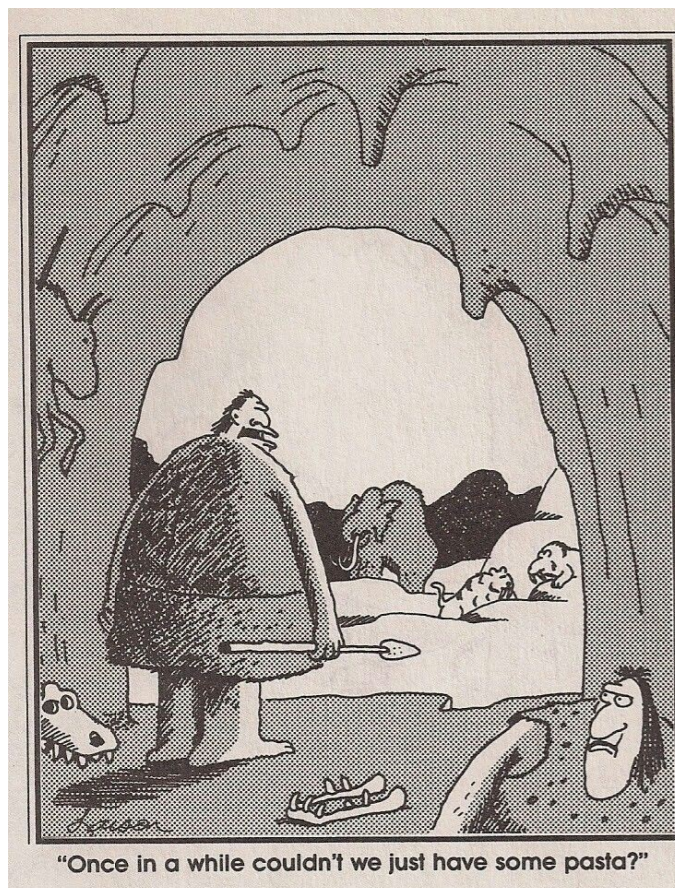
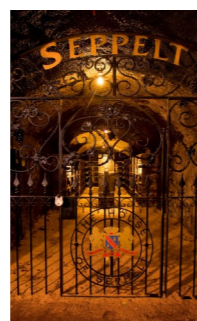


## CHURCH ROSTER

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat May 27 <sup>th</sup>	P. Brennan	G. White	M. Mason, P. Brady & AM Joyce		R&M Jerram	The Reynolds Family & P. McAloon	G. White	A. Joyce & Marilyn Brady	Jo Donnan
Sun May 28 <sup>th</sup>	J. Clery	S. Reid	C. Reid, M. Ollie & J. Start	Anne-Marie Joyce	Kathy Leggett & S. Pickering	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Jun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	P. Gemmola	I. Brady	H&A Collins			I. Brady, P. Gemmola & L. Styles	Geoff White & R. Jerram	M. Jerram & M. Dempsey	?
Sun Jun 4 <sup>th</sup>	C. Reid	C. Bulger	G. O'Loughlin, N. Billingsley & S. Reid	T. Gemmola	P. Lardner	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)



**June 4th 2017**  
**Morning Mass in Ararat**  
**will commence at 10.15am**  
**Not 10.30am**



### Pentecost Mass at Seppelt

#### June 4th

The deadline for payment is Monday May 29th. Please see Joyce in the Office.



## Sunday, 28th May 2017 The Ascension of the Lord - 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 **Acts 1:1-11**

### Responsorial Psalm **Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6**

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

1. All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy!

For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. (R.)

2. God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. (R.)

3. God is king of all the earth.

Sing praise with all your skill.

God is king over the nations;

God reigns on his holy throne. (R.)

### Second Reading **Eph 1:17-23**

### Gospel Acclamation **Mt 28:19. 20**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

### Gospel **Mt 28:16-20**

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### 27th/28th May 2017

#### RECENT DEATHS:

Sr. Maureen McPhillips

#### ANNIVERSARIES:

Josip Curak, Bridget Thistlethwaite, Phillip Shields, Thomas Eastick, Jane Howlett, Fr Mick Grady, Frank Sertori, Sr. Anne Dunbar, Jack White, Dora Jones, John Studd, Cecily Thomas, Mary Overington, John Hennessy, Bernard Guinan, Margaret Shalders, Eileen O'Halloran, Concetta Cannata, Lyell Clark

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

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:

Linden Horsman

### PARISH PRAYER

Loving God, Good Shepherd of us all,

gather us and form us into a welcoming Parish family.

