

CHURCH ROSTER

| Day & Date | Facilitator | Reader | Eucharistic Minister | Golden Gate Communion | Welcomers | Counter | Collector | Flowers | Cleaning |
|--------------------------------|-------------|------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| Sat Nov 4th | P. McAloon | J. McAloon | A. Reynolds, L. Horsman & C. McAdie | | Sr Maree & Tom Kidd | P & M Brady & P. Gemmola | G. White, Tom Kidd & V. Hooper | A. Joyce & Marilyn Brady | J. Clery |
| Sun Nov 5th | J. Start | J. Brennan | C. Bulger, & K. Chamings | H&A Collins | L&D Anderson | (as above) | John Pola | (as above) | (as above) |
| Sat Nov 11th | G. White | A. Collins | T. Gemmola, | | Marg Joyce, Tom Kidd & M. Ryan | C. Bush & J. Clery | V. Hooper & Tom Kidd | A. Joyce & Marilyn Brady | P. Weeks |
| Sun Nov 12th | J. Brennan | T. Arnold | M. Cunningham, Sr. John & C. Reid | J&J Crowe | Kathy Leggett & S. Pickering | (as above) | John Pola | (as above) | (as above) |



Sunday, 5 Nov 2017
Thirty-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 **Mal 1:14 – 2:2. 8-10**

You have strayed from the way, you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 130**

(R.) In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

- O Lord, my heart is not proud nor haughty my eyes. I have not gone after things too great nor marvels beyond me. **(R.)**
- Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace. A weaned child on its mother's breast, even so is my soul. **(R.)**
- O **Israel**, hope in the Lord both now and for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading **1 Thes 2:7-9. 13**

We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our lives as well.

Gospel Acclamation **Mt 23:9. 10**

Alleluia, alleluia!
 You have one Father, your Father in heaven;
 you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.
 Alleluia!

Gospel **Mt 23:1-12**

They do not practise what they preach.

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4th/5th Nov 2017

RECENT DEATHS:

Judy Waring, Bill Cornwall (Pat Lardner)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Kevin Rowe, David Williams, David Grinter, Hazel Jewell, Patricia Smith, Fr Frank Crowe, Peter Van Opstal, Majorie Holt, Hugh Fitzpatrick, Norma McGrath, John Evans, Brendan McKenzie-McHarg, Frances Kearney, Margaret McRae, Gerard Mercovich, Leo Green, Keith Jerram, Albert Thomas, Moira Flynn, Paddy Brennan, Hilda Cowell, Rodolfo Auxilio, Julian McKenzie-McHarg

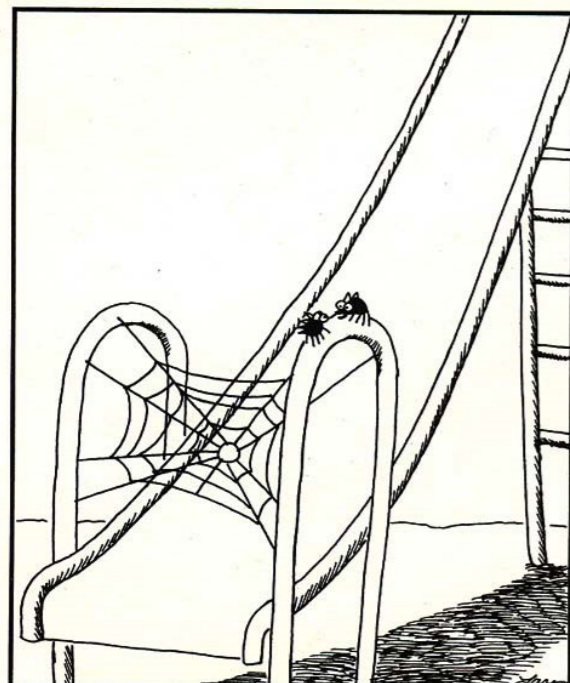
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Bernie Sorsogon (Manilla), 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



"If we pull this off, we'll eat like kings."

Frank & Margaret
 Dempsey wish to thank all parishioners for their prayers, phone calls and cards during Frank's illness. Your thoughtful intercession was much appreciated.
 Thank you to all



St. Vincent de Paul Society of Australia supports the latest **#LetThemStay** campaign. Please see the foyer notice board for details

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 or 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

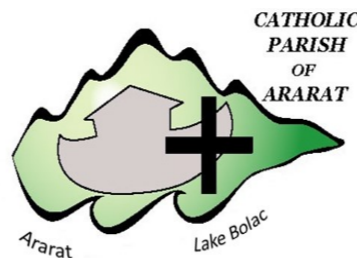
**Loving God, Good Shepherd of us all,
gather us and form us into a welcoming Parish family.**

**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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PRINCIPAL ST. MARY'S SCHOOL: Mr Tom Hogan
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PRINCIPAL MARIAN COLLEGE: Mrs Carmel Barker
 Download newsletter—www.mcararat.catholic.edu.au

