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**St. Mary's Parish Board Room**  
 Hire our boardroom for a very attractive fee. Nespresso Coffee on offer and convenient facilities. Ring the parish office to book – 5352 5460.  
 Hire costs start @ \$80 per day (includes Nespresso Coffee!!)

St. Mary's Parish Christmas Eve Mass  
 Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 6pm  
 Come join us to rehearse for our *Christmas Eve Nativity Scene* in the Church on Barkly St on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> of December at 4pm. We have lots of roles to fill – who would like to be a Wiseman??!!  
 In attendance will be Joyce Clery and Emma Coburn.  
 If you have any questions please phone 5352 5460  
 We will also practice some Christmas Carols!!



**The 16 Days Against Gender Based Violence campaign**  
 This campaign is held each year beginning on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (November 25) and ending on International Human Rights Day (December 10). The 16 day campaign reinforces the fact that violence against women is a human rights violation. The 2019 theme is *Ending Gender-based Violence in the Workplace*. Violence and harassment in the world of work is a global phenomenon that disproportionately impacts women, preventing them from fully realising their human rights. Human trafficking is one of the greatest examples of violence against women and girls. ACRATH has prepared a number of resources to assist your participation in the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence campaign. Click on [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) for more information.

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception**  
 Please be welcome to join us for a cuppa after Sunday Mass, December 8th to celebrate the Feast day of our church. Meet in the foyer.




**Sunday 8th Dec 2019**  
**Second Sunday of Advent A**  
 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 Is 11:1-10**  
 He judges the poor with justice.  
**Responsorial Psalm Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17. R. cf. v.7**  
**(R.) Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.**  
 1. O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. **(R.)**  
 2. In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to the earth's bounds. **(R.)**  
 3. For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. **(R.)**  
 4. May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun. Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his name. **(R.)**

**Second Reading Rom 15:4-9**  
 Christ, the hope of all people.  
**Gospel Acclamation Lk 3:4. 6**  
 Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.  
 Alleluia!  
**Gospel Mt 3:1-12**  
 Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.  
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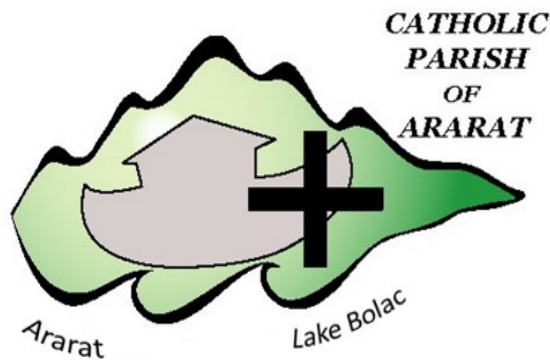
**Parish Prayer**  
 Loving God, Good Shepherd of us all, gather us and form us into a welcoming Parish family. Touch our hearts with your love so that we, in turn, may reach out in love to one another, in a neighbourly community. We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

**7th/8th Dec 2019**  
**Recent Deaths:**  
 Sr. Bride O'Bryan CSB, Joyce Hamling  
**ANNIVERSARIES:**  
 Edmund Moran, Bishop Henry Cleary, Clare Rieniets, Florence Heenan, Daniel Ryan, Joan Boyle, Joan Ryan, Rodney Harvey, Margaret Mary Smith, Glenys Balchin, Noel McOwan, John Thomas, Fr. Gery Payne, Grace Harrison, Florentina Uda de Torrecarpo, Janice Porter, Norman Rowe, Mary Gellie, Hayley Pugh, Maureen Dalton, Norman William Rowe, Hughie Lees  
**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:**  
 Barbara Tobin, Sally-Anne Horsley  
 Anyone in hospital wishing to have communion, please contact the office on 53525460

**Ministry to the Sick:**  
 Mary Cunningham—Retirement Home  
 E. Shea, T. Gemmola, D&M Lister, H&A Collins, J&J Crowe—Golden Gate  
 Sr. John—Lowe Street & Garden View Court  
 Other individuals in the parish to the sick at home  
**Baptism—Welcome to our community!**  
 Louis Bourizk—son of Catherine & Elie



**Next Week's Readings**  
**Dec 15th**  
**First Reading**  
[Is 35:1-6. 10](#)  
**Second Reading**  
[Jas 5:7-10](#)  
**A VOCATION VIEW**  
 Isaiah says: "The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the Lord." Who taught you knowledge of the Lord, and who are you teaching today?



**Parish Priest:** Fr. Andrew Hayes

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**Assistant Priest:** Fr So'n Nguyen CSsR

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**Office Hours:** Wed/Thurs/Fri 10am-3pm  
(Closed Public Holidays)

### Child Safe Churches

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.



