

Ararat and Lake Bolac CHURCH ROSTER

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Mar 23rd	I. Brady	G. White	T. Gemmola & M. Howard		R&M Jeram & Tom Kidd	P. Lardner, & P. Brennan	C. Brennan & V. Hooper	M. Dempsey & M. Jerram	P. Weeks
Sun Mar 24th	J. Start	K. Leggett	M. Cunningham, & H&A Collins	H&A Collins		(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Mar 30th	P. Brennan	G. White	M. Mason, P. Brady		R&M Jerram & Tom Kidd	P. McAloon	G. White & Tom Kidd	A. Joyce & Marilyn Brady	K. Scherger
Sun Mar 31st	S. Reid	Imogen Tonks	C. Reid, M. Ollie & C. Bulger	T. Gemmola	Kathy Leggett & S. Pickering	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)
Lake Bolac Sun Mar 24th	Reader I. Meek	Prayers T. Higgins	Eucharistic Minister IM. Phillips	Cleaner T. Higgins	Lake Bolac Sun Mar 31st	Reader NO MASS	Prayers	Eucharistic Minister	Cleaner

Saint of the Week St. Berthold, Feastday: March 29 Death: 1195 Considered by some historians to be the founder of the Carmelite Order. He was born in Limoges, France, and proved a brilliant student at the University of Paris. Ordained a priest, Berthold joined his brother, Aymeric, the Latin patriarch of Antioch, in Turkey, on the Crusades. On Mount Carmel he found a group of hermits, joined them, and established a rule. Aymeric appointed Berthold the first Carmelite superior general. Berthold tried to reform the Christian soldiers in the region, having had a vision of Christ, and headed the Carmelites for forty-five years.
Read more www.catholic.org.com

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 or on the foyer notice board. 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, 24 Mar 2019
Third Sunday of Lent - Year C**

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.

23rd/24th March 2019

First Reading Ex 3:1-8. 13-15

This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 102:1-4. 6-8. 11. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)
3. The Lord does deeds of justice, gives judgement for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses and his deeds to Israel's sons. (R.)
4. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:17

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Repent, says the Lord;
the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Lk 13:1-9

Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.
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RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES:

John Kelly, Helen Kneebone, Betty Beer, Paz Navarro, Elizabeth Overington, Gwen Murray, Alma Brennan, Evelyn Gleeson, Dr. Pat Claridge, Anna Drewniak, Damien Rees, Ena Brady, Annie Rowe, Maureen Davey, Ella Jeffries, Noel Stevens, Bill Laffan, Margaret Walsh, Leo Stevens, Maurice Brown, Joan Weeks, Edmund Abberton, Frank Liston

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Maurice Rutter, Naomi Phillips, Mark Eastick, Sr. Geraldine Stapleton, Carmel Brennan

Please pray for the intentions of :

Michael Doyle, Mary Cunningham, Mary Howard, Libby Shea

Baptism Welcome to the Community!

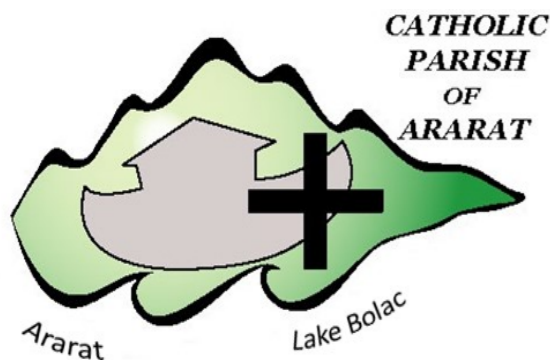
Indie Pitcher—daughter of Michelle & Josiah



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.
May we support all people—young & old - 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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Peter Gemmola

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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 Glenhompson at 8.30am

Masses This Week in Ararat

Wed 27th 9am Church – note earlier time

Thurs 28th 9.30am at school – all welcome

Fri 29th 9.30am Church

A VOCATION VIEW

Each Lent should bring us closer to our God. There is no failure, except that of no longer trying. You can still follow Jesus more closely.

Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2019

I express my sorrow and closeness to the dear people of Mozambique, Zimbabwe, and Malawi, affected by Cyclone Idai. I entrust the many victims and their families to the mercy of God.

[#PrayForAfrica](#) [#cycloneldai](#)



New Zealand Flag flying at half mast today Friday March 22nd 2019
Remembering those in Christchurch

Next Week's Readings: Mar 31st 2018

First Reading [JOS 5:9-12](#)

Second Reading [2 Cor 5:17-21](#)

Justice Matters

"Ten Steps to Making a Home for Everyone in Our Land"

7. ADVOCATE FOR CHANGE LOCALLY AND NATIONWIDE Australia needs to become more a community willing to address both the causes and the consequences of homelessness. We need the social, economic and political resolve to address this crisis ... Everyone deserves a place to call home. Social Justice Statement 2018–2019, p. 18 Encourage your parish, school or youth group to make homelessness a priority issue. Link with other social justice groups that work to end homelessness. Join the Everybody's Home campaign: everybodyshome.com.au Consider if your group or parish could join a larger organisation or help form one. Examples are: Shelter, Council to Homeless Persons, state Community Alliance groups and the Australian Council of Social Services.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Third Sunday of Lent 24th March 2019

Peter is thrilled to now have clean water on tap at his boarding school. Long walks to unsafe water sources were tiring for Peter, who is living with a disability. With more free time and fewer illnesses caused by dirty water, Peter can fulfil his hope of focusing on his studies, providing him with brighter future. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help young people with disabilities gain access to clean water in the Solomon Islands, providing hope for a brighter future.**

Lives change when we all give 100%! You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413



Lenten Gospel Discussions Continuing

Wednesday 6pm & Thursday after the 9.30am Mass

Lent Resources

Lent resources are available from the diocesan website. Click on the "Liturgy Resource" tab on front page www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Visit of Sam Clear

With the support of the Diocesan Youth Ministry, the parish hosted Sam Clear this week. Sam was gobsmaacking in his presentation. He walked almost a complete lap of the world stopping at every church he passed to ask people to pray for unity. His story of working through adversity during the walk, and the difficulty he often encountered from people who DIDN'T want to pray for unity was spellbinding. Let us pray for unity among people of all faiths and cultures.

Paul David Ryan

This week one of our former priests, Paul David Ryan, pleaded guilty to sexual offences and returned to jail. I'm reminded of the day I arrived in Ararat four years ago when the gardeners were waiting at the front door with a chainsaw – "Can we cut down the tree in the front garden that Paul David Ryan planted?" "Yes!" and they did. No amount of deforestation or ribbon tying will fix things but I hope that this week's news brings some comfort to those who are hurting. Again I offer a heartfelt apology to people who are hurting on account of clergy abuse and the subsequent inaction of Church leadership. Were you abused by clergy or others? There are numbers to call (starting with the police) on the back page of this bulletin. **Fr Andrew**



Palm Sunday Events to Support

People Seeking Asylum

You are invited to two events in support of people seeking asylum, to be held on Palm Sunday - Sunday, April 14, 2019 (flyers attached).

Catholic Prayer and Reflection at the Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street East Melbourne at 1.00pm.

Public Rally at the State Library, corner of La Trobe and Swanston Streets, Melbourne at 2.00pm.

Please flyer on the notice board