

CHURCH ROSTER

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat May 13th	H. Collins	Beck Rodger	A. Reynolds, L. Horsman & C. McAdie		Marg Joyce	B. Holland & P. McAloon	G. White	M. Egan & M. Brady	A. Galoso & M. Fe Galoso
Sun May 14th	J. Start	N. Potter	C. Bulger, & K. Chamings	D&M Lister	Pat Lardner & S. Pickering	(as above)	Jim Crowe	(as above)	(as above)
Sat May 20th	H. Collins		T. Gemmola		R&M Jeram	The Arnold Family, T. Weeks & C. Martin	Geoff White & Carmel Brennan	J. North & M. Cunningham	J. Clery
Sun May 21st	N. Potter	R. Cooper	M. Cunningham, Sr. John & C. Reid	Elizabeth Shea	Blessie Stone-man	(as above)	John Pola & P. Gemmola	(as above)	(as above)

Joke of the Week

After Church, a woman shook the priest's hand at the door and went on and on in her praise.

"That sermon," she said, was one of the most wonderful I have ever heard!"

The humble Priest couldn't accept such a great compliment. "Oh, it really wasn't me," he said. "It was all the Lord."

"Oh no," she quickly assured him, "it wasn't THAT good."



Pentecost Sunday Mass—

June 4th 2017 at Seppelt Winery,

Great Western

We have now reached our target of 60 people for this Mass. However, we have spoken with Seppelts and we can have up to 80 (we just need to break up the tour) - so if you would still like to book in—PHONE JOYCE NOW IN THE OFFICE and leave a message. Payment will need to be made by the end of next week.

Wendy Shea

Wendy Shea died peacefully last Sunday after living many years with cancer. She confounded the medical experts by far outliving the prognosis and managing, despite ongoing treatments, to live (most of the time) a relatively normal, full and joyful life. We feel that through your prayers we were greatly blessed in our journey with Wendy, and we were enabled to have many, many happy times with her which we could not otherwise have had.

Thank you and God bless each and every one of you for your support. We are truly grateful.

Libby Shea and family



Sunday, 14th May 2017 Fifth Sunday of Easter - 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 **Acts 6:1-7**

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R. v.22**

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.

Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. (R.)

2. For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.

The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. (R.)

3. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. (R.)

Second Reading **1 Pt 2:4-9**

Gospel Acclamation **Jn 14:6**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

Gospel **Jn 14:1-12**

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13th/14th May 2017

RECENT DEATHS:

Wendy Shea, Mick Moran

ANNIVERSARIES:

Thomas Cronin, Daphne Nailon, Fr John Meade, Norman Start, Annie Schirmer, Gordon Schirmer, Monica Kelly, Celine Fernando, Fr John Leyden, Fr Tom Bourke, Leo O'Rorke, Janet O'Rorke, Gerard Cudmore, Claud Harrison, Elizabeth Harrison, Joan Connellan, Reg Palmer, Bianca Bulger, Bert Setori, Veronica O'Connor, Bernard McIntyre
Tom Rees, Sr. Mary Vassalla, Eileen Williams, John (Jack) Cavanagh, Joan Minoque, Robert Murphy, Fr Robert Meade, Albert Spiller, Michael Carroll, Lukas Bryant, Mons. Thomas Hussey, Terrance Hussey, Desmond Joyce, Sr Kathleen Desmond, Alma McAdie, Fr Henry Allen OSA, Malcolm McLeod

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

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:

Linden Horsman

PARISH PRAYER

Loving God, Good Shepherd of us all,

gather us and form us into a welcoming Parish family.

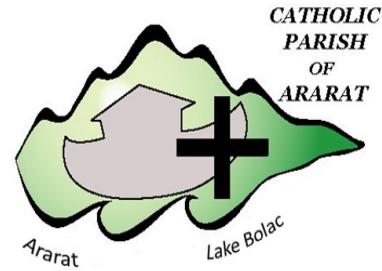
Touch our hearts with your love so that we, in turn, may reach out in love to one another,

in a neighbourly community. We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

