

Ararat and Lake Bolac CHURCH ROSTER

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Sept 15th	B. Rodger	P. McAloon	L. Horsman & C. McAdie		Tom Kidd & R&M Jerram	B. Holland & I. Brady	Tom Kidd	Anne Joyce & M. Brady	
Sun Sept 16th	J. Clery	P. Lardner	C. Bulger, & K. Cham-mings	D&M Lister	E. Shea & S. Pickering	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Sept 22nd	J. Clery	Beck Rodger	N. Billingsley & Sr. John		Marg Joyce & Tom Kidd	E. Co-burn & B. Rodger	V. Hooper & J. Crowe	M. Dempsey & M. Jerram	K. Scherger
Sun Sept 23rd	J. Brennan	Imogen Tonks	M. Cunningham, Sr. John & C. Reid	J&J Crowe	Blessie Stoneman	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)
Lake Bolac Sun Sept 16th	Reader D. Haslett	Prayers R. Liston	Eucharistic Minister Jane Higgins	Cleaner Jane Higgins	Lake Bolac Sun Sept 23rd	Reader M-A Otto	Prayers K. Gleeson	Eucharistic Minister John Higgins	Cleaner J. Upton & K. Gleeson

Saint of the Week St. Joseph of Cupertino **Feastday:** September 18 **Patron** of Aviators, Flying, Studying, and those suffering mental handicaps Birth: 1603 Death: 1663 Beatified By: by Pope Benedict XIV in 1753 Canonized By: by Pope Clement XIII in 1767 St. Joseph was born in 1603 at Cupertino, in the diocese of Nardo in the Kingdom of Naples. After spending his childhood and adolescence in simplicity and innocence, he finally joined the Franciscan Friars Minor Conventual. After his ordination to the holy priesthood, he gave himself up entirely to a life of devotion to the Lord and his church. His deep devotional life led him to the kind of holiness which is forged through humility, voluntary mortification, and obedience. He was consecrated to the Blessed Virgin Mary and promoted devotion to her among all classes of people as wonderful path to a deeper Christian life and love for Jesus Christ. Read more on www.catholic.org

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, 16 Sep 2018
Twenty-fourth 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.

15th/16th September 2018

First Reading *Is 50:5-9*

I gave my body to those who struck me.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 114:1-6. 8-9. R. v.9*
(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

1. I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal; for he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him. (R.)
 2. They surrounded me, the snares of death, with anguish of the tomb; they caught me, sorrow and distress. I called on the Lord's name. O Lord my God, deliver me! (R.)
 3. How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion. The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me. (R.)
 4. He has kept my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living. (R.)

Second Reading *Jas 2:14-18*

Faith without good works is dead.

Gospel *Mk 8:27-35*

You are the Christ ... the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.

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RECENT DEATHS:

Tony McMaster

ANNIVERSARIES:

Jan Smith, George Tutton, Thomas O'Connor, Alice Parker, John Parker, Cyril Tour, Alice Harrington, William Sea, Mona Hoane, George Brady, Fr Peter Claridge, Jim Sanders, Joseph Nunan, Enid Froggatt, James Hogan, David Sweeney, Nell Smith, Fr. Paul Mercovich, Nicholas Dempsey (Sept 8th) Mary Davies

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Monica Fitzpatrick, Robin Wright, (Jenny Wright's son), Sr. Geraldine Stapleton, Carmel Brennan, Jan Young

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.

