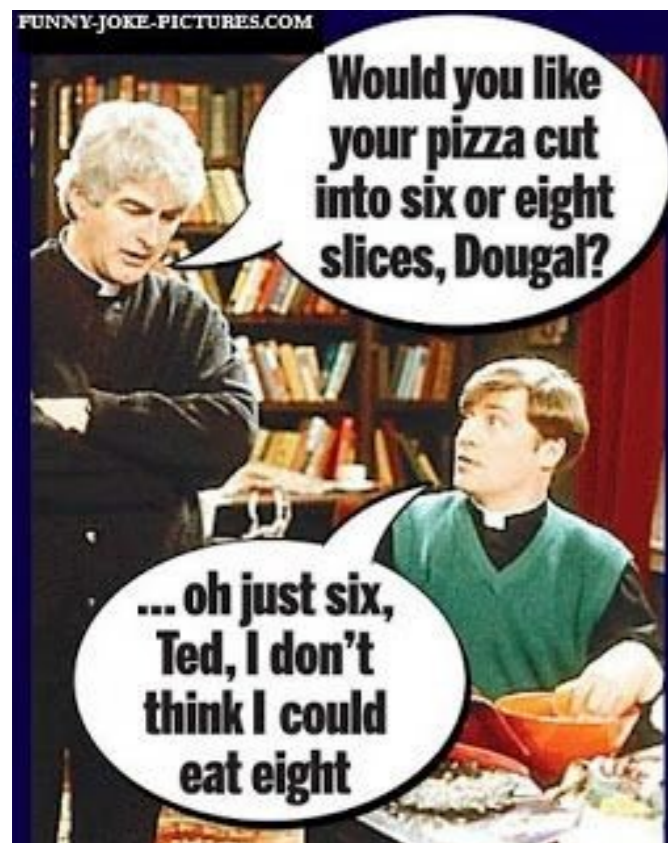


CHURCH ROSTER

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Sep 23 rd	G. White	P. McAloon	T. Gemmola		Marg Joyce, Tom Kidd & N. Billingsley	The Arnold Family, T. Weeks & C. Martin	V. Hooper & Tom Kidd	M. Dempsey & M. Jerram	Jo Donnan & K. Scherger
Sun Sep 24 th	J. Brennan	R. Cooper	M. Cunningham, Sr. John & C. Reid	H&A Collins	Blessie Stone-man	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Sep 30 th	C. Brennan	Brianne Grayling	H&A Collins		D&M Lister & Tom Kidd	The Reynolds Family & P. McAloon	Geoff. White & Tom Kidd		M. Fe Galoso & A. Galoso
Sun Oct 1 st	P. Lardner	C. Bulger	G. O'Loughlin, N. Billingsley & S. Reid	E. Shea	Pat Lardner & Kathy Leggett	(as above)	V. Hooper	(as above)	(as above)

Joke of the Week



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.

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



Sunday, 24 Sep 2017—Social Justice Sunday, Twenty-fifth 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 **Is 55:6-9**

Responsorial Psalm Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R. v.18
(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. the Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured. **(R.)**
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. **(R.)**

Second Reading **Phil 1:20-24. 27**

Gospel Acclamation **See Acts 16:14**

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Mt 20:1-16**

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23rd/24th September 2017

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Robert Milesi, Bill McKinnon, Alice Parker, Jack Parker, Edmund Gleeson, Margaret Johnson, Bruce Harrison, Robert Prydderch, Alex Shields, Marjorie Stapleton, Margaret Ryan, Joe Hayes, Mary Kelly, Kaz Grabowski, Judith Haberecht-Reid, Tom Ryan, Seamus Hennessy, Elywn Lillis and Sr. Barbara May CSB

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Frank Dempsey, 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 :

PARISH PRAYER

Loving God, Good Shepherd of us all,

gather us and form us into a welcoming Parish family.

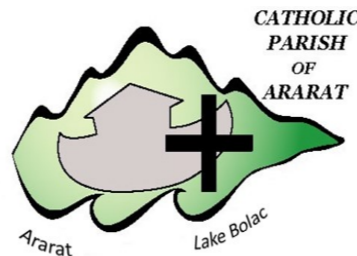
Touch our hearts with your love so that we, in turn, may reach out in love to one another,

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
 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 27th	9am	Convent (note early time)
Thurs 28th	9.30am	Convent
Fri 29th	6pm	Hopkins

LAKE BOLAC— MASS Sept 24th

READER: T. Higgins
PRAYERS: J. Aldous
EUCCHARISTIC
MINISTER: R. Liston
Cleaning: L. Breen

LAKE BOLAC— MASS Oct 1st

READER: R. Liston
PRAYERS: V. Albert
EUCCHARISTIC
MINISTER: M. Phillips
Cleaning: R. Liston

Quote from St. Vincent de Paul

“How much our hearts should be on fire with this ministry of assisting poor people and devoting ourselves earnestly to it because the need is so great and God expects this of us.”

