

**Ararat and Lake Bolac CHURCH ROSTER**

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
<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</b> Sun 25th Feb	<b>Reader</b> I. Meek	<b>Prayers</b> K. Gleeson	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b> I. Meek	<b>Cleaner</b> R. Liston	<b>Lake Bolac</b> Sun 4th March	<b>Reader</b> H. Smith	<b>Prayers</b> D. Haslett	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b> R. Smith	<b>Cleaner</b> H. Smith

**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](mailto:ararat@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

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](mailto:ararat@ballarat.catholic.edu.au)

Dublin Wit

Dubliners are a generous people and don't like meanness. In fact some of their most scathing wit is towards tight people:

*I'm not saying he's mean but he's one of the few people I know that can peel an orange in his pocket.*

*He's so mean he wouldn't tell you the time even if he had two watches!*

Church Toilets

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

**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



**Sunday, 25 Feb 2018**  
**Second 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.

**24th/25th February 2018**

**RECENT DEATHS:**

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Fr. Gerard Gasper CSsR, Margaret Sinnott, Fr. Wladyslali Ziolkos, Pat Kenny, Zita Thomas, Phyllis Sertori, Leo Heenan, George Edwards, Amy Sertori, Tony Guinan, May Mercovich, Trevor Mast, Kieran Hennessy, Irene Ferguson, James Hynes, Ken Haslett

**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 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18

*The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith*

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 115:10. 15-19. R. 114:9

**(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord** in the land of the living.

1. I trusted, even when I said: 'I am sorely afflicted.'

O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. **(R.)**

2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name. **(R.)**

3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O [Jerusalem](#). **(R.)**

**Second Reading** Rom 8:31-34

*God did not spare his own Son.*

**Gospel Acclamation** See Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Gospel** Mk 9:2-10

*This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.*

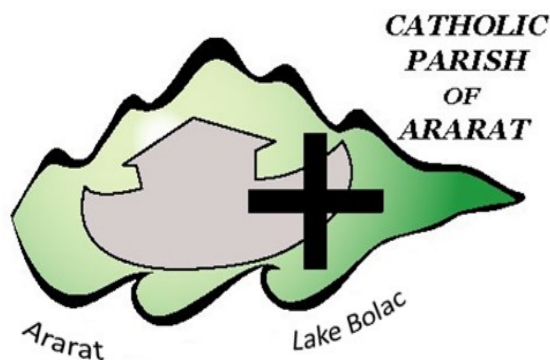
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**LENTEN PRAYER**

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.



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**Parish Secretary:** Joyce Clery

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**Office Hours:** Wed/Thurs/Fri 10am-3pm  
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**Safe Guarding Officer:** Emma Coburn

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**Parish Council Chairperson:**

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)

**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 5460

**PRINCIPAL MARIAN COLLEGE:** Mrs Carmel Barker

Download newsletter:

www.mcararat.catholic.edu.au

Ph: 03 5352 3861

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, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays

2nd Sundays at Glenthompson at 8.30am

### Masses This Week in Ararat

**Wed 28th** 9.30am Church

**Thurs 1st** 9am Church – followed by  
Lenten discussion

**Fri 2nd** 6pm Hopkins

### Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2017

“Jesus, is the Lord of risk, of the eternal 'more',” he said.  
“Following Jesus demands a good dose of courage, a  
readiness to trade in the sofa for a pair of walking shoes and  
to set out on new and uncharted paths.”

### A VOCATION VIEW

If you need an example of a person responding to a  
vocational call, look at Abraham - called in old age to leave  
his country, father a child, then asked to sacrifice the child.  
What faith! Vocation is a risky response to a unique call from  
God.



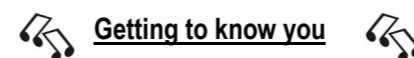
Rattanak in Cambodia contracted polio as a child and also became deaf. The Deaf Development Program, supported by Caritas Australia, helped him become a barber and he is now supporting himself, his wife and baby.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help deaf youth in Cambodia to build a just future, and live in communities that uphold everyone's dignity.**

**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.

### NOTICES



**Getting to know you**

Please come for a cuppa and a snack after each Mass next weekend March 3rd and 4th in the foyer.

### 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

### Mass of the Oils: Monday, March 26, 2018

The Mass of the Oils will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 6.30pm on Monday, March 26, 2018. This Mass is a celebration of the whole Church of the Diocese of Ballarat. We celebrate the unity and ministry of the ordained priests in the midst of the entire priestly people of God of the Diocese. This Mass also has special significance for those who will use the blessed oils in 2018 – the sick, those to be baptised and confirmed. All members of the Diocese are invited to participate in this celebration which truly expresses the unity of the Diocesan Church. Ministries required for the Mass of the Oils include Ushers, Readers, Oils Bearers, Presentation of the gifts, Collection of Oils, Musicians and Singers. For further information contact the Pastoral Ministry Office, ph. 5337 7159 or [pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

### Lenten Discussion

The Lenten discussion this week in Ararat will be on Thursday after 9am Mass.

### 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 2nd 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 **MARCH** 6th 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:



### Social Justice Notice

### Ten steps to developing a sustainable, inclusive economy

Join the work of combating poverty and homelessness

As people of the Gospel, we have to be concerned about growing inequality, and especially about the situation of the more vulnerable in our community. (Social Justice Statement 2017-2018, p.5). Information and campaigns addressing the needs of people who are **unemployed** can be found at: [Australian Council of Social Service](http://Australian Council of Social Service) and [Welfare Rights Centre](http://Welfare Rights Centre). For information and campaigns supporting **vulnerable workers**: [Australian Catholic Council for Employment Relations](http://Australian Catholic Council for Employment Relations), [Australia Institute Centre for Future Work](http://Australia Institute Centre for Future Work), [ACTU](http://ACTU) 'Change the Rules' campaign.

Organisations addressing housing **affordability and homelessness**: [The Society of St Vincent de Paul](http://The Society of St Vincent de Paul), [Australian Catholic Housing Alliance](http://Australian Catholic Housing Alliance), [National Shelter & Homelessness Australia](http://National Shelter & Homelessness Australia)

### Irish Heritage Exhibition – POSTPONED

PLEASE NOTE: This exhibition has been postponed. New date to be advised.