

Ararat and Lake Bolac CHURCH ROSTER

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Mar 3rd	H. Collins	P. Gemmola	T. Gemmola & M. Howard		R&M Jerram & Tom Kidd	P. Lardner, & P. Brennan	C. Brennan & V. Hooper		?
Sun Mar 4th		K. Leggett	M. Cunningham, Sr. John & C. Reid	D&M Lister		(as above)	J. Crowe		(as above)
Sat Mar 10th	P. Brennan	I Brady	M. Mason, P. Brady		Geoff White	V. Hooper, C. Brennan & G. White	V. Hooper	M. Lister & Anne Joyce	Jo Donnan & K. Scherger
Sun Mar 11th	J. Clery	S. Reid	C. Reid, M. Ollie & J. Start	J. Start	Lois Rowe	(as above)	John Pola & Geoff White	(as above)	(as above)
Lake Bolac Sun 4th March	Reader H. Smith	Prayers D. Haslett	Eucharistic Minister R. Smith	Cleaner H. Smith	Lake Bolac Sun 11th March	Reader NO	Prayers MASS	Eucharistic Minister	Cleaner

Joke of the Week

Dublin Wit—Two nuns were collecting in a pub on a Saturday night when they were confronted by a well-oiled Dubliner. "Who are youse?" he enquired suspiciously.

"We're the Sisters of John the Baptist," answered one of the nuns meekly.

"Get along outta that," said the well-oiled gentleman, "yez is not foolin' me—John the Baptist is dead for over 2000 years."

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

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, 4 Mar 2018
Third 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.

3rd/4th March 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 :

Baptisms—Welcome to the World!

Paisley Darroch—daughter of Jamie-Lee and Ashley

Confirmations & First Communion:

Congratulations to Lucy Grayling and Christian Nguyen who will be receiving their sacraments this Sunday

First Reading Ex 20:1-17

The Law was given through Moses

Responsorial Psalm Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68

(R.) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R.)**

2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. **(R.)**

3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **(R.)**

4. They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Cor 1:22-25

We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 3:16

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel Jn 2:13-25

Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

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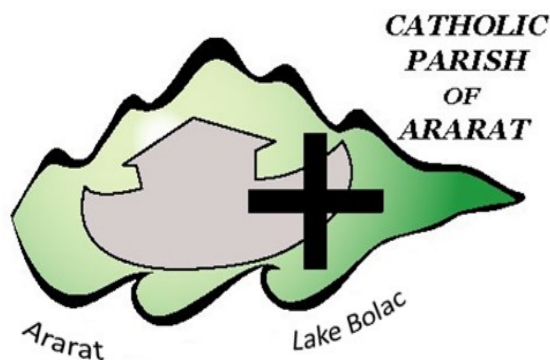
LENTEN PRAYER

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.

Amen.



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Peter Gemmola

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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

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Ph: 03 5352 5460

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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 Glenthompson at 8.30am

Masses This Week in Ararat

Tues 6th 9.30am Church

Thurs 8th (No Mass – Lenten Discussion at 9.30am)

Fri 9th 6pm Hopkins

Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2017

“The first gift of the entrepreneur is of his or her own person: your money, although important, is too little,” he said. “Money does not save if it is not accompanied by the gift of the person. Today’s economy, the poor, the young, need first of all your spirit, your respectful and humble fraternity, your will to live and, only then, your money.”

A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus cleaned out the temple of money changers.
He was angry; He was zealous; He was authoritative. He was doing what He had to do, even though it involved risk, danger, insult and wonder.
Such is a vocation.



Bayan is a 12 year old Syrian girl, living with her family in Jordan. An ambitious student, Bayan has her sights set on a career as an ophthalmologist. As a quiet, young refugee she struggled to overcome the trauma of growing up in a conflict zone and faced the prospect of missing out on schooling. With Caritas Australia's support, Bayan is an academic high-achiever who is flourishing in a stable school environment.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help equip young people to succeed in the future, bringing stability to vulnerable youth, providing just futures for others like Bayan.

A Just Future starts with your support! You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

NOTICES

Sacrament Meeting

Parents of children Yr 3 and above wishing to begin their Confirmation and First Eucharist preparation this year are invited to a meeting of parents in the Parish Centre on Wednesday, March 21st. There are two times available. 3.30pm and 6pm. 45 minutes at most.

Counters

This notice concerns all parishioners who volunteer for the Counting Ministry. We recently had a visit from the Diocesan Finance Office. We have been asked to make sure that there be two counters on duty who are not spouses and everyone be given a “Cash Handling Fact Sheet” so you understand the risks of handling cash. A number of errors have been noticed recently which has brought about our need to clarify the procedures. Many thanks for your continued support of the parish. Fr. Andrew

Maintenance in Ararat

Parishioners may have seen some work happening around the church and presbytery in recent days. A new toilet and kitchenette is being installed in the store room adjacent to the parish office. Painters are coming to complete the external painting of the presbytery. Marian College students are coming to paint the fence at the rear of the presbytery. More external lighting is being installed outside the Parish Centre. Some tripping hazards are to be removed. New LED lighting in the church (AND HEATERS) are coming. We're looking into replacing the projector and screen in the church.

Parish Mission

We have two Redemptorists coming in late April to pray with us, both in Ararat and Lake Bolac.

Sunday Assemblies

Fr Andrew will be missing from Ararat for up to ten Sundays this year. The Parish Council think this, then, is a good year for us in Ararat to have two or three Sunday Assemblies. We'll ask some retired priests to fill in for most of the Sundays, but Sunday Assemblies are on our horizon. This year we think we'll give it a go. More information to come.

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.**

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 Among the helps to purchasing slavery free chocolate are the following schemes:



Social Justice Notice *Ten steps to developing a sustainable, inclusive economy*

Stand in solidarity with the First Peoples of Australia

Many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities struggle with social and economic burdens that most Australians cannot imagine. That they are overrepresented on almost every indicator of disadvantage is a national shame ...
(Social Justice Statement 2017-2018, p.8)

Many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people experience exclusion – from policy negotiations that affect their people and land, from a fair share of national prosperity, and often through being typecast as a burden on the broader community. We are called to support our Indigenous sisters and brothers in the pursuit of national recognition, reconciliation and social justice. For cultural, Acknowledgement and liturgical resources, visit the [National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council](http://NationalAboriginalandTorresStraitIslanderCatholicCouncil.org.au). Join the [movement for Indigenous recognition](http://movementforindigenousrecognition.org.au). Support the [‘Close the Gap’ campaign](http://CloseTheGap.org.au).