

Ararat and Lake Bolac CHURCH ROSTER

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Feb 10th	G. White	Beck Rodger	T. Gemmola & N. Billingsley		Marg Joyce & Tom Kidd	The Arnold Family, T. Weeks	V. Hooper & Tom Kidd	M. Dempsey & M. Jerram	Jo Donnan & K. Scherger
Sun Feb 11th	J. Brennan	R. Cooper	M. Cunningham, Sr. John & C. Reid	T. Gemmola	Blessie Stone-man	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Feb 17th	A.Reynolds	C. Brennan	H&A Collins		D&M Lister & Tom Kidd	The Reynolds Family & P. McAloon	Geoff. White & T. Reynolds	M. Cunningham	M. Fe Galoso & A. Galoso
Sun Feb 18th	P. Lardner	C. Bulger	G. O'Loughlin, N. Billingsley & S. Reid	H&A Collins	Pat Lardner & Kathy Leggett	(as above)	V. Hooper	(as above)	(as above)
Lake Bolac Sun 11th Feb	Reader MASS IN Glenthompson	Prayers 8.30am	Eucharistic Minister	Cleaner	Lake Bolac Sun 18th Feb	Reader M. Philips	Prayers T. Higgins	Eucharistic Minister L. Breen	Cleaner Jane Higgins

Child Safe Church

Here at the Church of the Immaculate Conception 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

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

Joke of the Week

A Kiwi and an Aussie go in to a bakery. The Kiwi whisks three biscuits into his pockets with such speed the baker doesn't notice. The Kiwi says to the Aussie: "You'll never beat that!"
 The Aussie says to the Kiwi: "Watch and learn." He says to the baker: "Give me a biscuit, I'll show you a magic trick." The baker gives him the biscuit, which the Aussie promptly eats. Then he says to the baker: "Give me another biscuit for my magic trick."
 The baker is getting suspicious but gives it to him. He eats this one too. Then he says again: "Give me one more biscuit." The baker is getting angry now, but gives him one anyway. The Australian eats this one too.
 Now the baker is really mad, and yells: "Where's your famous magic trick?" The Australian says: "Look in the Kiwi's pocket!"

Church Toilets

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



Sunday, 11 Feb 2018
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year 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.

10th/11th February 2018

RECENT DEATHS:

Colleen Peacock

ANNIVERSARIES:

William Smith, Fr Timothy Lynch, Jane Renouf, Elsie Fradd, Jean Vernon, Honora Pola, Bernard Dowler, Matilda Donovan, Molly Pola, 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, Constance Hevey, Jim Tutton, Myra Lillis, Gerald Gleeson, Carmel Lembo

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Sr. Alexia Riddington, Susan Fitzpatrick

If you would like a sick person prayed for, ask for their permission. Names will be included for the duration of ONE MONTH after which family or friends can request more time.

Please pray for the intentions of:

Please Pray For:

Xavier Brennan and Stephanie Mulvey who will be married in Melbourne on February 17. We wish them God's every blessing.

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

As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11. R. v.7

(R.) I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

1. Happy the man whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted.

O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile. (R.)

2. But now I have acknowledged my sins; my guilt I did not hide.

I said: 'I will confess my offence to the Lord.'

And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin. (R.)

3. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just!

O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 1:40-45

The leprosy left him and he was cured.

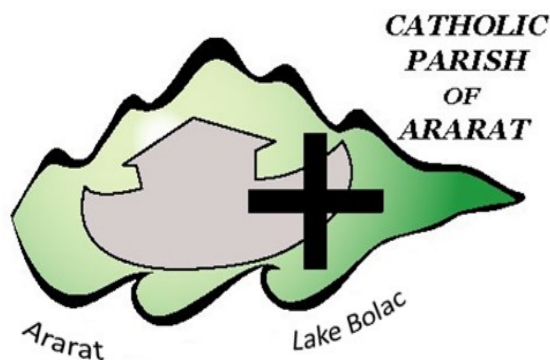
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PARISH PRAYER

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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St. Vincent de Paul Society:

Vinnies Shop/Centre 03 5352 5560

PRINCIPAL ST. MARY'S SCHOOL: Mr Bill Hill

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

PRINCIPAL MARIAN COLLEGE: Mrs Carmel Barker

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www.mcararat.catholic.edu.au

A VOCATION VIEW

Today's Gospel says that: "Jesus was moved with pity, when He saw a leper." Are you moved with love or pity when you see the outcast of today's society. Who will come forward to minister Christ today?

