

Ararat and Lake Bolac CHURCH ROSTER

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Mar 10th	P. Brennan	I Brady	M. Mason, P. Brady		Geoff White	V. Hooper, & G. White	V. Hooper	M. Lister & Anne Joyce	Jo Donnan & K. Scherger
Sun Mar 11th	N. Potter	S. Reid	C. Reid, M. Ollie & J. Start	J. Start	Lois Rowe	(as above)	John Pola & Geoff White	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Mar 17th	P. Gem-mola	Beck Rodger	H&A Collins		Marg Joyce	E. Coburn & Jo Jackson	V. Hooper	G. O'Loughlan	M. Fe Galoso & A. Galoso
Sun Mar 18th	C. Reid	M. Howard	G. O'Loughlin, N. Billingsley & S. Reid	E. Shea	Pat Lardner & S. Pickering	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)
Lake Bolac Sun 11th March	Reader NO	Prayers MASS	Eucharistic Minister	Cleaner	Lake Bolac Sun 18th March	Reader D. Phillips	Prayers T. Higgins	Eucharistic Minister L. Breen	Cleaner L. Breen

Saint of the Week St. Patrick **Feastday:** March 17 **Patron** of Ireland 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."

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

Church Toilets

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



Sunday, 11 Mar 2018
Fourth Sunday of Lent - 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 March 2018

First Reading 2 Chr 36:14-16. 19-23

The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people

Responsorial Psalm Ps 136. R. v.6

(R.) Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!

- By the rivers of [Babylon](#) there we sat and wept, remembering [Zion](#); on the poplars that grew there we hung our harps. (R.)
- For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy. 'Sing to us,' they said, 'one of [Zion](#)'s songs.' (R.)
- O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil? If I forget you, [Jerusalem](#), let my right hand wither! (R.)
- O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not, if I prize not [Jerusalem](#) above all my joys! (R.)

Second Reading Eph 2:4-10

When we were dead through sins, he brought us to life.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 3:16

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Jn 3:14-21

God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him.

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RECENT DEATHS:

Francis Vernon

ANNIVERSARIES:

Fr Brian Murphy SJ, James Hennessy, John Costello, Betty Stevens, Fr Leo Branagan CSsR, Marino Renzeli, Des Fox, Betty McNamara, Fr Jim Ryan, Maria Deinger, Caleb Gardner, Fr John McDonell CSsR, Astrid Nyhagen, Arthur Harrington, Mons James Timmons, Darrell Maddern, Joe Rees, Fr John Harrington, Jean Jones, Beverley Ford, Ivan Evans, Clifford Horsman

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Carmel Brennan, Jan Young, 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:

Baptisms—Welcome to the World!

Esther Marshall—daughter of Suzanne and James

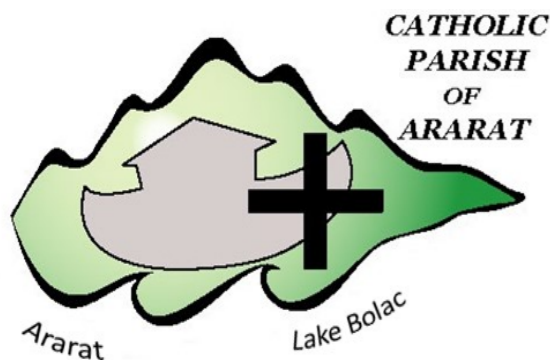
LENTEN PRAYER

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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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 This Week in Ararat

Tuesday 13th 9.30am Church

Wed 14th 11am Requiem Mass for
Francis Vernon

Thurs 15th 11am Lowe St (9.30am Lenten
Discussion)

Fri 16th 6pm Hopkins

Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2017

"Every addicted person brings with them a distinct personal history, which should be listened to, understood, loved, and, where possible, cured and purified. We cannot fall into the injustice of classifying them as if they were objects or broken junk; rather, every person should be valued and appreciated in their dignity in order to be cured. They continue to have, more than ever, dignity as persons and children of God."

A VOCATION VIEW

When we are 'born again' in baptism, we really become a new creation, fired with a new love, and aimed in a new direction - heaven. Let Jesus talk with you. Let Jesus challenge you.



Evangeline featured in Project Compassion 2016. With the support of Caritas Australia, she has risen to the role of Senior Artworker at Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation, now a multi-level contemporary arts centre and major employer for young people in her remote Northern Territory community.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help equip young people to succeed in the future, bringing stability to vulnerable youth, providing just futures for others like Bayan.

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

NOTICES

Lots of Flyers on the Notice Board too

St. PATRICK'S DAY MEAL

After the success of last week's cuppa, why not come along with a plate of food for dinner (Irish theme) to share next Saturday March 17th to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Drinks and decorations provided. WHERE? - In our beautiful Parish Centre after Mass. Absolutely everyone welcome!

Sacrament Meeting

Parents of children Yr. 3 and above wishing to begin their Confirmation and First Eucharist preparation this year are invited to a meeting of parents in the Parish Centre on Wednesday, March 21st. There are two times available. 3.30pm and 6pm. 45 minutes at most.

Maintenance in Ararat

Parishioners may have seen some work happening around the church and presbytery in recent days. A new toilet and kitchenette is being installed in the store room adjacent to the parish office. Painters are coming to complete the external painting of the presbytery. Marian College students are coming to paint the fence at the rear of the presbytery. More external lighting is being installed outside the Parish Centre. Some tripping hazards are to be removed. New LED lighting in the church (AND HEATERS) are coming. We're looking into replacing the projector and screen in the church.

Parish Mission

We have two Redemptorists coming in late April to pray with us, both in Ararat and Lake Bolac.

Sunday Assemblies

Fr Andrew will be missing from Ararat for up to ten Sundays this year. The Parish Council think this, then, is a good year for us in Ararat to have two or three Sunday Assemblies. We'll ask some retired priests to fill in for most of the Sundays, but Sunday Assemblies are on our horizon. This year we think we'll give it a go. More information to come.

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.



In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop 2018 National Pilgrimage

The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to significant places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop. **Commence in Melbourne 23 October, travel through Victoria & South Australia, conclude in Sydney 3 November 2018. COST EX MELBOURNE: \$3,230.00** (all inclusive: airfares, accommodation, coach travel, admission fees and meals). **SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$700.00**

Social Justice Notice *Ten steps to developing a sustainable, inclusive economy*

End poverty and environmental degradation

The principle of the common good calls for an economy at the service of all, promoting development that is attentive to the social and environmental impacts of the market, now and for future generations.

(Social Justice Statement 2017-2018, p.13)

Global warming, environmental disasters and degradation have an increasing impact on the world's poor. For more information and helpful resources, visit [Catholic Earthcare](http://CatholicEarthcare), the official ecological agency of the Catholic Church in Australia.

Over 800 million live in extreme poverty – one in nine people go hungry, mostly in developing countries. Find out more and donate at [Caritas Australia](http://CaritasAustralia).

We all have a role to ensure Australia is a good global citizen. Individuals can do much, such as how we purchase and consume (visit the [Fair Wear Foundation](http://FairWearFoundation)). Australian businesses should support ethical standards in developing nations (visit [Jubilee Australia](http://JubileeAustralia)). Our government needs to ensure social justice in trade agreements entered into (visit the [Australia Fair Trade & Investment Network](http://AustraliaFairTrade&InvestmentNetwork))