

**Ararat and Lake Bolac CHURCH ROSTER**

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
<b>Sat Feb 17th</b>	A. Reynolds	C. Brennan	H&A Collins		D&M Lister & Tom Kidd	The Reynolds Family & P. McAloon	Geoff. White & T. Reynolds	<b>No Flowers during Lent</b>	M. Fe Galoso & A. Galoso
<b>Sun Feb 18th</b>	P. Lardner	C. Bulger	G. O'Loughlin, N. Billingsley & S. Reid	H&A Collins	Pat Lardner & Kathy Leggett	(as above)	V. Hooper		(as above)
<b>Sat Feb 24th</b>	J. Clery	P. McAloon	A. Reynolds, L. Horsman & C. McAdie		Geoff White & Tom Kidd	I. Brady, P. Gemmola	Geoff White & Tom Kidd		P. Weeks
<b>Sun Feb 25th</b>	J. Start	P. Lardner	C. Bulger, & K. Cham-mings	J&J Crowe	D. Dijon & S. Pickering	(as above)	John Pola		(as above)
<b>Sat Mar 3rd</b>	H. Collins	P. Gemmola	T. Gemmola & M. Howard		R&M Jerram & Tom Kidd	P. Lardner, & P. Brennan	C. Brennan & V. Hooper		?
<b>Sun Mar 4th</b>		K. Leggett	M. Cunningham, Sr. John & C. Reid	D&M Lister		(as above)	J. Crowe		(as above)
<b>Lake Bolac Sun 18th Feb</b>	<b>Reader</b> M. Philips	<b>Prayers</b> T. Higgins	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b> L. Breen	<b>Cleaner</b> Jane Higgins	<b>Lake Bolac Sun 25th Feb</b>	<b>Reader</b> I. Meek	<b>Prayers</b> K. Gleeson	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b> I. Meek	<b>Cleaner</b> R. Liston

**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, 18 Feb 2018**  
**First 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.

**17th/18th February 2018**

**RECENT DEATHS:**

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Robert Oliver, Janie Johnston, Betty White, Edward O'Boyle, Antonia Sultana, Bob Mahony, Vera Ruzic, Jackson Hunt, Thelma Day, Noel Hooper, Sr Ursula Hayes, Wal Davis, Edward Arnold, Harold Bryant, Kaz Sobczak, Mons James Brophy, Julieta Formentera, Lorna Martin, Michael Scherger, Michael Stapleton, Mary Lugg, Brian Coffey, Hazel Gleeson, Catherine Doery

**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 :**

**First Reading Gen 9:8-15**

*I will recall the covenant between myself and you... the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.*

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 24:4-9. R. see v.10**

**(R.) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth** to those who keep your covenant.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)
3. The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

**Second Reading 1 Pt 3:18-22**

*The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.*

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

**Gospel Mk 1:12-15**

*He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.*

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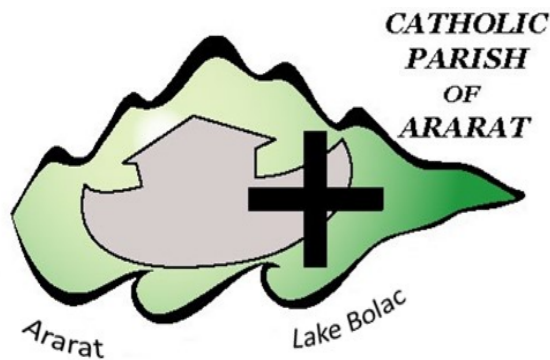
**LENTEN PRAYER**

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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Joan Fitzpatrick, Sr. Maree, Harry Collins & Sioux Reid

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Jan Crowe (President) & Anna Collins (Secretary)

**St. Vincent de Paul Society:**

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Download newsletter:

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**Church Collections 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, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays

*2nd Sundays at Glenthompson at 8.30am*

**Masses This Week in Ararat**

This week Fr Andrew will be away for the annual priests' retreat



**A VOCATION VIEW**

Lent: the Springtime of the soul. A time to make a new covenant with God, develop new signs of our relationship with our Creator. Go into your own desert and discover your calling.

**Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2017**

*"Pause from this compulsion to a fast-paced life that scatters, divides and ultimately destroys time with family, with friends, with children, with grandparents, and time as a gift... time with God. See and contemplate the real face of Christ crucified out of love for everyone, without exception. For everyone? Yes, for everyone. FLASH Return without fear, for this is the favorable time to come home, to the home of my Father and your Father. It is the time for allowing one's heart to be touched... Remaining on the path of evil only gives rise to disappointment and sadness."*

**Saint of the Week**

**Feastday:** February 17

**Patron** of the city of Orvieto (Italy)

Birth: 1200

Death: 1310

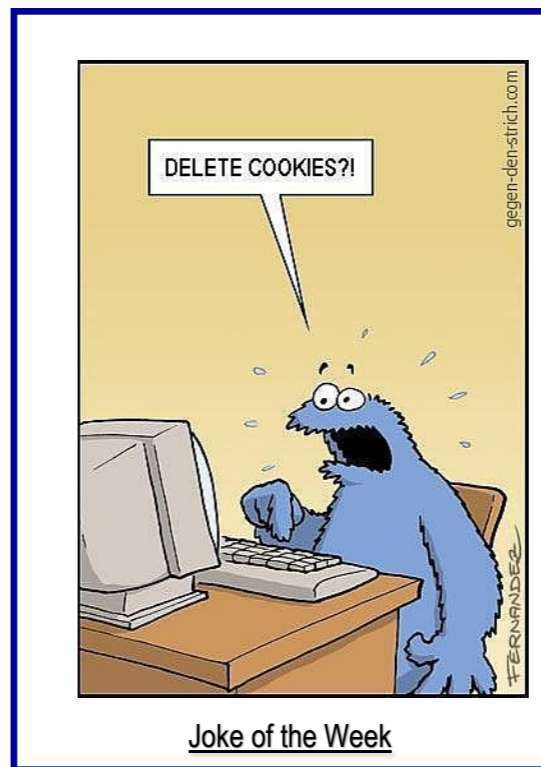
Founder and mystic, one of the first Servants of **Mary** or Servites. The son of a wealthy merchant in Florence, Italy, Alexis and six companions joined the Confraternity of the Blessed Virgin in **Florence** in 1225. Gathered together on the Feast of the Assumption in 1233, the group experienced a vision of the Blessed Virgin **Mary** which inspired them to found a new religious community dedicated to prayer. They founded such a group at La Camarzia, near Florence, moving eventually to Monte Senario, on the outskirts of the city. Another vision inspired Alexis and his companions to **form** the Servites, or the Servants of Mary. All in the group were ordained priests, except for Alexis, who believed he was not worthy of such an honor. He helped build the Servite church at Cafaggio, and he managed the day-to-day temporal affairs of the congregation. The Servites received papal approval from Pope Benedict XI in 1304. Alexis was the only founding member still alive. He died at Monte Senario on February 17, 1310, recorded as 110 years old. Alexis and his companions are called the Seven Holy Founders. They were canonized by Pope Leo XIII in 1888.

**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

Or email on ararat@ballarat.catholic.edu.au



Joke of the Week

**Job or Ministry**

Some people have a **JOB** in the Church. Others involve themselves in a **MINISTRY**.

What's the difference?

If you are doing it just because no one else will, it's a **JOB**.

If you are doing it to serve the Lord, it's a **MINISTRY**.

If you quit because somebody criticized you, it was a **JOB**. If you keep on serving, it's a **MINISTRY**.

If you quit because no one praised you or thanked you, it was a **JOB**. If you stay with it even though nobody recognizes your efforts, it is a **MINISTRY**.

If our concern is success, it's a **JOB**. It's almost impossible not to be excited about a **MINISTRY**.

An average church is filled with people doing **JOBS**. A great and growing church is filled with people involved in **MINISTRY**.

Where do we fit in?

What about us?

If God calls you to a **MINISTRY**, don't treat it like a **JOB**.

If you have a **JOB**, give it up and find a **MINISTRY**.

God does not want us feeling stuck with a **JOB**, but excited and faithful to Him in a **MINISTRY**.

Be joyful always;

Pray continually;

Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

## 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.



Janaki is a young entrepreneur from Nepal, who has turned her life around. Growing up in a world of poverty and disadvantage, coupled with a forced marriage at the age of twelve, she was in a very vulnerable position. Even more so when her husband died just two years into their marriage. With the help of a Caritas Australia supported program she is now running her own successful sewing business and has become an inspirational community leader



**Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and empower vulnerable young people like Janaki in Nepal 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, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413

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

#### **Identify those who experience exclusion**

*Consider the key areas of economic exclusion in your neighbourhood. It may be issues like homelessness, environmental degradation, youth unemployment or cuts to Sunday penalty rates.*

(Social Justice Statement 2017-2018, p.17)

On Social Justice Sunday, and over the year ahead, consider where the economy fails your local community. Be mindful that sometimes poverty and exclusion is hidden. Are there particularly vulnerable groups in our churches, workplaces or schools? Parish and community census profiles can help identify groups in need:

[The Australian Bureau of Statistics](#)

[The Bishops' Pastoral Research Office](#)

### Are you confused about home care? Don't know where to start?

Talk to Villa Maria Catholic Homes. We are the local experts in Home Care Packages and the Commonwealth Home Support Programme. We are NDIS ready and happy to support you on your journey. Visit us at the Wimmera Field Days, March 6-8. [vmch.com.au](http://vmch.com.au) 1300 650 615

### Lenten Discussion

The Lenten discussion this week in Ararat will be on Thursday at 9.30 in place of Mass.

