

## Ararat and Lake Bolac CHURCH ROSTER

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Mar 2nd	A. Reynolds	Beck Rodger	N. Billingsley & Sr. John		Marg Joyce & Tom Kidd	Office	V. Hooper	A. Joyce	K. Scherger
Sun Mar 3rd	J. Brennan	Imogen Tonks	M. Cunningham, Sr. John & C. Reid	J&J Crowe	Blessie Stoneman	(as above)	John Pola & J. Crowe	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Mar 9th	G. White	H. Collins	M. Howard & M. Mason		D&M Lister & Tom Kidd	Office & P. McAloon	T. Reynolds	M. Egan	P. Weeks
Sun Mar 10th	P. Lardner	C. Bulger	G. O'Loughlin, N. Billingsley & S. Reid	E. Shea	Pat Lardner & Kathy Leggett	(as above)	V. Hooper	(as above)	(as above)
Lake Bolac Sun Mar 3rd	<b>Reader</b> H. Smith	<b>Prayers</b> P. Meek	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b> R. Smith	<b>Cleaner</b> I. Meek	<b>Lake Bolac Sun Mar 10th</b>	<b>Reader</b> NO MASS	<b>Prayers</b> P. Meek	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b> R. Smith	<b>Cleaner</b> I. Meek

**Saint of the Week** St. Casimir **Feastday:** March 4 **Patron** of Poland and Lithuania Birth: 1461 Death: 1484 Casimir grew up in a world where his **life** was not his own. As a prince of Poland, the second son of King Casimir IV and **Elizabeth** of Austria, his **life** was scheduled to cement his father's authority and increase Poland's power. Casimir realized from an early age that his **life** belonged to someone else, but to a much higher King than his father. Despite pressure, humiliation, and rejection, he stood by that loyalty through his whole life. Born the third of thirteen **children** in 1461, Casimir was committed to **God** from childhood. Some of that commitment was the result of a tutor, **John** Dlugosz, whose **holiness** encouraged Casimir on his own journey.

Read more [www.catholic.org.com](http://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](mailto: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, 3 Mar 2019: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C Project Compassion Sunday

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 Sir 27:4-7

*Do not praise someone before they have spoken.*

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. See v.2 (R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. (R.)  
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a **Lebanon** cedar. (R.)

3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

### Second Reading 1 Cor 15:54-58

*Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.*

### Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Shine on the world like bright stars;  
you are offering it the word of life.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel Lk 6:39-45

*A person speaks from what is in his heart.*

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### 2nd/3rd March 2019

#### RECENT DEATHS:

Ron Manneke-Jones, Alan Fiscalini, Alfred Young

#### ANNIVERSARIES:

Jason Bond, Francis Vernon (Frank), 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

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

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

#### Please pray for the intentions of:

Mary Cunningham, Mary Howard, Libby Shea

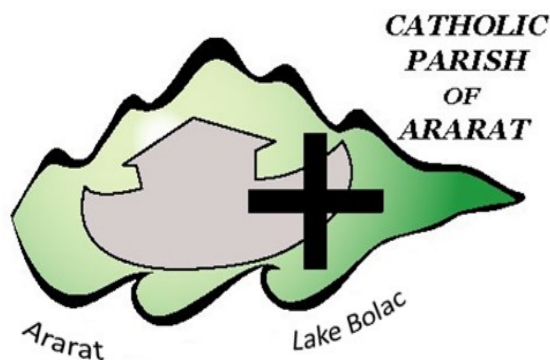
### Lenten PRAYER

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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Charlie Reid

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**Funeral Ministry:**

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

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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 Mar 6th 9.30am Church

Thurs Mar 7th 9.30am Church

3pm Hopkins

Fri Mar 8th 9.30am Church

## A VOCATION VIEW

Since each person speaks from his heart's abundance, let Jesus form your heart and your life.

Follow Him willingly.

## Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2019

If you believe in God you must try to live justly with everyone, according to the golden rule: "Do to others whatever you would have them do to you" (Mt 7,12).

