

CHURCH ROSTER

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Aug 19 th	H. Collins	Beck Rodger	A. Reynolds, L. Horsman & C. McAdie		R&M Jerram & Tom Kidd	E. Coburn & Jo Jackson	Geoff White & Tom Kidd	M. Egan & Maureen Brady	M. Fe Galoso & A. Galoso
Sun Aug 20 th	J. Start	N. Potter	C. Bulger, & K. Cham-mings	D&M Lister	Lois Rowe & Pat Lard-ner	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Aug 26 th			T. Gemmola, G. North & MA McDougall		Marg Joyce & Tom Kidd	P & M Brady & P. Gemmo-la	V. Hooper, Tom Kidd & Jim Crowe	M. Cun-ningham	Jo Don-nan & K. Scher-ger
Sun Aug 27 th	N. Potter	R. Cooper	M. Cun-ningham, Sr. John & C. Reid	Elizabeth Shea	L&D Anderson	(as above)	V. Hooper	(as above)	(as above)



Sunday, 20 Aug 2017 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

As we celebrate, we acknowledge the Indigenous owners of the land on which The Church of The Immaculate Conception is built, the Tjapwurong people, and we respect the presence of the spirits of their ancestors among us.

First Reading *Is 56:1.6-7*

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4*
(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

- O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. *(R.)*
- Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. *(R.)*
- Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. *(R.)*

Second Reading *Rom 11:13-15. 29-32*

Gospel Acclamation *Mt 4:23*

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Mt 15:21-28*

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19th/20th August 2017

RECENT DEATHS:

Noel Fromager

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mary Colwell, Sergio Tognon, Mary Hickey, Diana Cashin, Frank McAloon, Leila Petersen, Ethel Lannen, Kevin Brady, Peter Coughlin, Maria Sobczak, Michael Bond, Ray DeGroot, Stan Gleeson, Brendan Laidlaw, Les Kelly, Gavin Thomas Quilty

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Grace Molloy, Taine Pearce, Emily May, Bernie Sorsogon (Manilla), Shirley Billet, Natasha Martens.

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!

St. Mary's Parish would like to congratulate and welcome Elsie Scott into the Catholic Faith — (daughter of Sonia and Todd)

Joke of the Week



As witnesses later recalled, two small dogs just waltzed into the place, grabbed the cat, and waltzed out.

Vinnies Winter Appeal

You will find some envelopes at the back of the Church should you wish to donate to the St. Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. Please drop your contributions into the Vinnies Shop on Barkly St. or into the collection during Mass but in a Vinnies envelope please so the counters can drop off the donations. All money stays in Ararat. If you would like to put a hamper together—Vinnies always welcome some of the following products—dried pasta, 2 minute noodles, crackers, biscuits, packet soup, tinned soup, snacks, cereals and rice.

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, a member of the Clergy, the Safe Guarding Officer on Ararat@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Church Toilets

All children—Primary school age and under— must be accompanied by an adult. Thank you for your understanding.

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.

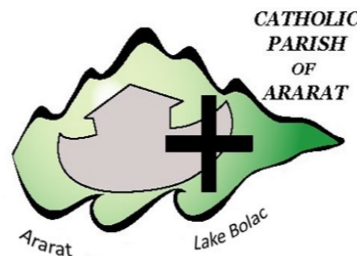
Parish Priest: Fr. Andrew Hayes andrew.hayes@ballarat.catholic.org.au
Download Church Bulletin - www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Parish Secretary: Joyce Clery ararat@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Safe Guarding Officer: Emma Coburn ararat@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Contact: 03 53525460 PO BOX 92, Ararat, VIC 3377

Office Hours: Wed/Thurs/Fri 10am-3pm (see details for July/Aug)



PRINCIPAL ST. MARY'S SCHOOL: Mr Tom Hogan

Download newsletter—www.smararat.catholic.edu.au

PRINCIPAL MARIAN COLLEGE: Mrs Carmel Barker

Download newsletter—www.mcararat.catholic.edu.au

MASS TIMES

Ararat

Lake Bolac

(Immaculate Conception) (St. Bernard's)

Saturday 6.00pm

Sunday 10.30am

8.30am

2nd Sunday of Every Month

8.30am (Lay Assembly)

Masses This Week

Tues 22nd 9.30am

Convent

Wed 23rd 10.30am

Low St

2pm Funeral Prayers for Noel Fromager-Lake Bolac

Fri 25th 6pm

Hopkins

LAKE BOLAC- MASS 20th Aug

LAKE BOLAC- MASS 27th Aug

READER: M. Phillips

READER: V. Albert

PRAYERS: D. Haslett

PRAYERS: T. Higgins

EUCCHARISTIC

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MINISTER: John Higgins

MINISTER: Jane Higgins

Cleaning: J. Aldous & T. Corbett

Cleaning: J. Upton & K. Gleeson

Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2017

"Love and charity, are service, helping others, serving others. There are many people who spend their lives in this way, in the service of others. ... When you forget yourself and think of others, this is love!"