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MASS TIMES

	<u>Ararat</u> (Immaculate Conception)	<u>Lake Bolac</u> (St. Bernard's)
Saturday	6.00pm	
Sunday	10.30am	8.30am
2nd Sunday of Every Month		8.30am (Lay Assembly)
Masses This Week		
Tues 16th	9.30am	Convent
Wed 17th	9.30am	Convent
Thurs 18th	11am	Low St

**LAKE BOLAC—Lay Assembly
May 14th**

READER: I. Meek
PRAYERS: J. Aldous
EUCCHARISTIC
MINISTER: R. Liston
Lay Assembly: Reg & Helen

LAKE BOLAC— MASS May 21st

READER: Jane Higgins
PRAYERS: H. Smith
EUCCHARISTIC
MINISTER: R. Smith

Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2017
 The Pope loves everyone, rich and poor alike, but the Pope has the duty, in Christ's name, to remind the rich to help the poor, to respect them, to promote them.

A VOCATION VIEW

The new ministry of "Deacon" is mentioned in today's Scripture. Perhaps the Lord is calling you to assist with the charitable, educational or liturgical needs of the Lord's People 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. Dymphna, Feast Day May 15th, BD 7th Century. Patron of those suffering for nervous and mental afflictions. Dymphna was born in Ireland sometime in the seventh century to a pagan father and devout Christian mother. When she was fourteen, she consecrated herself to Christ and took a vow of chastity. Soon afterward, her mother died and her father - who had loved his wife deeply - began to suffer a rapid deterioration of his mental stability. So unhinged was Dymphna's father, Damon, that the King's counsellors suggested he remarry. Though he was still grieving for his wife, he agreed to remarry if a woman as beautiful as she could be found.

Read more on www.catholic.org/saints

www.jcr.org.au



From Fr. Andrew:

Taking Food From the Poor

Was interested this week with the fallout from the Federal Government's proposal to tie welfare payments to drug use. Malcolm Turnbull said, "the lesson is don't take drugs." I applaud the government for taking a lead on inspiring people not to take drugs. It concerns me that this initiative is aimed at stopping only poor people from taking drugs. Where's the comparable imposition on the people who have jobs? Taking food from the poor, for whatever motive, will always be a draconian measure. Taking food and rent money from people, many of whom are already struggling to manage in life, is surely a measure that will make difficult lives unmanageable. Kind thoughts for Vinnies volunteers and others who will pick up the pieces.

RAR / ASRC

The Rural Australians for Refugees are collecting "Keep it Clean" items to deliver to the ASRC in Melbourne. Over the next couple of weeks people might like to drop the following items into the office or leave them in the church foyer: shampoos, conditioners, deodorants, toothpastes or toothbrushes. Many thanks.

Training for Readers / Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat down to set dates for this training then thought "let's wait until we have heaters in the church." Stay tuned.

St. Bernard's Auxiliary— Lake Bolac

The next Annual St. Bernard's Auxiliary meeting will take place on May 19th at 7.30pm at Helen and Reg Smith's house.

CWL

The CWL also have their Social Afternoon on **MONDAY 15th MAY** at 1.30pm in the Parish Centre.

All welcome.

Other Notices: National Volunteer Week

National Volunteer Week, from 8 -14 May 2017, is an annual celebration to acknowledge the generous contribution of our nation's volunteers. According to Volunteering Australia, 5.8 million Australians or 31% of the population volunteer, make an estimated annual contribution of \$290 billion to our economic and social good. Thank you to all our volunteers in parishes, schools and agencies for their invaluable contribution to the Ballarat diocese.

Climate Change Petition

Attached to the foyer notice board, please find a Micah Australia Climate Change petition. This is a combined Church initiative. Caritas Australia is a member of Micah Australia. The petition in Ballarat is being coordinated by Bronwen James who will receive signatures until June 30. They will then be presented to Hon. Catherine King, MP to represent Ballarat. Caritas resources for parishes and schools can be found on the Caritas website www.caritas.org.au/act/our-common-home/climate-petition-2017#Featured. For further information on the petition please contact Bronwen, ph.0400 574 523 or email bronwenj0@gmail.com. Petitions to be sent to Bronwen James, c/- Ballarat Central Uniting Church, 103 Lydiard Street South, Ballarat Vic. 3350. Thank you for your support, Sue Searls, Ballarat Diocesan Director for Caritas Australia.

Church Toilets

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