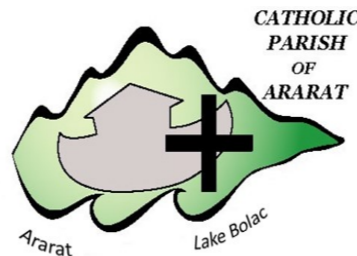
Touch our hearts with your love so that we, in turn, may reach out in love to one another,

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

Amen.

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Download Church Bulletin - [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

**Parish Secretary:** Joyce Clery [ararat@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:ararat@ballarat.catholic.org.au)  
**Contact:** 03 53525460 PO BOX 92, Ararat, VIC 3377  
**Office Hours:** Wed/Thurs/Fri 10am-3pm



**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)	Lake Bolac (St. Bernard's)
Saturday	6.00pm	
Sunday	10.30am	8.30am
2nd Sunday of Every Month		8.30am (Lay Assembly)
<b>Masses This Week</b>		
Thurs 1st June	9.30am	Convent
Fri 2nd	6pm	Hopkins

#### LAKE BOLAC—MASS 28th May

**READER:** R. Liston  
**PRAYERS:** V. Albert  
**EUCCHARISTIC**  
**MINISTER:** John Higgins

#### LAKE BOLAC—MASS June 4th

**READER:** D. Haslett  
**PRAYERS:** Jane Higgins  
**EUCCHARISTIC**  
**MINISTER:** M. Phillips

#### Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2017

There are fundamentalist and violent individuals in all peoples and religions—and with intolerant generalizations they become stronger because they feed on hate and xenophobia

#### A VOCATION VIEW

Through His death, resurrection and ascension, Christ showed us the path to eternal life. Know that the Lord is with you always, through your struggles and triumphs, and that he will hear your prayers.

**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 Maximinus of Trier, Feast Day May 29th, Patron Saint of Trier, protection against perjury, lost at sea and destructive rains.

Bishop of Trier, Germany, from 332, and a [miracle](#) worker. He was probably born at Silly, France, and succeeded St. Agritus as [bishop](#) of Trier, giving refuge to [St. Athanasius](#) in 336. St. Paul, the [patriarch](#) of Constantinople, was also given Maximinus' protection. Maximinus was an ardent enemy of the Arian heretics, opposing them in the councils of Milan, Sardica, and Cologne. He was a known [miracle](#) worker and [apologist](#) for orthodox Catholicism and was called "one of the most courageous [bishops](#) of his time" by St. Jerome.

Read more on [www.catholic.org/saints](http://www.catholic.org/saints)



#### Fr. Andrew's Column

Young People – the bishops of Australia want to hear from you!!!!

<https://www.catholic.org.au/youthsurvey> Pope Francis has called young people to "Make your voice heard, let it resonate in communities." Survey closes July 2nd.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity May 28th – June 4th

The theme 'Reconciliation – the Love of Christ compels us', celebrates the irrevocable reconciliation that we have received through faith in Jesus Christ. Christ's love becomes the driving force that moves us beyond our division toward acts of reconciliation.

#### Catholic Education Week 2017

The theme for this year's Catholic Education Week is Strive for the Greater Gifts (1 Corinthians 12: 31).

#### Filipino Night

After a long gap—the wonderful Filipino Community would like to invite you to their night of celebration on Saturday June 10th after 6pm Mass. Please do bring along a bottle and a typical Filipino dish to share. It promises to be a great night so do come along.

#### Shannon's Bridge

Shannon's Bridge is a new not for profit volunteer organisation to help connect patients and existing palliative care services and supports. We are here to support you with issues about illness, dying and loss. The aim is to remove the taboo and change attitudes about death and dying. The focus is on not just a "good death" but "better living". Shannon's Bridge is based on the "Compassionate Communities" international movement to help people to live well within our communities to the very end of our lives. A Compassionate Community is one that acknowledges that care for one another at times of crisis and loss is not simply a task solely for health and social services but is everyone's responsibility. Shannon's Bridge welcomes interest and questions from members of the public, other volunteer groups, faith or spiritual groups, community organisations, service providers, local government, health services and educational institutions. Contact Jeremy McKnight, ph. 0448 827956 or [www.shannonbridge.com](http://www.shannonbridge.com). More information on Church Notice Board

#### ASRC Community Action Workshop Halls Gap

Want to change the conversation and shift views on our community's response to people seeking asylum? This workshop is for you! Workshop includes:

- How to have values-based conversations
- Where to have conversations for maximum impact
- Taking action in your area

Lunch and snacks provided

Saturday 24th June 2017 Community Action Workshop Halls Gap

Please RSVP: [bit.ly/hallsgap](http://bit.ly/hallsgap)

Halls Gap Baptist Camping 69-71 Grampians Rd, Halls Gap 10am-4pm

Info: email [commeng@asrc.org.au](mailto:commeng@asrc.org.au)



#### Church Toilets

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