

Ararat and Lake Bolac CHURCH ROSTER

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Nov 17th	G. White	H. Collins	L. Horsman & C. McAdie	D&M Lister	Marg Joyce & Tom Kidd	C. Bush & J. Clery	V. Hooper & Tom Kidd	M. Egan & M. Brady	J. Clery
Sun Nov 18th			C. Bulger, & K. Cham-mings		Pat Lardner & S. Pickering	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	As above
Sat Nov 24th	H. Collins	Beck Rodger			R&M Jerram & Tom Kidd		Geoff White & Carmel Brennan	M. Cunningham	J. Clery
Sun Nov 25th	P. Lardner	R. Cooper	M. Cunningham, Sr. John & C. Reid	D&M Lister	Blessie Stoneman & V. Hooper		John Pola & P. Gemmola	(as above)	(as above)
Lake Bolac Sun Nov 18th	Reader I. Meek	Prayers T. Higgins	Eucharistic Minister M. Phillips	Cleaner T. Higgins	Lake Bolac Sun Nov 25th	Reader T. Higgins	Prayers J. Aldous	Eucharistic Minister Jane Higgins	Cleaner J. Aldous

Saint of the Week St Brigid Feastday: February 1 Patron of Ireland, dairymaids, cattle, midwives, Irish nuns, and newborn babies Birth: 451 Death: 525 Saint Brigid was born Brigit, and shares a name with a Celtic goddess from whom many legends and folk customs are associated. There is much debate over her birthparents, but it is widely believed her mother was Brocca, a Christian baptized by Saint Patrick, and her father was Dubthach, a Leinster chieftain. Brocca was a slave, therefore Brigid was born into slavery. When Dubthach's wife discovered Brocca was pregnant, she was sold to a Druid landowner. It is not clear if Brocca was unable to produce milk or was not present to care for Brigid, but legend states Brigid vomited any food the druid attempted to feed her, as he was impure, so a white cow with red ears sustained her instead. Read more on www.catholic.org

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. 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, 18 Nov 2018
Thirty-third 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.

First Reading Dn 12:1-3
When that time comes your own people will be spared.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 15:5. 8-11. R.v.1
(R.) Keep me safe, O God: you are my hope.
 1. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)
 2. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)
 3. You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness forever. (R.)

Second Reading Heb 10:11-14, 18
By a single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection of those who are sanctified.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 21:36
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Be watchful, and pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man. Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 13:24-32
He shall gather his elect from the four winds.

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17th/18th November 2018

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Bryan Coffey, Colin Stewart, Hugh McKenzie-McHarg, Mary Gee, Joseph Zammit, Arthur Sinnott, Margaret Stone, James Cochrane, Olive Carter, Perc Dadswell, Edwin Overington, Pasquale Lembo, Lesley Hunt, Margaret Mercovich, Bradley Preston, Thomas Creenaune

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

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

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.

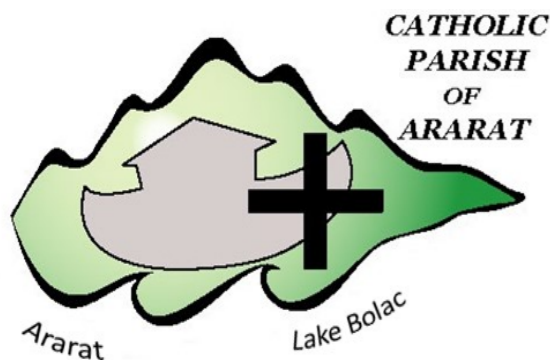
Please pray for the intentions of:

Mary Howard, Libby Shea, Joyce Clery

Jan Young would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers

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:

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Jan Crowe (President) & Anna Collins (Secretary)

St. Vincent de Paul Society:

Vinnies Shop/Centre 03 5352 5560

President: Peter Brady

Manager: Kathleen Leggett

PRINCIPAL ST. MARY'S SCHOOL: Mr Bill Hill

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

Ph: 03 5352 1796

PRINCIPAL MARIAN COLLEGE: Mrs Carmel Barker

Download newsletter:

www.mcararat.catholic.edu.au

Ph: 03 5352 3861

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

Wed 21st 9am (note earlier time)

Thurs 22nd 3.30pm

Hopkins and 6pm

Marian Yr 12 Graduation

Fri 23rd 9.30am

with Marian Yr 11 final Mass

A VOCATION VIEW

'As I keep the Lord ever in my sight ... my heart rejoices, my soul is glad ... You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in Your presence.' Let our Vocation be, to be one with God - forever.

Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2017

"The Kingdom of God is in your midst." It is not spectacular. It grows in silence, in hiding, through witness, prayer, and the attraction of the Spirit."

Personal Safety & Your Child

Download the Parent's Guide to personal Safety to

help protect your children—go to

www.bravehearts.org.au/personalsafety

and download the booklet

Next Week's Readings: Nov 25th 2018

First Reading Dn 7:13-14

Second Reading Rv 1:5-8

Early History

At the request of Bishop Moore, the Bishop of Ballarat, in August 1888 five brave young sisters, named by Bishop Lynch of Kildare, left their homeland and ventured to a new mission in Ararat. They were Mother Cecilia Synnott (Superioress) and Sr Malachy Byrne from Goresbridge; Mother Gertrude Kelly, Sr. Paul Barron and Sr. Josephine Clancy from Abbeyleix, both in the Diocese of Kildare in Ireland.

After seven long weeks on the high seas, aboard the SS Ormuz, they duly arrived in Ararat on 14th November 1888, and for the first few months they lived in the presbytery by kind favour of the Parish priest Fr Robert Meade and his assistant Fr Barrett.

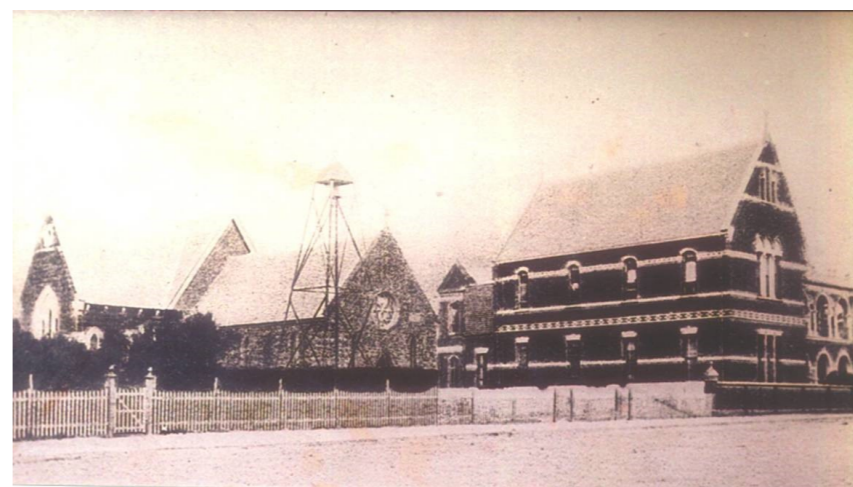
Just after Christmas, on January 14th 1889, the Sisters opened the primary school with approximately seventy pupils and on 4th February they opened a high school, 'Select school,' with an attendance of seven pupils. Before long both schools increased and some very pleasing results were achieved. Within months, Mother Cecilia became ill and returned to Ireland. Mother Gertrude Kelly was appointed Leader in her place. In 1889, assisted by the ever-courageous Fr Meade, who gave his all for the foundation Community, Mother Gertrude undertook the arrangements for the building of the Convent. Local Parishioners were most generous in supporting this building and through prayer and gift; the building was paid for \$10,000.

Slowly but surely, young women came along to join the community. Kate Griffin from Ballarat was the first to enter. She was a gifted artist whose masterpieces adorn the heritage room at Marian College today. For the next three years thirteen young ladies followed her. (Minnie Tobin was the first Ararat girl to enter.)

In those early years it must have been very hard for those Sisters. They were far away from home and even far away from four previous foundations, one at Coonamble NSW, and the others at Echuca, Beechworth and Wangaratta. "For weeks we felt homesickness weigh heavily on us but as time went on we got to love our southern home".

In those first few years, five Brigidine Sisters died in Victoria. Sr Malachy went to Wangaratta, thirteen young ladies entered, new buildings were completed, schools were established and a foundation to Maryborough was made from Ararat in 1902 and a foundation to Horsham in 1920. A very busy time! The spirit of St Brigid and Bishop Delany was very evident in the Sisters' dedication, love and determination. In strength and gentleness Brigid's cloak spread quietly over the children and people of the Ararat Parish then to Maryborough and Horsham.