MASS TIMES

Ararat Lake Bolac
 (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 in Ararat

Wed 8th 9.30am Ararat
Fri 10th 6pm Hopkins

LAKE BOLAC— Mass Nov 5th

READER: M. Phillips
PRAYERS: D. Phillips
EUCCHARISTIC
MINISTER: Jane Higgins
Cleaning: J. Aldous & T. Corbett

LAKE BOLAC— Lay Assembly Nov 12th

READER: P. Meek
PRAYERS: I. Meek
EUCCHARISTIC
MINISTER: R. Liston
Cleaning: Leanne & M-A

Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2017

"Today no one in our world feels responsible; we have lost a sense of responsibility for our brothers and sisters. We have fallen into the hypocrisy of the priest and the Levite whom Jesus described in the parable of the Good Samaritan: we see our brother half dead on the side of the road, and perhaps we say to ourselves: 'poor soul...!' and then go on our way. It's not our responsibility, and with that we feel reassured, assuaged."

A VOCATION VIEW

"Credibility" becomes a household word, not because there is so much of it, but because there is such a lack of it. The Church also needs people who not only practice what they preach, but can also preach what they practice."

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.

Saints of the Week:

St. Leonard Feastday: November 6
Patron of political prisoners, imprisoned people, prisoners of war, and captives, women in labour, as well as horses
 Death: 559 (& St. Elizabeth). According to unreliable sources, he was a Frank courtier who was converted by St. Remigius, refused the offer of a See from his godfather, King Clovis I, and became a monk at Micy. He lived as a hermit at Limoges and was rewarded by the king with all the land he could ride around on a donkey in a day for his prayers, which were believed to have brought the Queen through a difficult delivery safely. He founded Noblac monastery on the land so granted him, and it grew into the town of Saint-Leonard. He remained there evangelizing the surrounding area until his death. He is invoked by women in labor and by prisoners of war because of the legend that Clovis promised to release every captive Leonard visited. His feast day is November 6.

Read more on www.catholic.org/saints

Our Diocesan Community Magazine

The final edition of ODC for 2017 is available for collection from the Diocesan Offices in Ballarat. Thank you to those who have already collected their boxes. Please encourage parishioners to take copies to the homebound, nursing homes, hospitals, etc., to spread the good news of the diocese.

Notices



Planned Giving Envelopes are ready to collect in the Church Foyer



Masses around Christmas

4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday Dec 23 Usual 6pm Vigil Mass in Ararat
 Sunday Dec 24 There will be no Sunday morning Masses in Ararat or Lake Bolac

Christmas Eve

6pm Ararat
 7.45pm Lake Bolac

There will be a late Mass in Ararat (earlier than midnight) *at a time yet to be determined.*

Fr Andrew is still in discussion with Hamilton parish about his commitments there.

Christmas Day

9am Ararat

Our Diocesan Community

The latest issue has arrived. It has an article about Sr Marie Feiss and another about St Vincent de Paul's recent gathering in Ararat.

Training for Ministries in Ararat (45 minute sessions)

It's been a while since our last training for readers and Ministers of the Eucharist. The following sessions have been earmarked for some training. The training will be different to last time. Please make one of these sessions a priority.

Readers – after Mass on Saturday November 25 and Sunday November 26

Ministers of the Eucharist – after Mass on Saturday December 2 and Sunday December 3

Paperwork is on its way for the other Ministries—Gardening, Counting, Flowers etc. More in regards to OH&S issues!

CWL

The Catholic Women's League will have their monthly meeting on Tuesday November 14th at 1.30pm in the Parish Centre.

Grandmothers' Group

St. Anne's (Grandmothers') Group are having their Christmas party at Chalambar Golf Club on Wednesday Nov 8th at 12.30pm. Please bring along a Kris Kindle gift to the value of \$10.

Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide Proposals

In April this year, the bishops of Victoria published a pastoral letter in response to proposals to introduce legislation allowing euthanasia and assisted suicide. On the Notice Board are two documents that you/we may consider sending to your upper house representative as a last ditch communication with them.

"Family Matters Forum" Website Resource

For those who missed Fr Frank Brennan and the *Family Matters: Strengthening Respectful Relationships* opening address, you can now watch or listen to his entire presentation. Other resources can also be accessed via this page that has been built for your use. The site also contains information about workshops (Tuning in to Kids, Keeping the focus on children in blended families, having the suicide conversation and family violence) and prayers: 2017familymatters.weebly.com/

Ararat West Primary School Fete

If anyone would like to help Ararat West PS but are not sure what to do, they are having their School Fete on Friday November 17th from 5pm—8pm. If you would like to donate anything and in particular cakes/slices or consumables, please can you make sure to itemize the ingredients on a label. The Office building is still standing, so you can drop off your donations on the morning of Friday November 17th.