A VOCATION VIEW

We can never be called “generous”. All that we possess we have received from God. It is our vocation to return to God all the talents God has entrusted to us.

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

Saint of the Week:

St. Vincent de Paul, Feastday: September 27 **Patron** of charities; horses; hospitals; leprosy; lost articles; Madagascar; prisoners; Richmond, Virginia; spiritual help; Saint Vincent de Paul Societies; Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory; Vincentian Service Corps; volunteers
 Birth: 1581, Death: 1660

St. Vincent de Paul was born to a poor peasant family in the French village of Pouy on April 24, 1581. His first formal education was provided by the Franciscans. He did so well, he was hired to tutor the children of a nearby wealthy family. He used the monies he earned teaching to continue his formal studies at the University of Toulouse where he studied theology. He was ordained in 1600 and remained in Toulouse for a time. In 1605, while on a ship traveling from Marseilles to Narbone, he was captured, brought to Tunis and sold as a slave. Two years later he and his master managed to escape and both returned to France. St. Vincent went to Avignon and later to Rome to continue his studies. While there he became a chaplain to the Count of Goigny and was placed in charge of distributing money to the deserving poor. He became pastor of a small parish in Clichy for a short period of time, while also serving as a tutor and spiritual director.

Read more on www.catholic.org/saints



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

Influenza

It seems that this is a bad season for the flu. Here are three precautions that we will take with your cooperation. If you are sniffly, please do not come to the chalice for communion. For the time being if you are sniffly, please don't come to Mass until you are well again. Ministers of the Eucharist please disinfect your hands with the hand rub provided.

Season of Creation Ecumenical Service

You are invited to attend an Ecumenical Service being held to celebrate the end of the Season of Creation (September 1 to the Feast of St Francis of Assisi October 4) on Sunday, October 1, 2017 at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Wendouree at 2.30pm. Afternoon tea to follow.

Summary: Social Justice Statement 2017–2018

Everybody's Business: Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy

Pope Francis has called for an economic system that places men and women at the very centre – one that meets the needs of all people and is just and sustainable. He denounces economic structures that take a purely utilitarian view of human beings, treating them as mere elements of production, to be thrown away if they are not seen as useful or productive. The Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement for 2017–18 is titled 'Everyone's Business: Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy'. The Bishops call for an economy that is founded on justice and offers dignity and inclusion to every person. The Bishops' Statement is built around the Gospel for Social Justice Sunday, 24 September 2017. Jesus tells the parable of the workers in the vineyard, where all are active contributors and are recognised for their human dignity. Australia has experienced a quarter of a century of continuous economic growth, but the benefits of this good fortune have not been distributed equally. In our workplaces, conditions and security of employment have been eroded, while those who are unemployed subsist on incomes well below poverty levels. Australia is experiencing a housing crisis. And our Indigenous brothers and sisters struggle with economic and social burdens that most Australians cannot imagine. In the light of these challenges, the Statement calls us to build an economy founded on true solidarity with those who are most vulnerable. Such a society will reject an 'ideology of the market' that forgets the principles of justice and equity. Justice must be built into the very foundations of our community, and business can work for everybody's benefit, not just for shareholders. The excluded and vulnerable must have a voice in decision-making. God is calling us to use his bounty wisely, for the good of all and of our planet. For more information go to (www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or call (02) 8306 3499.

We have printed a Statement and put it on the foyer board for you to read.

Supporting Edmund Rice Works: Timor-Leste

Film luncheon "The Mountain Between Us" at the Regent Theatre Ballarat on Sunday, October 22, 2017 at 2.30pm. Cost: \$20.00pp, school students \$15.00. Contact: Liz, ph. 0417 347262 or email lizh@aanet.com.au

Office Hours and Daylight Saving!

Please be advised the office will be closed on Thursday September 28th **but open on Friday September 29th**. Daylight Saving begins on Sunday October 1st. The clocks go forward by one hour!

Church Toilets

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