Church Collections Planned Giving Presbytery

Month	Planned Giving	Presbytery
November	\$4820.30	\$4774.30
December	\$4483.00	\$4978.50
January	\$2803.95	\$4560.45

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 This Week in Ararat

Wed 14th (Ash Wednesday)

9.15am Church with St Mary's.

12 Noon Marian College Gym

Fri 16th 6pm Hopkins

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:** for example, 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:** for example, not eating meat, not eating sweets or desserts, reducing time for watching TV or other entertainments.

(c) **Helping others** or example, 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.

"If God prefers humility it is not to debase us: humility is the necessary precondition for being lifted up again by Him, so as to experience the mercy that comes to fill our emptiness. The prayer of the arrogant does not reach God's heart, but the humility of the wretched opens it up. God has a predilection for the humble and, encountering a humble heart, He opens His own fully."

Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2017



Project Compassion Sunday

11th February 2018

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "A Just Future". You will be empowering young people to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities.

A Just Future starts with your support! You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by phoning 1800 024 413 or visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion.

Lenten Discussion

In Ararat the discussion will take place after daily Mass, usually on Thursdays. For the next two weeks Fr Andrew will be away a bit. The Lenten discussion will be in the presbytery at 9.30am on Thursday in place of the usual morning Mass.

Office

The office will be closed on Friday February 16th.

Rural Australians for Refugees Easter Sunday Parade

Parade in Bendigo in support of humanity / children growing up behind fences / men refused access to their families / people left without hope and future plans. Info: arbendigo@gmail.com

Prayer for Use at Home

Gracious and loving Father, Since your mercy has been revealed in the tenderness of your Son Jesus Christ, who said to his disciples: "Let the little children come to me", we pray that your Church may be a secure home where all children and vulnerable adults are brought closer to your Beloved Son. May all those who have been abused physically, emotionally and sexually by your ministers be respected and accompanied by tangible gestures of justice and reparation so that they may feel healed with the balm of your compassion. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Grandmothers' Club

Meets this week on Wednesday 14th Feb at the convent at 2pm. Fr Andrew reminds all of the grandmothers that this Wednesday will be Ash Wednesday. Don't bring chicken in your sandwiches.

World Day of Prayer Lake Bolac

Friday 2nd March 11am St Bernard's Church. Please bring something to share for lunch. Offering this year for charitable cause in Suriname. Guest Speaker: Elijah McLeod. All welcome.

CWL Meeting

Tuesday Feb 13th 1.30pm Parish Centre – All welcome

Is Your Easter Egg Slavery Free?

Remember Lent last year with our "Slavery Chocolate" campaign? This year ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans) are again inviting us to buy only Easter chocolate that has no slavery in its supply chain. In 2015, Pope Francis said that "every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral – and not simply an economic – act." More info: www.acrath.org.au Among the helps to purchasing slavery free chocolate are the following schemes:



Social Justice Notice

Ten steps to developing a sustainable, inclusive economy

Become informed about 'economic exclusion'

Since 1992, overall national wealth increased by 40 per cent ... Australians now have the world's second-highest average net wealth per person. The problem for those who believe in a just society is that the benefits of more recent growth have been spread so unevenly. The top 20 per cent of households received far greater increases in income than the poorest 20 per cent. (Social Justice Statement 2017-2018, pp.4-5) Jesus calls us to build a just society. This includes working together to eradicate poverty and ensure all benefit from a society's common wealth. Get the facts about economic exclusion. While many live in comparative comfort, three million Australians (including over 730,000 children) live in poverty.