**Thank you to all who supported Catholic Missions—we raised \$986**

### 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

**Dec 13th** *Requiem Mass for Pat Davis*  
**Friday 2pm**

**Office is closed Wednesday Dec 11th**

### Christmas Masses

Ararat 6pm Christmas Eve and 9am Christmas Day

Lake Bolac Christmas Eve 6pm

Farewells to Fr Son—After all Masses on the weekend of December 21/22

*Sunday Lunch BBQ after Mass for Fr Son! Bring a plate, sausages and rolls provided.*

### Reconciliation for Advent

Ararat: 2nd Rite Wednesday December 18th 7pm.

Lake Bolac: During Mass on Sunday December 22nd 8.15am

### Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2019

Let us pray for all the pastors of the Church, that they might guide the flock entrusted to them with the same firmness and tenderness of the Good Shepherd.

**Please support the St. Mary's Primary School Baker's Delight Christmas Fundraiser!! Many Thanks in Advance Money to the school front desk by Thursday Dec 12th.**

**Saint of the Week** St. Juan Diego

**Feastday:** December 9 **Patron:** of Indigenous people  
Birth: 1474 Death: 1548. Saint Juan Diego was born in 1474 as Cuahtlatatzin, a native to Mexico. He became the first Roman Catholic indigenous saint from the Americas. Following the early death of his father, Juan Diego was taken to live with his uncle. From the age of three, he was raised in line with the Aztec pagan religion, but always showed signs of having a mystical sense of life. **Read more** [www.catholic.org.com](http://www.catholic.org.com)

### Plenary Council

There are six meetings planned for our discussion and contributions to the 2020 Plenary Council.

Meeting 1 was "Missionary and Evangelising."

Meetings 2 and 3 are as outlined: **Completed**

Meeting 2 Sun 24th November 2-4pm in the Parish Centre: "Humble, Healing and Merciful" **Completed**

Meeting 3 Sun 15th December 2-4pm in the Parish Centre: "A Church that is Prayerful and Eucharistic"

Parishioners will have heard me say recently that these plenary meetings need to be a priority please. At our first meeting in September about half a dozen parishioners attended. These meetings are a generational responsibility to shape the future of our Australian Church. I think not six, but fifty, parishioners ought to be in attendance. Please be there to contribute. It's important. **Fr Andrew**

### Ararat Vinnies

Columban Calendars are now available. They are a great Christmas gift at only \$9.00 each. Vinnies also have Christmas Cards from \$2.50 per pack. Please support our Ararat Vinnies.

### Christmas Trees

Please place your REAL presents (for charity) under the big Christmas Tree in the main part of the church—when Emma & Joyce get a moment to do it! The presents do not have to be wrapped. Marilyn from Vinnies and all the crew there, would like to thank the parishioners for their generosity each year.

### Christmas Roster

Please could you pop your name down on the sheet which is on the foyer table—Many thanks!

### Early Mass in Lake Bolac – December 22

Lake Bolac's Mass on December 22 will begin at 8.15am. This will allow some extra time for a cuppa to farewell Fr Son before he heads to Ararat for Mass at 10.30 (and then on to Perth after Christmas)

**St Bernard's, Lake Bolac.** Goods can be left in the box on the sanctuary until Sunday, December the 15th. Items will then be given to St Vincent De Paul in Ararat, to help make up Christmas Hampers for those in need. Non-perishable food items such as tea, coffee, tinned fruit etc. are always needed. Thankyou. Your kindness and generosity is always appreciated.

### Making a Scene at Christmas

All are welcome to visit the *Making a Scene at Christmas* displays at Ss Michael & John's Church Horsham from December 5-8 and Ss Peter & Paul's Church Buninyong from December 12-15. Thursdays and Fridays between 9.30am – 3.00pm we welcome school groups. Flyer on the Christmas

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Com-	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Clean-ing	Com-puter
Sat Dec 7th	P. Gemmo-la	A. Reynolds	N. Billings-ley & ?		Marg Joyce & Tom Kidd	E. Coburn & J. Jackson	V. Hooper	A. Joyce	Jo Donnan	Sr. Maree
Sun Dec 8th	Peter Brady	Imogen Tonks	M. Cunn-ingham, H&A Col-lins	J & J Crowe	Blessie Stoneman	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)	Sr Maree
Sat Dec 14th	Harry Collins	Anna Col-lins	C. McAdie & M. Ma-son		D&M Lis-ter & Tom Kidd	P. Gem-mola & J. Clery	T. Reyn-olds	M. Staple-ton & K. Cham-mings	K. Scher-ger	Sr Maree
Sun Dec 15th Plenary Council 2-4pm	J. Clery	C. Bulger	G. O'Loughlin, N. Billings-ley & S. Reid	H&A Collins	S. Pickering	(as above)	V. Hooper	(as above)	(as above)	Sr Maree
Lake Bolac Sun Dec 8th	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>Prayers</b>	<b>Eucharis-tic Minis-ter</b>	<b>Cleaner</b> L. Breen	<b>Lake Bolac</b> Sun Dec 15th	<b>Reader</b> I. Meek	<b>Prayers</b> Jane Hig-gins	<b>Eucha-ristic Minister</b> M. Phil-lips	<b>Cleaner</b> L. Breen	H. Smith