MASS	Prayers P. Meek	Eucharistic Minister R. Smith	Cleaner I. Meek	Lake Bolac Sun Mar 17th St. Patrick's Day	Reader D. Phillips	Prayers V. Albert	Eucharistic Minister I. Meek	Cleaner M.A. Otto

**Saint of the Week** St. Patrick—Patron Saint of good 'ol Ireland! [Feastday](#): March 17 Birth: 387 Death: 461 St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints. He was born in Roman Britain and when he was fourteen or so, he was captured by Irish pirates during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. At the time, Ireland was a land of Druids and pagans but Patrick turned to God and wrote his memoir, *The Confession*. In *The Confession*, he wrote: "The love of God and his fear grew in me more and more, as did the faith, and my soul was rosed, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the night, nearly the same. I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn. I felt no hurt from the snow or ice or rain." [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.



## Sunday, 10 Mar 2019 First 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.

9th/10th March 2019

### RECENT DEATHS:

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Ken Haslett, Fr Brian Murphy SJ, James Hennessy, John Costello, Betty Stevens, Fr Leo Branagan CSsR, Marino Renzeli, Des Fox, Betty McNamara, Fr Jim Ryan, Maria Deininger, Caleb Gardner, Fr John McDonell CSsR, Astrid Nyhagen, Henrietta Phillips, Arthur Harrington, Mons James Timmons

### 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

### First Reading Dt 26:4-10

*The confession of faith of the elect.*

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 90:1-2. 10-15. R. v.15

**(R.) Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.**

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' (R.)

2. Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell.

For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. (R.)

3. They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone.

On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. (R.)

4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name.

When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.'

I will save him in distress and give him glory. (R.)

### Second Reading Rom 10:8-13

*The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.*

### Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone,

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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### Gospel Lk 4:1-13

*Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.*

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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.

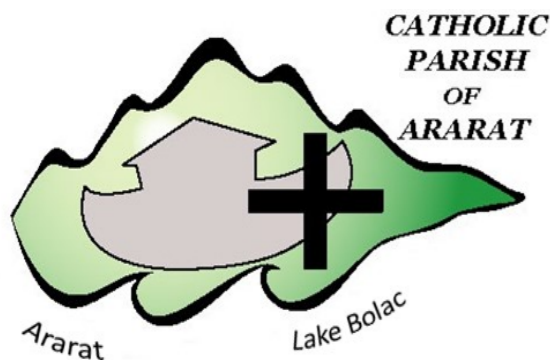
We keep in mind all the people around the world who are most vulnerable to poverty and injustice.

In this Year of Youth, may we support young people 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

**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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Manager: Kathleen Leggett

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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 12th** 9.30am Church

**Wed 13th** 9.30am at ST MARY'S SCHOOL (All welcome)

**Thurs 14th** 9.30am at ST MARY'S SCHOOL (All welcome)

3pm Hopkins

**Fri 15th** 9.30am Church

A VOCATION VIEW

The world tempts us to grab all we can. Even food becomes more when it is given than when it is taken.

Follow Jesus: be a giver.

Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2019

The Lenten journey begins today, Ash Wednesday. I invite each of you to live this time in an authentic spirit of penance and conversion, like a return to the Father, who awaits us all with open arms.

Planned Giving Envelopes

PG envelopes are now in the foyer. If your envelopes are not there, please see Joyce in the office or email. Many thanks for your continued support. The upkeep of the church relies on the generous support of parishioners. Fixing the bell tower is on the top of the list!

Saturday March 23rd

SAVE THE DATE! St. Mary's Primary School Fundraiser Live Music 7pm to midnight at Marian College—Please refer to flyer on the notice

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

**First Reading** Gen 15:5-12. 17-18

**Second Reading** Phil 3:17 – 4:1

Justice Matters

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

5. MAKE OUR PARISHES AND COMMUNITIES WELCOMING PLACES. People experiencing poverty are never to be regarded as 'a problem', but as principal partners in the work of building up bonds of unity and social cohesion. Social Justice Statement 2018–2019, p. 12 Ten Steps to making a home for everyone in our land Page 3 of 4 Start a conversation about how your parish can extend a welcome to everyone who comes to your church. How can people experiencing housing difficulties be protected from falling by the wayside?

Are there ways your parish can identify those needing help? Is there someone in the parish who knows what resources are available for people with housing needs? Read A Handbook for Building Stronger Parishes, available from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference shop: www.catholic.org.au/shop/acbc-shop

Project Compassion Sunday

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "Give Lent 100%". You are empowering communities with hope and



helping those in great need to shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities. Lives change when we all give 100%.



Visit of Sam Clear – Thursday March 21, 2019, 6.30pm

Sam Clear, athlete, adventurer, author, documentary producer, missionary. Sam walked 15,600kms around the world to promote Christian Unity. He will share his experiences with us. Hosted by Ballarat Diocese Youth and Young Adult Ministry. All welcome.



Islamic Center Open Day

17th March 2019 from 10 am – 12 pm,

1 Birdwood Ave, Ararat.

Refreshment provided

Lenten Regulations

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence from meat. On all other Fridays, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled through any one of the following: (a) **Prayer:** eg. Mass attendance; family prayer, a visit to a church or chapel, reading the Bible, making the Stations of the Cross, praying the rosary. (b) **Self-denial:** eg. not eating meat, not eating sweets or desserts, reducing time for watching TV or other entertainments. (c) **Helping others:** eg. taking the family to visit the elderly in old people's home or in the parish, visiting the sick or someone who is lonely. All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. (Canon 1252). All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain.

Mass of the Oils

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

St Anne's Grandmothers Group

Wednesday 13th 2.00pm—Gwen Martin's home.

Islamic Multicultural Day Celebration

23rd March 2019 Saturday 5 – 8 pm Ararat Town Hall. 5:30 pm & Dinner served 7 pm. Fr Andrew is a guest speaker. ALL Welcome RSVP: [aiwa.vic@gmail.com](mailto:aiwa.vic@gmail.com) by 17th March 2019

Child Safety and the Church

The parish is preparing for what we hope is a very helpful couple of sessions with our children regarding their safety when they are involved with St Mary's Parish. More information coming. In the meantime there is a useful video featuring Geraldine Doogue and Robert Fitzgerald on youtube. Search for "What does a child safe parish look like?" Duration 2:26

CWL

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