

Ararat and Lake Bolac CHURCH ROSTER

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
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)
Sat Apr 6th	P. Gemmola	B. Rodger	H&A Collins		Tom Kidd	I. Brady, P. Gemmola	Geoff White	A. Joyce & Marilyn Brady	Jo Donnan
Sun Apr 7th	J. Clery	C. Reid	G. O'Loughlin, N. Billingsley & S. Reid	J&J Crowe	P. Lardner	(as above)	Jim Crowe	(as above)	(as above)
Lake Bolac Sun Mar 31st	Reader D. Phillips	Prayers H. Smith	Eucharistic Minister R. Smith	Cleaner L. Breen	Lake Bolac Sun April 7th	Reader T. Higgins	Prayers J. Aldous	Eucharistic Minister Jane Higgins	Cleaner J. Aldous

Saint of the Week St. Vincent Ferrer, Patron Saint of Builders Feast Day April 5th St. Vincent Ferrer is the patron saint of builders because of his fame for "building up" and strengthening the Church: through his preaching, missionary work, in his teachings, as [confessor](#) and adviser. At [Valencia](#) in Spain, this illustrious son of [St. Dominic](#) came into the world on January 23, 1357. In the year 1374, he entered the Order of [St. Dominic](#) in a monastery near his native city. Soon after his profession he was commissioned to deliver lectures on philosophy. On being sent to Barcelona, he continued his scholastic duties and at the same [time](#) devoted himself to preaching. At Lerida, the famous university city of Catalonia, he received his doctorate. After this he labored six years in Valencia, during which [time](#) he perfected himself in the [Christian](#) life. **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, 31 Mar 2019
Fourth 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.

30th/31st March 2019

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES:

John Oliver, Frank Pola, Bowie Shevlin, Margaret Leigh, Tom Smith, Ben Patterson, Fr Meredith Delahenty, Brian Young, Erin Hooper, Des Phillips, Jean Crebbin, Frank Kenny Elaine Fuga-Hooper, James Brown, Fr Tom Linane, Robert Jerram, Enrique Tolentino, Mauva Monroe, Bill Phyland, Malcolm Bates, Thelma McRae

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

First Reading Jos 5:9-12

The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-7. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)

2. Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. (R.)

3. Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Cor 5:17-21

God reconciled us to himself through Christ.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 15:18

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:
Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

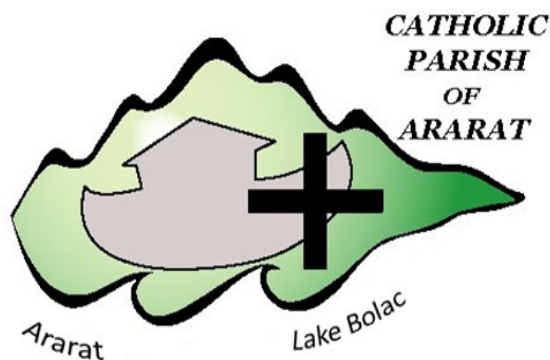
Gospel Lk 15:1-3. 11-32

Your brother here was dead and has come to life.
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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.
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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Finance Committee Chairperson:
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

Tues 2nd 9.30am Church

Wed 3rd 9.30am Church

Thurs 4th 9.30am Church

3.30pm Hopkins

Fri 5th 9.30am Church

A VOCATION VIEW

Can you honestly pray: "I have come to do your will, O God"? Blessed are you who trusts that the Lord's words to you will be fulfilled.

Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2019

The culture of appearance, which leads us to live for passing things, is a great deception. Because it is like a flaring blaze: once it is over, only ashes remain.

Arrangements for Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday April 14

Lake Bolac will have Mass at 8.30am (usually not a Mass Sunday)

Ararat 7pm Saturday and 10.30am Sunday

Mass of the Oils

St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat, Monday April 15
6.30pm

Reconciliation:

Lake Bolac – During Mass Sunday April 7

Ararat - 7pm Tuesday April 16

Holy Thursday

Masses at 7pm at both Lake Bolac and Ararat

Good Friday

Lake Bolac 11am Stations of the Cross

Ararat 3pm Passion

Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday

Usual Mass times

Ararat 7pm Saturday and 10.30am Sunday

Lake Bolac 8.30am

Justice Matters

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

8. HELP COMBAT MISUNDERSTANDING AND MISREPRESENTATION. For any of us, a sudden personal or health crisis can cause great hardship and put pressure on family life. But for some people who lack the necessary economic resources or social support, such crises can lead to homelessness. Social Justice Statement 2018–2019, p. 7 How often do we hear calls to 'clean up the streets' or people in need being dismissed as 'lazy', 'irresponsible' or worse? Do councils and neighbourhoods always welcome proposals for shelters or facilities for homeless people? Challenge the myths that further marginalise people experiencing homelessness. □ Challenge the myth that homelessness will always be with us. Homelessness can be solved. □ Support the Mercy Foundation's work to end homelessness: www.mercyfoundation.com.au

PROJECT COMPASSION

Fourth Sunday of Lent 31st March 2019



Michaela is a 21-year-old trainee at Purple House, a dialysis center in the Central Desert for people suffering from kidney disease. With the support of Caritas partners, Michaela is helping to build a social enterprise, a connection to culture and a new outlook for the chronically ill.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help provide essential health care, employment and training for First Australians like Michaela. 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 are available from the diocesan website. Click on the "Liturgy Resource" tab on front page www.ballarat.catholic.org.au.

Booklet: Ten things everyone needs to know about Islam

Provides basic information about the beliefs and practice of Muslims. Booklet - \$8.80 each inc. GST, postage & handling.

Order online www.columban.org.au

Easter Mass Times—Please see flyer on the notice board and on other page of bulletin

Get involved in earth hour

Can you turn off the lights for one hour on Saturday, March 30 at 8.30pm? Find out ways you can take part in Earth Hour www.earthhour.org.au/get-involved.

Extraordinary Month of Mission Song Competition

On the notice board is information regarding a song competition being conducted throughout Australia for the Extraordinary Month of Mission (October 2019). Each diocese is offering an opportunity for school students, youth groups, music students, individuals up to the age of 19 to compose and submit a song. The diocesan winner will be submitted to a national group for selection of a nationwide winner, whose song will then be submitted to Rome for the Extraordinary Month of Mission and will be placed on the Vatican website.



This year the Year 12 cohort has elected to present this retelling of Jesus' last days at Gum Sam Museum. To accommodate the large number of students we will run session throughout the day. See session times on notice to the left (Times subject to slight change)

Next Week's Readings: Apr 7th 2019
First Reading [Is 43:16-21](#)
Second Reading [Phil 3:8-14](#)