

CHURCH ROSTER

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Aug 5 th	G. White	A. Collins	T. Gemmola, G. North & MA McDougall		R&M Jerram & Tom Kidd	P. Lardner, B. Mannix & P. Brennan	P. Gemmola & Tom Kidd	M. Stapleton & Joan Bond	
Sun Aug 6 th	J. Brennan	T. Arnold	M. Cunningham, Sr. John & C. Reid	H&A Collins	Kathy Leggett & Blessie Stoneman	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Aug 12 th	C. Brennan	P. Brady	H&A Collins		Sr. Maree & Tom Kidd	V. Hooper, C. Brennan & G. White	Geoff White & Tom Kidd	J. North & Anne Joyce	J. Start
Sun Aug 13 th	P. Lardner	P. Brennan	G.O'Loughlin, N. Billingsley & S. Reid	J&J Crowe	S. Pickering	(as above)	C. Brennan	(as above)	(as above)



Sunday, 6 Aug 2017: The Transfiguration of the Lord

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 Dn 7:9-10. 13-14

Responsorial Psalm Ps 96:1-2. 5-6. 9. R. vv.1. 9.
(R.) The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

1. The Lord is king, let earth rejoice, let all the coastlands be glad. Cloud and darkness are his raiment; his throne, justice and right. *(R.)*
2. The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth. The skies proclaim his justice; all peoples see his glory. *(R.)*
3. For you indeed are the Lord most high above all the earth exalted far above all spirits. *(R.)*

Second Reading 2 Pt 1:16-19

Gospel Acclamation Mt 17:5

Alleluia, alleluia!
This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight:
listen to him.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 17:1-9

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5th/6th August 2017

RECENT DEATHS:

Kathleen Hewitt, Barbara Bossner, Sr Mary Myers csb

ANNIVERSARIES:

Pat Liston, Fr Leo McCormick, Rosalia Kolotelo, Lina Daghero, Denise Fromager, William Oliver, Jan Tutton, Edward Byrne, Lola Lindholm, Danny Pollock, May Lenehan, **Fr. Brendan Davey**, (this Wednesday) Eliza O'Connor, Emma James, Sr Denise Allen C.S.B, Jeff Slatter, Beverley Austin, Frances Toner, Vin Fagan, John Hogan and Ralph Brown

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Maryanne Carmichael, Bernie Sorsogon (Manilla), Shirley Billet, Natasha Martens.

The Families of Grace Molloy, Taine Pearce, Emily May, wish to thank everyone for their prayers and that they are all doing very well.

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



Returning from vacation, Roy and Barbara find their house, their neighborhood, their friends—in fact, all of Atlantis—just plain gone.

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.

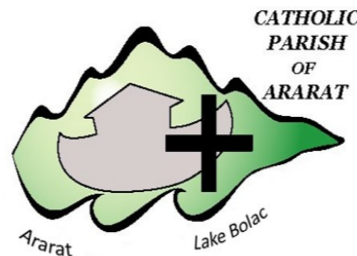
Parish Priest: Fr. Andrew Hayes andrew.hayes@ballarat.catholic.org.au
Download Church Bulletin - www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

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

	<u>Ararat</u>	<u>Lake Bolac</u>
	(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

Wed 9th 9.15am Church (with St. Mary's)

Fri 11th 6pm Hopkins

LAKE BOLAC- MASS 6th Aug

READER: M-A Otto

PRAYERS: I. Meek

EUCCHARISTIC

MINISTER: R. Liston

Cleaning: T. Higgins

LAKE BOLAC- Lay Assembly 13th Aug

READER: P. Meek

PRAYERS: J. Aldous

EUCCHARISTIC

MINISTER: I. Meek

Cleaning: Tricia & M-A

Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2017

“Although the life of a person is in a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow. You have to trust God.”

A VOCATION VIEW

: If some people did not hoard the riches of this world, all people would have enough to eat and drink. Too many people starve to death every day. Who will speak loudly of justice today?

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. Cajetan,

Feastday: August 7

Patron of workers; gamblers; job seekers; unemployed people; Albania; Italy; Malta; Argentina; Brazil; El Salvador; Guatemala
Birth: 1480

Death: 1547 In 1523, the Church was in sad shape. People could not get the spiritual nourishment they needed from the large numbers of uneducated and even immoral priests who took their money but returned nothing. When good priests and laypeople turned to the hierarchy for help, they found leaders at best apathetic and indifferent to their concerns. How should a good Catholic respond to this situation?

We all know how Luther and others responded -- by splitting away from the Catholic Church when their pleas went unheard.

Read more on www.catholic.org/saints



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.

Thank You

It is good to be back. I have had a lovely break. Thank you to Joan, Maree, Emma, Joyce, Mary and Fr Peter who seem to have done a great job of keeping the fires burning, and to the parishioners for managing with the limited office hours that we have at present. Won't be long and all will be back to normal.

CWL Meeting.

All members are reminded that the next CWL meeting is to be held on Tuesday, 8th of August at 1.30pm in the Parish Centre.

Many Thanks, Jan Crowe, President

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.

ACYF 2017

Registrations for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival are already over 80% capacity and Early Bird Registrations close on 18 August. The Festival is 7-9 December 2017, for Year 9-30 yo. Ballarat Diocese Youth and Young Adult Ministry has secured accommodation in Sydney and bus transport there and back. Please contact Amanda soon to 'book in' your group. If you are not yet part of a group, we can help – contact Amanda youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au or 0427 748 867. More information on www.ballarat.catholic.org.au / Youth and Young Adult pages.

Private Board Required

Private board is required in Ballarat for four nights a week, Monday – Thursday for a female. If you are able to assist please email rdam@badac.onmicrosoft.com

RCIA Victorian State Conference - Melbourne

Saturday, August 26, 2017. "Ask, See, Knock: Joyful Encounters of RCIA". Flyer on notice board.