Picture below—The first Church of the Immaculate Conception built in 1884



130 Years of Brigidine Life and Ministry in Ararat

This year marks 130 years since the first Brigidine Sisters arrived in Ararat on 14th November 1888. Ararat was and remains a centre of a large pastoral and agricultural district and has a history of gold mining in the area.

The pioneer Sisters who generously volunteered to form the Ararat community and serve the people in that town were from two convents in Ireland. Three came from the Abbeyleix community (Mothers Gertrude Kelly, Josephine Clancy and Paul Barron) and two from the Goresbridge community (Mother Cecilia Synnott and Sister Mary Malachy Byrne).

On 25th November the Ararat parishioners will celebrate a special Eucharist and share a luncheon to mark 130 years of Brigidine life and ministry in Ararat.

Today there is still a small community of Brigidine Sisters in Ararat. Sr Maree assists in the Parish and Sr John teaches in Marian College continuing the Brigidine tradition (under the governance of Kildare Ministries).

Sr Jacinta ministers in nearby Horsham.



Golden Gate Resident's Christmas Party

This year's Golden Gate Resident's Christmas Party will be held in the Parish Centre on **Thursday 6th December** at 4.45pm till 6.15pm. Any Golden Gate special Ministers who would like to attend and/or can assist with the meal, please message Teresa on 0417 587 427.

St Anne's Grandmother's Group

Christmas Break-up December 5th – Chalambar 12.30pm Kris Kringle \$10 – RSVP by Monday 3rd to Mary Cunningham or Margaret Dempsey for bookings

Catholic Theological College 2019 Study Tour

The CTC 2019 Study Tour 'Footsteps of Faith: Encountering the Christian Tradition' will be held from September 19 – October 15, 2019 to Ireland England and Italy. Tour Leaders include Rev Dr Max Vodola, Dr Frances Baker rsm and Rev Prof Austin Cooper omi AM. Information Session will be held on Saturday, November 24, 2018 from 11.00am - 1.00pm. RSVP to Jenny Delahunt, ph. 9412 3314 or email jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au. Further details available from the College website <http://www.ctc.edu.au/studytours>.

Planned Giving Envelopes

The 2nd trimester of Planned Giving Envelopes are now available to be collected from the back of the church.



Please support this event if you can.

Joy Spreading

The next *Joy Spreading* event for young adults (18–30 yo) will be held Friday, December 7, 2018 from 6.30pm – 9.00pm in the Cathedral Parish Office meeting room with guest speaker Fr Justin Driscoll. An opportunity for young Catholic adults to share ideas and views in a friendly environment. Festive snacks and drinks provided. Info: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph: 5337 7160.

Joke of the Week

A man is driving down a country road when he spots a farmer standing in the middle of a paddock. He pulls the car over to the side of the road and notices the farmer just standing there looking at nothing. The man gets out of the car, walks over to the farmer and asks, "Ah, excuse me, mister, but what are you doing?"

The farmer replies, "I'm trying to win the Nobel prize." "How?" asks the man, puzzled.

"Well I heard they give the Nobel prize to people who are standing in their field."

Brigidine Sisters, Ararat Celebrating 130 years 1888-2018



The Brigidine Sisters arrived in this Parish 130 years ago today, November 14th 1888. To mark this occasion in the parish, we are celebrating with Mass on Sunday Nov 25th 10.30am, followed by a luncheon in the Parish Centre, 304 Barkly St

(behind the bluestone Catholic church)

Bring a plate – everyone welcome



Our story begins in 1807 when **Daniel Delany**, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, Ireland, invited six women to form a religious community in Tullow, Co Carlow on the first of February. He named them the Sisters of St. Brigid, after the great 5th century **Saint of Kildare**. A year later, 1808, he also founded a community of men and named them the **Brothers of St. Patrick or Patricians**.



St Brigid, Mary of Ireland

Ask for us all today

The courage to do God's bidding, whatever the world may say.

The grace to be strong and valiant, The grace to be firm and true,

The grace to be faithful always to God, to Mary and you

Brigidine Sisters, Ararat

Celebrating 130 years

1888—2018



Bishop Daniel Delany

"What you are others who come after you will be"

Founder of the
Sisters of St. Brigid

Commemorating 130 years

in Ararat

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