### 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: [rarbendigo@gmail.com](mailto:rarbendigo@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.**

### World Day of Prayer Lake Bolac

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm Parish Centre – All welcome PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE

### 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](http://www.acrath.org.au) Among the helps to purchasing slavery free chocolate are the following schemes:



### Counters:

There is a folder with updated counting sheets in the Counting Box. Please could you take the time to go through the folder and contact Joyce if you have any questions.

### Irish Heritage Exhibition

The Archives of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat and the Ballarat Diocesan Historical Commission presents an Irish Heritage Exhibition St Patrick's Day Weekend 2018 (March 17 & 18) from 9.30am – 4.30pm in Ballarat. Flyer on notice board

### Mwangaza Children's Choir

The "Light Up Tour" featuring the Mwangaza Children's Choir from Uganda will be performing in Ballarat on March 2, 2018 in support of the Child Celebration Network, which runs a school for homeless and underprivileged children and supports children in palliative care. Flyer on notice board.

## Days of Fasting and Reparation

### **A MESSAGE TO THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY AT THE BEGINNING OF LENT: Days of fasting and reparation in sorrow for child sexual abuse and for the healing of victims – February 14-17, 2018**

Dear brothers and sisters,

Last December, the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse handed down its final report. Like the Australian Government and many other institutions, the Catholic bishops of Australia and leaders of religious institutes are currently studying the final report and its recommendations.

In the long years since the tragedy of child sexual abuse within the Catholic community became known, the Church has committed to policies, procedures and structures to respond better to survivors of abuse and their families, to establish professional standards for all ministers and Church workers, and to safeguard children and vulnerable people. For the Church, as for other institutions, this has involved gradual learning and development, and so it will continue to be.

Through these years, Australia's bishops and other Church leaders have often expressed their sorrow and have offered their apology for what has occurred in the past – the harm suffered by victims and survivors, the instances of cover-up, the failure to believe survivors' stories and to respond with compassion and justice, and the distress that many still experience.

Our apologies have, at times, seemed too little – not because they were insincere, but because trust has been broken. We stand firm in our resolve to ensure that the abuse of children never happens again in the Catholic Church and to build new bonds of trust.

With the Royal Commission concluded, our country and our Church enter into a new moment. We are calling upon the Catholic community in Australia to embrace this new moment by beginning the penitential season of Lent with four days of fasting and reparation. These are spiritual practices which express our desire for God's reconciling and healing grace.

Through fasting, we stand in solidarity with the victims and survivors of abuse whose much deeper hunger is for healing and peace in their lives. Through reparation, we make amends for the sin of those in the Church who abused children or failed to listen and act when they should have.

The days of fasting and reparation in sorrow for child sexual abuse and for the healing of victims and survivors will be marked by prayer – in our homes and in our Catholic communities.

Please take to heart the importance of these days in preparing the Church to respond to the recommendations of the Royal Commission and to make the journey from Ash Wednesday to Easter. We cannot undo the past. With God's help, we can make the future better.

A number of liturgical and prayer resources have been developed for use in parish and other public settings, as well as a prayer for use at home.

### Prayers for use at home

Days of Fasting and Reparation following the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse

#### Opening

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

#### Introduction

Lord Jesus, you turned and looked on Peter when he denied you for the third time. He wept for his sin and turned again to you in sincere repentance. Look now on us and touch our hearts, so that we also may turn back to you and be always faithful in serving, for you live and reign for ever and ever.

R. Amen

#### Scripture reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 49:8-15

I have given you as covenant of the people to establish the land. Thus says the Lord: At the favourable time I will answer you, on the day of salvation I will help you. (I have formed you and have appointed you as covenant of the people.) I will restore the land and assign you the estates that lie waste. I will say to the prisoners, "Come out", to those who are in darkness, "Show yourselves". On every roadway they will graze, and each bare height shall be their pasture. They will never hunger or thirst, scorching wind and sun shall never plague them; for he who pities them will lead them and guide them to springs of water. I will make a highway of all the mountains, and the high roads shall be banked up. Some are on their way from afar, others from the north and the west, others from the land of Sinim. Shout for joy, you heavens; exult, you earth! You mountains, break into happy cries! For the Lord consoles his people and takes pity on those who are afflicted. For Zion was saying, "The Lord has abandoned me, the Lord has forgotten me." Does a woman forget her baby at the breast, or fail to cherish the son of her womb? Yet even if these forget, I will never forget you.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

### **A PRAYER IN SORROW**

Lord, we are so sorry For what some of us did to your children: Treated them so cruelly, Especially in their hour of need. We have left them with a lifelong suffering. This was not your plan for them or us. Please help us to help them.

Guide us, Lord,

Amen.

(Source: 50th Eucharistic Congress, Dublin, 2012)