A VOCATION VIEW

It's so easy to push people out of our lives. But the Lord knows no boundaries or races or colours. Spread the Good News that we are all God's people.

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

Embrace the Shepherds



In bible times the shepherds were considered outcasts, less worthy of a place in civil society. Here at St Mary's we're making a concerted effort to "embrace the shepherds."

We welcome every person who is unwelcome.

Saint of the Week: St. Philip of Benizi,

Feastday: August 23

Patron of The Minor Basilica in Monte Senario (Fiesole) in the Diocese of Florence, Tuscany, Italy; Zamboanga del Norte, Philippines

Birth: 1233, Death: 1285. Servite cardinal and preacher. Born in Florence, Italy, to a noble family, he was educated in Paris and Padua where he earned a doctorate in medicine and philosophy. He practiced medicine for some time, but in 1253 he joined the Servite Order in Florence. He served as a lay brother until 1259, when his superiors directed him to be ordained. Philip soon became known as one of the foremost preachers of his era, becoming master of novices at Siena in 1262 and then superior of several friaries and prior general of the Servites against his own wishes. in 1267. Reforming the order with zeal and patience, he was named as a possible candidate to become pope by the influential Cardinal Ottobuoni just before the election to choose a successor to Pope Clement IV. This possibility was so distressing to Philip that he fled and hid in a cave until the election was finally over. *Read more on www.catholic.org/saints*

www.dow.org.au



NOTICES

Office hours during July/August

Fr. Andrew has returned! Joyce will be away until the end of August. The office will be open: Wednesdays and Fridays—10am-12. On all other days the phone and the email will still be staffed. Please email rather than phone if you can. The office hours will return to normal in September.

ROSTERS

Thank you to all those who participate in the roster—Readers, Gardener, Welcomers, Counters, Collectors, Facilitators, Golden Gate etc. The Church wouldn't run without you! Should anyone wish to change their date, could you please email/phone another member of the Parish to fill your spot or if that is not possible, please email Joyce on Ararat@ballarat.catholic.org.au

MGL Sisters Consecrated Life Weekend

Curious about Consecrated Life?? Wondering what God is calling you to in your life?? Seeking some space to listen to God?? The Missionaries of God's Love Sisters (MGL) would like to invite young women to their Consecrated Life Weekend from September 15-17. The weekend will include talks, opportunity for prayer, sharing, sisterhood and more. Friday night will begin at the Sisters house at 6pm, and the following days will be at St Benedict's Parish in Burwood. Cost is by donation. For more information or to RSVP, call us on 03 9857 8177 or email mqlsisters.melb@gmail.com. We look forward to sharing the gift of our life with you. Flyer attached.

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – now open for new participants

The Lay Pastoral Ministry Program offers low-cost opportunities for online study and formation for lay workers in the diocese, both employees and volunteers. A wide range of subject areas are offered: Scripture, Sacraments, Social Justice, Leadership skills, Youth Ministry, many more. Registration for the September study cycle closes on 28 August - or you can start later in October. There are 6 study cycles each year, you can start at any one. Study one subject or do more – it's flexible! Details on the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (link is on home page), or contact Amanda, ph: 5337 7125 or email amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au.

Palms Australia Ballarat Information Sessions

Communities in Asia, the Pacific and Africa are looking to provide mentoring opportunities for local personnel and improve processes and procedures for organisations vital to reducing poverty. To ensure sustainable development they prefer those willing to come for two years, but accept that some are only available for 12 months. If you are an experienced professional, business or trades person, in any area, but especially education, please consider volunteering with Palms Australia. An information session will be held on Thursday, September 14, 2017 from 5.30pm-7.00pm at the Australian Catholic University, Building 100 Torney Room, 1200 Mair St, Ballarat. RSVP joey@palms.org.au or call 02 9560 5333. Can't make it? Call now about applying for positions currently available or look first via Palms' [two-week Encounter](http://palms.org.au/encounters/) (palms.org.au/encounters/)

Youth Synod Questionnaire:

The second part of the Youth Synod 2018 preparatory consultation with our Diocese is a Questionnaire. Groups and individuals of all ages are invited to respond. Pope Francis wants to hear from Dioceses around the world and responses to the Questionnaire will form part of the preparations for the world-wide **Ordinary Synod on Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment** in Rome in October 2018. The Questionnaire is available on the Diocesan website (*Latest News* on home page). Please email responses by 15 August 2017. For more info contact youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au or 5337 7125.