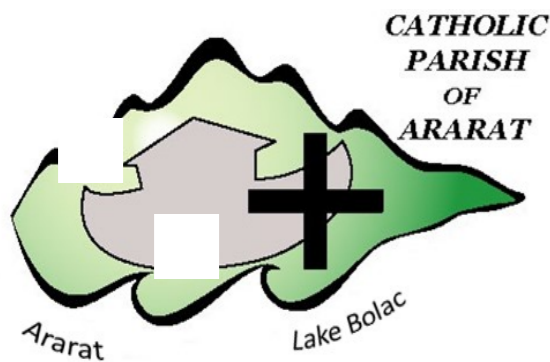
Please pray for the intentions of :

Libby Shea, Mary Howard

"The Church's maternal vocation to the needy and to the sick has found concrete expression throughout the two thousand years of her history in an impressive series of initiatives on behalf of the sick. This history of dedication must not be forgotten. It continues to the present day throughout the world." Pope Francis

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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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)

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

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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

Prayer this Week

Wednesday 19th 9.30am Convent
(Liturgy of the Word with Communion)

A VOCATION VIEW

We do not promote an easy life. But then no life worth living is an easy life. Jesus said, "If you wish to come after me, you must deny your very self, take up your cross and follow me." Pray for the gift of being able to accept your vocation.

Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2017

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Leuven Learning



Fr. Andrew with 11 others at the oldest Catholic University in the world—Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium. Learning how to enhance the Catholic identity of our schools here in Victoria.

Grandparents Day Sept 8th (a week late but better late than never!)

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Arrangements while Fr Andrew Away

The following three weekend Masses will be celebrated by a visiting Priest. Funerals are likely now to be lay-lead during these three weeks with Requiem Masses celebrated after I return.

(Visiting Priests expenses/stipend are covered through our contribution to the Presbytery collection.)

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and Catholic Religious Australian's Response to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse is printed and on the notice board. If anyone would like the office to email it to them, please ring Joyce on 5352 5460.

Social Justice Statement: "A Place to Call Home"

We will celebrate Social Justice Sunday on September 30. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is entitled: *A Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land*. This is a response to the growing problem of homelessness in Australia. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or call (02) 8306 3499. Please see the poster on the notice board.

Anniversary Register

Dear parishioners, please can you check the spelling of your loved ones on the Anniversary Book beside the candles. It is tradition to list those on the anniversaries a week ahead on the bulletin so that they can be in your thoughts and prayers. For example, those whose anniversaries are from Sept 17th to 23rd inclusive, will be listed on this weekend's bulletin.

"Letter to the People of God" published by the Vatican on August 20

Copies of this letter from Pope Francis are available on the notice board. Please take one

ACRATH Updates

The ACRATH Calendar 2019 is now available for purchase for \$10.00 each (GST Free). Orders can be emailed to calendar@acrath.org.au Australian Aid: Email Your MP Campaign: Australian aid has been cut every year for the last five years. Our contribution to our neighbours and the world is now the smallest it has ever been in our nation's history. Don't wait until after the next election to ask your MP to support Australian aid. Use the tool on this page to email your MP

<http://australianaid.org/actions/tell-your-mp-you-care-actforpeace/>

Australia's Neighbourhood – the Blue Pacific: Australia as the biggest investor of overseas aid, around \$261 million 2018-19, is in a unique position to support the Pacific Island States in their efforts to achieve peace, stability and security, although Australia's recent stringent cuts to overseas aid must contribute to their feelings of insecurity. One of the specific asks by the members of Catholic Religious Australia is that Australia will continue, through increased aid, engagement and dialogue, to support and enhance the lives of Pacific islanders <http://www.catholicreligiousaustralia.org/index.php/news-a-views/news/item/2723-australia-s-neighbourhood-the-blue-pacific> Report: Modern Slavery Bill 2018 [provisions], 24 August 2018: ACRATH is asking supporters to write to all of the Senators in your State or Territory asking them to pass the Modern Slavery legislation after amending it to include an Independent Statutory Officer

https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Legal_and_Constitutional_Affairs/ModernSlavery/Report

List of Senators: <http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/los>

Church Resources Box

All monies placed in the Church Resources Box are used to help maintain the Church. We humbly thank any visitors who contribute to this box. The box can be found in the foyer.

Next Week's Readings: Sept 23rd 2018

First Reading Wis 2:12, 17-20

Second Reading Jas 3:16 – 4:3