

CHURCH ROSTER

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Jun 24th	C. Brennan	G. North	H&A Collins		Marg Joyce	C. Bush & J. Clery	G. White	M. Stapleton & K. Cham-mings	Jo Donnan & K. Scherger
Sun Jun 25th	P. Lardner	M. McQwan	G. O'Loughlin, N. Billingsley & S. Reid	J&J Crowe	L&D Anderson	(as above)	Jim Crowe	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Jul 1st		P. McAloon	A. Reynolds, L. Horsman & C. McAdie		Geoff White	P. McAloon & B. Holland	Geoff White & Carmel Brennan	M. Jeram & Marilyn Brady	M. Fe Galoso & A. Galoso
Sun Jul 2nd	J. Start	P. Lardner	C. Bulger, & K. Cham-mings	D&M Lister	Kathy Leggett & Shirley Pickering	(as above)	John Pola & V Hooper	(as above)	(as above)



Sunday, 25 Jun 2017: Twelfth 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.

24th/25th June 2017

First Reading Jer 20:10-13

Responsorial Psalm Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R. v.14

(R.) Lord, in your great love, answer me.

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,
an alien to my own mother's sons.

I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me. (R.)

2. This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:

Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. (R.)

3. The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 5:12-15

Gospel Acclamation Jn 15:26. 27

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 10:26-33

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RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Peter Hinchey, Mons. John Day, Norman Gow, Aileen McIntyre, Fr Maurie Dullard S.J, Meryl Jacobs, Don Edwards, Dorothy Fox, Tanya Tobin, Nicole Holloway, Fr. Mick Fitzpatrick, Flo Flanagan, Norman Hoare, Jack Todd, Fr Don Gobbi, Tommy Eastick, Gerard Lillis, Elias Alimasag, Mary Lea, Doreen Stephans, Bern Donovan, Robert Rutter, Ian Phillips, David Breen, Josef Neulist, John Phillips

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Kate Whelan, Grace Molloy, Taine Pearce, Emily May, Bernie Sorsogon (Manilla), Barry Wilson, 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

A woman died and when she arrived at the pearly gates, she was greeted by St. Peter. She asked, "What do I have to do to enter heaven?" St. Peter said, "Spell the word Love"

This she did and entered in to heaven. St. Peter said, "I have a few things to do, so could you please mind the gates for awhile?"

While she was in charge, who should arrive at the gates but her ex husband. "What are you doing here?", she asked.

"Well at the wake after your funeral, I got so drunk I was knocked over by a car on the way home. What do I have to do to get through these gates?"

"Spell CZECHOSLOVAKIA", she said with a smile.

Church Toilets

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

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

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.

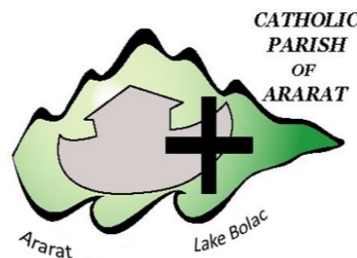
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Office Hours: Wed/Thurs/Fri 10am-3pm (see details for July/Aug)



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

Thurs 29th 9.30am Convent

Fri 30th 6pm Hopkins

LAKE BOLAC- MASS 25th June

READER: L. Breen
PRAYERS: D. Phillips
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: R. Liston

LAKE BOLAC- MASS July 2nd

READER: V. Albert
PRAYERS: R. Liston
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: D. Haslett

Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2017

"Love requires a concrete, creative response. Good intentions are not enough. The other is not a statistic, but a person to take care of."

A VOCATION VIEW

Have you discovered yet that there is more to life than what only material things have to offer? We live in the Spirit. Only in the Lord can we find lasting peace. Speak the Good News.

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. John the Baptist, Feast Day June 24th, Patron of Jordan, Puerto Rico, Knights Hospitaller of Jerusalem, French Canada, Newfoundland, Cesena, Florence, Genoa, Monza, Perth (Scotland), Porto, San Juan, Turin, Xewkija, and many other places
 Death: ~31-36

John the Baptist was a contemporary of Christ who was known for evangelization and his baptizing of Jesus Christ. John the Baptist was born through the intercession of God to Zachariah and Elizabeth, who was otherwise too old to bear children. According to scriptures, the Angel Gabriel visited Elizabeth and Zachariah to tell them they would have a son and that they should name him John. Zachariah was skeptical and for this he was rendered mute until the time his son was born and named John, in fulfillment of God's will.

Read more on www.catholic.org/saints



Fr. Andrew's Column

Office hours during July/August

Fr. Andrew will be away for July. Joyce will be away for July and 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. Fr Peter Wood MSC will be available for all weekend Masses and funerals in July. Please phone the funeral directors as is usual. They will contact Fr. Peter.

People who are sometimes a nuisance

Are you as outraged as I am at the suggestion that children with particular needs be removed from regular classrooms? Were it true that these children would be better taught in another setup, then that would have some merit. But suggesting that these children be removed because they are "holding back" other children is appalling. For Pauline, refugees and Muslims are a nuisance. It used to be Asians. Now it's beautiful children who are a nuisance. Do we have to remove them from sight too?

All the while there is agitation to legalise euthanasia. There is a slippery slope between people dying with dignity and free from pain, and people dying earlier than necessary because they are a nuisance. I'm calling for tolerance and compassion and inclusion and love and respect and humility and all of the things, funnily enough, that Jesus called for.

Quinton Morris—Violin (visiting July 24th-26th inclusive)

"Breakthrough" - an interactive recital with Quinton Morris—an American Violinist from Seattle. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear the music of composer Chevalier de Saint-Georges. Quinton will be accompanied by the 2006 Australian National Piano Award Recipient: Amir Farid and playing in the Church on Tuesday July 25th

Please see the Foyer notice board for the flyer.

Planned Giving Envelopes

Where has the year gone! The first set of Planned Giving Envelopes for the new financial year will be ready for collection next week in the foyer. You will see your NEW NUMBER on the envelope. If you would like to go on Direct Debit—please email Joyce on ararat@ballarat.catholic.org.au.

Direct Debit parishioners—Joyce will send you an email confirming again your new number so you can let your bank know but there won't be any envelopes for you to collect!! There will however be envelopes in a basket on the table in the foyer should you wish to contribute privately to the Presbytery. If you would like to go EVEN FURTHER with your direct debits and contribute to the Presbytery Account (collection for Fr. Andrew), then you can set this up via EFT: (this contribution is not recorded)

Westpac Bank: BSB: 033-201

Acc number: 810043

Acc Name: Presbytery

Funerals in the Uniting Church

For three days, July 24 – 26, St Mary's Church and Parish Centre has been booked for an educational music event for students from both Marian College and Ararat Community College. We have offered the use of the church because the PAC is being renovated. The church will be unavailable for funerals for those three days. Rev Paul Sanders has kindly made the Uniting Church available should we require a funeral during those days.