

**Ararat and Lake Bolac CHURCH ROSTER**

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat May 5th	P. Gemmola	I.Brady	H&A Collins		Tom Kidd	I. Brady, P. Gemmola	Geoff White & R. Jeram	M. Jeram & M. Dempsey	B. Grayling
Sun May 6th	C. Reid	C. Bulger	G. O'Loughlin, N. Billingsley & S. Reid	T. Gemmola	P. Lardner	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)
Sat May 12th	P. McAloon	Beck Rodger	A. Reynolds, L.Horsman & C. McAdie		Tom Kidd		G. White	M. Cunningham	Jo Donnan
Sun May 13th		P. Lardner	C. Bulger, & K. Chamings	H&A Collins	Pat Lardner & S. Pickering	(as above)	Jim Crowe & V. Hooper	(as above)	(as above)
<b>Lake Bolac</b> Sun 6th May	<b>Reader</b> D. Haslett	<b>Prayers</b> R. Liston	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b> Jane Higgins	<b>Cleaner</b> Jane Higgins	<b>Lake Bolac</b> Sun 13th May	<b>Reader</b> NO MASS	<b>Prayers</b>	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	<b>Cleaner</b>

**Saint of the Week** **St. Dymphna** Feastday: May 15 Patron of those suffering for nervous and mental afflictions Birth: 7th century Death: 7th century Canonized By: on 620. Dymphna was born in Ireland sometime in the seventh century to a pagan father and devout Christian mother. When she was fourteen, she consecrated herself to Christ and took a vow of chastity. Soon afterward, her mother died and her father - who had loved his wife deeply - began to suffer a rapid deterioration of his mental stability. So unhinged was Dymphna's father, Damon, that the King's counselors suggested he remarry. Though he was still grieving for his wife, he agreed to remarry if a woman as beautiful as she could be found. Read more on [www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org)

**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)

**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, 6 May 2018**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter - 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.

**5th/6th May 2018**

**RECENT DEATHS:**

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Archbishop Patrick Delaney, Fr Basil Thomas, Wendy Shea, Harriett Jackson, Des Woods, Peg Ronald, Jack Ronald, Anthony Cain, Aileen Grinter, Terrance Coleman, Anna Homzova, Cathleen Sertori, Ted Holt, Bill Overington, Linda Weinert, Patricia Mahoney, Marie Scanlon, Michael Joseph Moran, Frank Sanderson, Mary Waring, Tom Upton, Aileen Brennan

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:**

Greg Shea, Sr. Geraldine Stapleton, Charlie Martin, Carmel Brennan, Jan Young, 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 :**

**Libby Shea and Linden Horsman**

**First Reading** Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

*The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.*

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

**(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. **(R.)**
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. **(R.)**
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** 1 Jn 4:7-10

*God is love.*

**Gospel Acclamation** Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!  
 All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

**Gospel** Jn 15:9-17

*No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.*

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**PARISH PRAYER**

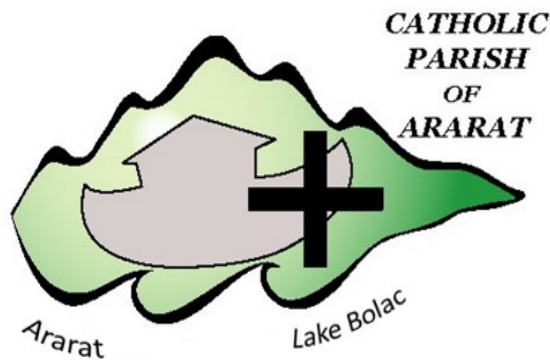
Loving God, Good Shepherd of us all,

gather us and form us into a welcoming Parish family.

Touch our hearts with your love so that we, in turn, may reach out in love to one another,

in a neighbourly community. We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

Amen.



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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

**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

**Wed 9th** 9am (note earlier time)

**Thurs 10th** 9.30am

**Fri 11th** 6pm Hopkins

## A VOCATION VIEW

God's love for us has been revealed: "Love one another as I have loved you. The world is in need to see people who are striving to love others with all their hearts. What about you?"

## Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2017

"Praying means being with God, experiencing God, loving God."

## Joke of the Week



That evening, with her blinds pulled, Mary had three helpings of corn, two baked potatoes, extra bread, and a little lamb.

## CWL

PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE—(Joyce put in the wrong time!)

The CWL meeting will take place in the Parish Centre at **12.30pm**. It's a shared lunch. Please bring "April Horizon" for WUCWO Day and small change for a collection.

## Liturgy Formation 2018

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission is offering Liturgy Formation Sessions this year: Birchip - Sunday, May 27; Ararat - Sunday, June 24; Hamilton - Sunday, July 29. Bishop Paul will celebrate Mass at 10.30am with the formation program beginning at 12.00noon. Lunch will be supplied by the parish at 1.00pm. Attached is a flyer and registration form. Registration is also available via the diocesan website

[www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

## Grandmother's Club

The Grandmother's Club meeting will take place at Gwen Martin's House on May 9th at 2pm. The address is 2 Mt Romney Road, Ararat.

## GodStart

In Australia, Mother's Day is observed on the second Sunday in May with the chrysanthemum as its 'official' flower. It is a celebration of God's gift of mothers. Please find attached the GodStart Resources with ideas to celebrate Mary in May and a special Reading to reflect on the strength of this woman of faith. *'Mothers around the world display this faith. They believe that however this mothering journey might unfold, they will continue to recognise that the growth of their child is beyond human understanding. This gives a tiny insight into the creative power of God.'* Cathy Dixon (Please take a booklet for your child to colour from the foyer notice board)

## St. Bernard's Auxiliary

The AGM for the St. Bernard's Auxiliary will be on Wednesday May 16th at 7.30pm at Helen and Reg Smith's house, South Beach Road, lake Bolac. All welcome

## St Alipius Parish Coordinator Position

St Alipius Parish Ballarat East invites applications for the part-time position (16 hours per week) of Parish Coordinator. A Position Description and Application Form can be accessed on the Parish website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/employment](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/employment).

**Curtains** (Starring our very own Christine Bulger and Joyce Clery in Lead Roles!!)

**ARARAT MUSICAL COMEDY SOCIETY**

**Stawell Entertainment Centre**

26 May 2018 to 3 Jun 2018

**BOOK NOW!**

[www.stagecenta.com](http://www.stagecenta.com)

**For more info—please see the poster on the notice board**

**View Session Times**

Tickets - **Adults \$25.00**

**Concession \$20.00**

**Under 18's \$15.00**

**Family (2+2) \$70.00**

Duration - **150**

Restrictions/Warnings

**Contains loud noises**

**Murder (stylised / not gory)**



## Catholic Social Services Victoria Workshop, "Ministry at the Margin"

Fr Anthony Gittens, a leading author and speaker on ministry and service, will present his workshop "Ministry at the Margins" on Monday, May 21, from 10.30am - 3.00pm at the Cardinal Knox Centre, East Melbourne. This is an opportunity to reflect on the spiritual roots of our service to those on the margins of our society. For more information go to the Catholic Social Services website <https://www.css.org.au/Whats-Happening/Our-Events>