

## CHURCH ROSTER

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Aug 26 <sup>th</sup>			T. Gemmola, G. North & MA McDougall		Marg Joyce & Tom Kidd	P & M Brady & P. Gemmola	V. Hooper, Tom Kidd & Jim	M. Cunningham	Jo Donnan & K. Scherger
Sun Aug 27 <sup>th</sup>	N. Potter	R. Cooper	M. Cunningham, Sr. John & C. Reid	Elizabeth Shea	L&D Anderson	(as above)	V. Hooper	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Sep 2 <sup>nd</sup>	P. Brennan	G. White	M. Mason, P. Brady		Sr. Maree	C. Bush & J. Clery	G. White	A. Joyce & Marilyn Brady	M. Fe Galoso & A. Galoso
Sun Sep 3 <sup>rd</sup>	J. Clery	S. Reid	C. Reid, M. Ollie & J. Start		Kathy Leggett & S. Pickering	(as above)	P. Gemmola	(as above)	(as above)



## Sunday, 27 Aug 2017 Twenty-first 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 Tjapwuring people, and we respect the presence of the spirits of their ancestors among us.

### First Reading **Is 22:19-23**

### Responsorial Psalm **Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R. v.8**

(R.) Lord, your love is eternal;

do not forsake the work of your hands.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered;

you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)

3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

### Second Reading **Rom 11:33-36**

### Gospel Acclamation **Mt 16:18**

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

### Gospel **Mt 16:13-20**

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### 26th/27th August 2017

#### RECENT DEATHS:

#### ANNIVERSARIES:

Peter Shea, John Thomas, Sarah McKibbin, Ruby Davey, John Leo (Jack), Cecelia Moran, Ivy Mullins, Claire Miles, John Keogh, Lawrence Keogh, Dominic Keogh, Irene Hockley, Kathleen Kennedy, Leo Stevens Jnr, Fr John Shelley, Harriet O'Boyle, Vincent Kennedy, Belinda Hearn, Mary Canty, Daniel (Mick) Roche, Martin Downes, Karen Vann, Gayle Harris, Patrick Harrington, Lisa Van Der Spank, Amy Dempsey, Arthur Clark, Frank Fitzpatrick

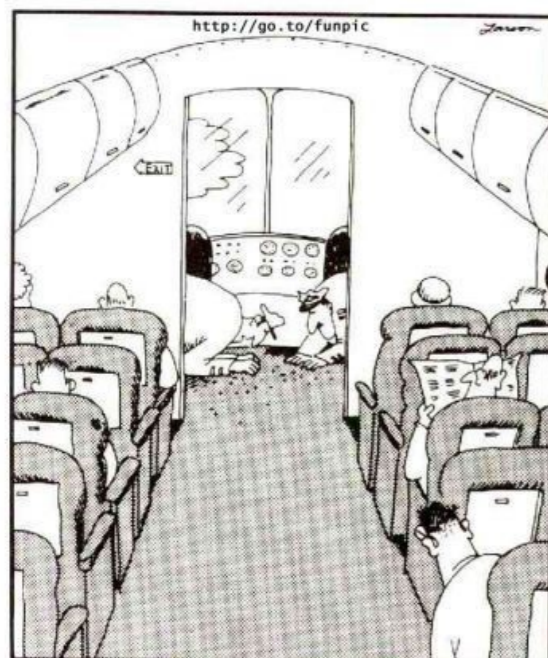
#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

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 :

### Joke of the Week



"Well, there is some irony in all this, you know. ... I mean, we both lose a lens at the same time?"

## 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.

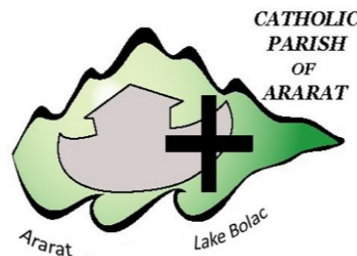
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**Safe Guarding Officer:** Emma Coburn [ararat@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:ararat@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

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**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](http://www.smararat.catholic.edu.au)

**PRINCIPAL MARIAN COLLEGE:** Mrs Carmel Barker

Download newsletter—[www.mcararat.catholic.edu.au](http://www.mcararat.catholic.edu.au)

### MASS TIMES

#### Ararat

(Immaculate Conception)

**Saturday 6.00pm**

**Saturday**

**Sunday 10.30am**

**Sunday**

**2nd Sunday of Every Month**

#### Lake Bolac

(St. Bernard's)

**8.30am**

**8.30am (Lay Assembly)**

### Masses This Week

Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Convent (note early time)
Thurs 31 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Convent
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	6pm	Hopkins

### LAKE BOLAC— MASS 27th Aug

**READER:** V. Albert

**PRAYERS:** T. Higgins

#### EUCCHARISTIC

**MINISTER:** Jane Higgins

**Cleaning:** Jane Higgins

### LAKE BOLAC— MASS 3rd Sept

**READER:** D. Phillips

**PRAYERS:** K. Gleeson

#### EUCCHARISTIC

**MINISTER:** D. Haslett

**Cleaning:** J. Upton & K. Gleeson

### Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2017

"I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day. No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her."

### A VOCATION VIEW

Many of us fear people in authority as authority can be used rightly or wrongly. As Christians we are called to see power as service. We shall all be judged on love.

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. Monica, [Feast day:](#) August 27, [Patron](#) of Wives and Abuse Victims, Birth: 331, Death: 387

Saint Monica, also known as Monica of Hippo, is St. Augustine of Hippo's mother. She was born in 331 A.D. in Tagaste, which is present-day Algeria. When she was very young, she was married off to the Roman pagan Patricius, who shared his mother's violent temper. Patricius' mother lived with the couple and the duo's temper flares proved to be a constant challenge to young Monica. While Monica's prayers and Christian deeds bothered Patricius, he is said to have respected her beliefs. *Read more on [www.catholic.org/saints](http://www.catholic.org/saints)*



### NOTICES

#### Office hours during July/August

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.

#### 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 [mgl sisters.melb@gmail.com](mailto:mgl sisters.melb@gmail.com). We look forward to sharing the gift of our life with you. Flyer on notice board.

#### "Deësis: Prayer and Image" Exhibition

This exhibition is dedicated to the role of icons as agents of intercession. Art Gallery of Ballarat until Sunday, September 10, 2017. Flyer on notice board.

#### 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](mailto: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](#) ([palms.org.au/encounters/](http://palms.org.au/encounters/))