

CHURCH ROSTER

Day & Date	Facilitator	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Golden Gate Communion	Welcomers	Counter	Collector	Flowers	Cleaning
Sat Sep 2nd		G. White	M. Mason, P. Brady	T. Gemmola	Sr. Maree	C. Bush & J. Clery	G. White	A. Joyce & Marilyn Brady	M. Fe Galoso & A. Galoso
Sun Sep 3rd	J. Clery	S. Reid	C. Reid, M. Ollie & J. Start		Kathy Leggett & S. Pickering	(as above)	P. Gemmola	(as above)	(as above)
Sat Sep 9th	P. Gemmola	I. Brady	H&A Collins (N/A)		M&R Jerram	P. McAloon	G. White	M. Stapleton & K. Chamings	Brianne Grayling
Sun Sep 10th	C. Reid	C. Bulger	G. O'Loughlin, N. Billingsley & S. Reid	T. Gemmola	Marg Joyce & N. Billingsley	(as above)	John Pola	(as above)	(as above)



Sunday, 3 Sep 2017 Twenty-second 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 **Jer 20:7-9**

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2**

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. (R.)

3. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands.

My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)

4. For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. (R.)

Second Reading **Rom 12:1-2**

Gospel Acclamation **See Eph 1:17-18**

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel **Mt 16:21-27**

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26th/27th August 2017

RECENT DEATHS:

Shirley Billet

ANNIVERSARIES:

Kathleen Mulcahy, Norman Leggett, Neil Byrne, Kath Walker, Annie McNamara, John McMillan, Rose Kennedy, Kevin Cronin, Eileen Brown, John Goulter, Freda Ferguson, Rita Fernando, David Lardner, Jess O'Neill, Ken Robson, Barry Mulvihill, Dominic DiDomenico, Jean Hennessy, Patricia Cronin, Irene Byrne, Hugh Nailon Snr, Graeme Pitcher, Margaret Smith, William Smith, Kath Ryan, Leslie McNiece, Laurence McNiece, Maurice McNiece, John McNiece, Sarah Williamson, Margaret Waring, Graham Carmichael, John Edward Thomas, Fr Aurelius Maschio SDB, Norma Sutton, Mary Davis, Norma Sutton, June McKinnis, Vess Davey, Ruth Brain, Mary Waring, Margaret Ridgewell,

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

One day, a Mechanical Engineer, Electrical Engineer, Chemical Engineer and Computer Engineer were driving down the street in the same car. All of a sudden, the car was not working properly.

The Mechanical Engineer said, "I think a rod broke."

The Chemical Engineer said, "The way it sputtered, I don't think it's getting gas."

The Electrical Engineer said, "I think there was a spark and something is wrong with the electrical system."

All three turned to the computer engineer and said, "What do you think?"

The Computer Engineer said, "I think we should turn it off and back on again."

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.

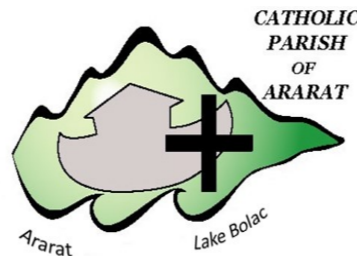
Touch our hearts with your love so that we, in turn, may reach out in love to one another,

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

Amen.

Parish Priest: Fr. Andrew Hayes andrew.hayes@ballarat.catholic.org.au
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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 6th	11am	Funeral Prayers for Shirley Billett
Fri 8th	6pm	Hopkins

LAKE BOLAC— MASS 27th Aug

READER: D. Phillips
PRAYERS: K. Gleeson
EUCCHARISTIC
MINISTER: D. Haslett
Cleaning: J. Upton & K. Gleeson

LAKE BOLAC— Lay Assembly 10th Sept

READER: I. Meek
PRAYERS: M-A Otto
EUCCHARISTIC
MINISTER: L. Breen
Cleaning: Reg & Helen

Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2017

Pope Francis on Mother Teresa— “She her voice heard before the powers of this world, so that they might recognize their guilt for the crime of poverty they created.”