## Presbytery Offering

Here at St. Mary's the loose money in the basket that is so generously given by parishioners, is used as the Presbytery Offering. This money is used to support the Priests of the Parish to meet normal household and transport expenses and help support sick and retired priests. All contributions are most gratefully received. You could also use the old adage:

"Whenever I get stressed out about money...  
I give some away."

## Explore Yoga Co.

Sharing is caring and so I (Uali) want to let you know that Explore Yoga Co. is now offering Thursday evening classes twice a month at St. Mary's Parish Centre in Ararat. The next class is March 14th. Last Thursday was great too! Tea is served after class if you want to linger and chat. Class runs from 5:45PM to 6:45PM. Please see flyer on notice board— or ph: 0403 170 676

**Next Week's Readings:** Mar 10th 2018

**First Reading** Dt 26:4-10

**Second Reading** Rom 10:8-13

## Justice Matters

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

4. UNDERSTAND THE BIGGER PICTURE BEHIND THE HOUSING CRISIS. Homelessness reaches more widely across our society than we might realise and touches more than those who are evicted or who cannot find a permanent home. In fact, a shadow of homelessness falls on anyone who struggles to meet barely-affordable rent or mortgage payments ... an overpriced market is pushing more individuals and families into homelessness. Social Justice Statement 2018–2019, p. 7

How can we improve understanding of the wider economic circumstances that drive people into homelessness? How do factors such as poverty, domestic violence and mental illness contribute to homelessness and housing stress? What has to change in our cities and communities so that everyone can have a place to call home? Read the section 'The nightmare of homelessness' in the Bishops' Social Justice Statement. Read The State of Homelessness in Australian Cities (2018) from the Centre for Social Impact: www.csi.edu.au/research/project/the-state-of-homelessness Read The Human Face of Homelessness from Australian Catholic Social Justice Council.

**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**

Project Compassion Sunday

3rd March 2019

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "Give Lent 100%". You are empowering communities with hope and helping those in great need to shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities.

**Lives change when we all give 100%.**



## Lenten Discussion Groups – Ararat

This year there will be two Lenten Groups meeting at the Parish Office. Wishing to host a group at home? Please speak to Joyce this week.

Group I – 6pm Wednesday evenings – home by 7. Begins March 6

Group II – After 9.30am Mass on Thursday mornings. Begins March 7

## Joy Spreading with Sam Clear in Donald & Ararat

Sam Clear is the guest speaker at Joy Spreading events for Youth & Young Adults in Donald & Ararat. The Donald event is on Wednesday, March 20, from 6.30pm – 8.30pm at St Mary's Primary School, Multi-Purpose Room, Donald. Joy Spreading in Ararat is on Thursday, March 21 from 6.30pm -8.30pm at Immaculate Conception Parish Hall, Ararat. This is a wonderful opportunity for young adults to share ideas and socialise in a friendly environment. This is a free event. Info: [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) or ph: 5337 7160.

## Plenary Council

Submissions for the Plenary Council are open until March 6, 2019. Bishop Paul has filmed a short video which can be viewed on the diocesan website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

The latest edition of "Plenary Post" provides further information to assist participants answer the three questions being asked by the Plenary Council (<http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/news/>)

## Ministering in Times of Scandal and Division

Ballarat Diocese and its online learning partner, the University of Dayton, are offering a new online short subject Ministering in Times of Scandal and Division. Starting on 10 March, this is a 3 week long subject. Cost to participant is \$55.00. More details are on the Lay Pastoral Ministry Program page of the Diocesan website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) or phone 5337 7125.

## Planned Giving Envelopes

PG envelopes are now in the foyer. If your envelopes are not there, please see Joyce in the office or email. Many thanks for your continued support. The upkeep of the church relies on the generous support of parishioners. Fixing the bell tower is on the top of the list!

**Saturday March 23rd—SAVE THE DATE! St. Mary's Primary School Fundraiser Live Music 7pm to midnight at Marian College—Please refer to flyer on the notice board.**