A VOCATION VIEW

“Don’t run away from what you are called to be. Christians take the less travelled road. “What does it profit us if we gain the whole world but ruin ourselves in the process?”

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. Teresa of

Calcutta. Feast Day Sept 5th, Patron Saint of World Youth day. B 1910, D 1997. The remarkable woman who would be known as Mother Theresa began life named Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu. Born on August 26, 1910 in Skopje, she was the youngest child born to Nikola and Drane Bojaxhiu, Receiving her First Communion at the age of five, she was confirmed in November 1916. Her father died while she was only eight years old leaving her family in financial straits. Gonxha's religious formation was assisted by the vibrant Jesuit parish of the Sacred Heart in which she was very involved as a youth. Subsequently moved to pursue missionary work, Gonxha left her home in September 1928 at the age of 18 to join the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary, known as the Sisters of Loreto, in Ireland. She received the name Sister Mary Teresa after St. Therese of Lisieux. In December of 1929, she departed for her first trip to India, arriving in Calcutta. After making her First Profession of Vows in May 1931, Sister Teresa was assigned to the Loreto Entally community in Calcutta and taught at St. Mary's School for girls.

Read more on www.catholic.org/saints

www.jcr.org.au



NOTICES

Parish Environment Coordinator

The Diocesan Ecological Sustainability Group is seeking a coordinator in each parish. This person will receive the mail from this diocesan committee and then speak with Joyce and Fr Andrew about bulletin notices and putting up posters, sometimes hosting an event etc. This would be much like Harry Collins is the Missions coordinator. He brings in bulletin notices and posters and ensures that Project Compassion gets a good run etc. The time commitment will be anything from 5 minutes a month to as busy as you want to be. Could we have a volunteer please? Maybe a couple of friends volunteer together.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival - Registrations still open!!

Festival registrations are open until September 22 for Groups and under-18s. Over-18 registrations will stay open until Festival capacity is reached. Information and links on www.ballarat.catholic.org.au / Youth and Young Adult pages or contact Amanda on 0427 748 867 or youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Australian Catholic Social Justice Commission Subscription

Please find attached a subscription form, for the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council (ACSJC). The ACSJC is the official Social Justice Agency of the Catholic Church in Australia. For a yearly subscription of **ONLY \$30**, you will receive the following:

- *Justice Trends* (quarterly newsletter)
- Catholic Social Justice Series books
- Background Papers and Discussion guides
- Social Justice Statement – (2017/18 Statement soon to be released!!!)
- Prayer card and Ten Steps leaflet
- Social Justice Diary

Representing EXCELLENT value. More information at <http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/publications>

Palms Australia Ballarat Information Sessions

Communities in Asia, the Pacific and Africa are looking to provide mentoring opportunities for local personnel and improve processes and procedures for organisations vital to reducing poverty. To ensure sustainable development they prefer those willing to come for two years, but accept that some are only available for 12 months. If you are an experienced professional, business or trades person, in any area, but especially education, please consider volunteering with Palms Australia. An information session will be held on Thursday, September 14, 2017 from 5.30pm-7.00pm at the Australian Catholic University, Building 100 Torney Room, 1200 Mair St, Ballarat. RSVP joey@palms.org.au or call 02 9560 5333. Can't make it? Call now about applying for positions currently available or look first via Palms' [two-week Encounter](http://palms.org.au/encounters/) (palms.org.au/encounters/)

“Deësis: Prayer and Image” Exhibition

This exhibition is dedicated to the role of icons as agents of intercession. Art Gallery of Ballarat until Sunday, September 10, 2017. Flyer on foyer notice board

Church Collections	Planned Giving	Presbytery
Weekend Aug 6th	\$659.00	\$1,237.25
Weekend Aug 13th	\$673.00	\$613.25
Weekend Aug 20th	\$629.30	\$953.10
Weekend Aug 30th	\$2,550.90	\$725.60