



St Patrick's Stawell, Immaculate Conception Ararat, St Francis of Assisi Landsborough and St Bernard's Lake Bolac form Holy Spirit Parish, Gariwerd. We acknowledge recognise and respect the elders and families of the Barengi Gadjin and Eastern Maar people, the traditional owners of the land on which our parish gathers. We commit ourselves to walking in unity with our First Nations people.

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29. R. v.22

(R.)The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men: it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. (R.)
2. I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. (R.)
3. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end. (R.)

Second Reading 1 John 3:1-2

A reading from the first letter of St John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already

the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

Gospel Acclamation John 10:14

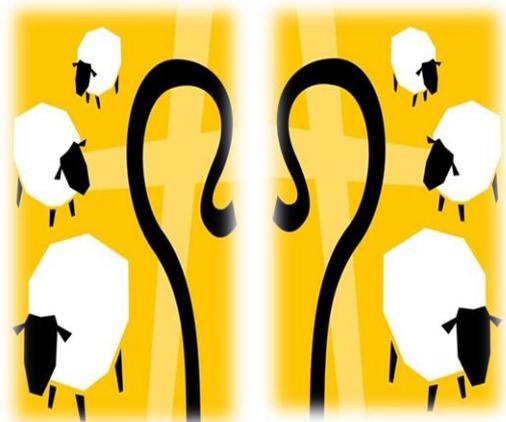
Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 10:11-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'



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Mass Times

Ararat Sunday 8.30am
Stawell Sunday 10.30am
Lake Bolac 1st 3rd 5th Sundays 6.30pm Vigil Sat
Landsborough 2nd 4th Sundays 12.30pm
Glenthompson (Hamilton Parish) 2nd 4th Sundays 8.30am

Readings for next Sunday

28th April 2024
Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31/
1 John 3:18-24/ John 15:1-8

Weekday Masses (usual schedule)

Tuesday: 10am Stawell (Check bulletin for occasional changes)
Wednesday: Aged Care
Thursday: 2.30pm Hopkins
Friday: 11am Ararat (Check bulletin for occasional changes)

Aged Care Roster

1st Wednesday 11.15am Eventide
2nd Wednesday 11am Lowe St
3rd Wednesday 10.30am Garden View
4th Wednesday 10am ARVillage

Recent Deaths: Katica Guljas, Charlie Zammit, & Nancy Stephens

Anniversaries

Bernard Harrington, Peter Bulger, Donald McLennen 1967, Kenneth Krause 1968, Domenico Scarsi 1977, William Lannen, Joseph Bolcek, John Molloy, Veronica Case 1964, Athol Pollock 1990, Darcy McSparron 1994, Julia Lavery, Walter Doery, John Brown, Joan Gleeson, Shirley McKenzie-McHarg, Neil Albert, Eileen Healy 1973, Ethel Phillipsj 1975, Edward Phelan 2017, Frances Pola, Vin Smith, Margaret Clark, Bernard Murphy, Kevin Noone 2007, Ann Greenwood 1943, Gordon (Clive) Cawthorn 2008, Emanuel Jotn Penza-Vella, Peter Raycroft 1958, Bernard Rathgeber 1967, Ronald Heal 1975, Gregory Phillips, Ellen Hennessy, Edward Bulger, Ruby Killeen 1946, Mayarellen Barry 1963, Mary Crouch 1966, Ron Dwyer 2001, Ramond Jose 2009, Margaret Parry 2015,

Lake Bolac Roster

Sat Apr 20th Reader Rosemary Liston/ Prayers of Faithful Helen Smith
Sat May 4th Reader Helen Smith/ Prayers of Faithful Judy Aldouss/ Cleaning Judy Upton
Sat May 18th Reader Tricia Higgins/ Prayers of Faithful Val Albert

Ararat Roster

Sun Apr 21th Facilitator Cathy McA/Reader Kath L /Euch Min Nora
Sun Apr 28th Facilitator Pat L /Reader Teresa G /Euch Min Genara O
Sun May 5th Facilitator Charlie R /Reader Peter B /Euch Min Marg M

Stawell Roster

Sun Apr 21th S/Minster K Ashton Reader M Howard / Offertory M McGaffin
Sun Apr 28th S/Minster H Potter /Reader J Van Diesen / Offertory Pasqual Family
Sun May 5th S/Minster M Maestros /Reader K Dallinger / Offertory Gooden/Pascall

Stawell CWL will be hosting a cuppa after this Sunday's Mass. Everyone welcome.

Stawell CWL will also be hosting a special cuppa after next Sunday's Mass, 28th April. Bishop Paul has invited all parishes to mark the 150th Anniversary of the Ballarat Diocese on the weekend of the 27th and 28th April with special prayers and reflections on "those who have gone before us, those who have laid the foundations of our parishes and schools and the social services and health care of our diocese today." Everyone is welcome to bring along and display any physical remembrance that they have of earlier times in our parish and share a cuppa and chat about our St Pat's parish history.

Do you think that you could commit to closing St Pat's Church at 5pm every Saturday? Please contact Mary Rita - 0438 836 180.

Caritas 2024 donations from the Holy Sprirt Parish totalled an amazing \$ 5274.55

Thank you to all who made this possible.

Insurance Bill - Be Alarmed

With the closure of Catholic Insurance, the diocese has renegotiated an insurance policy for the parishes. We had been warned of a significant increases. For our parish, the insurance premium has gone up from \$37,000 per year to \$97,000! We will surely have discussions in the coming weeks about this. Will we insure everything? What can we do?

Fr Andrew's Article in the Paper this Week - Christ the Good Shepherd

This Sunday at our place we will read John 10:11-18, the "Good Shepherd" reading. Just now the country is reeling from a second stabbing attack in a few days, this time at Christ the Good Shepherd Church in Sydney. Each of these attacks, Bondi and Wakeley, are distressing are they not? Two things I was pleased to read: the police officer, after finding it necessary to shoot the fellow in Bondi, still got down on the ground to try to save his life with CPR. However undeserving he may have been in that moment, she still showed a respect for him and for life. The bishop in Wakeley asked people to pray for his attacker. However undeserving in the moment, the bishop called for prayers for him, and the police protected him from the crowd. The police officers in both events, and the bishop, have given us a wonderful example of Christ the Good Shepherd, who loves each and every one of us, however undeserving we believe ourselves or others to be. Might we pray for everyone involved in these awful events, attackers as well as victims. Thank you to the police who keep us safe.

Catastrophic Fire Day Policy

At our most recent Parish Pastoral Council we determined to enact a Catastrophic Fire Day Policy. For the sake of clarity, the rule will be the same whether the Catastrophic Rating applies to the Wimmera or South West Region. If a Catastrophic Rating is given in either of the fire regions, all churches will be closed. Parishioners will be encouraged to follow the advice of the authorities, including to leave early or stay home and stay off the roads. This will apply to Sundays, weekdays, weddings and funerals, all parish prayers and meetings. We will be heeding the advice of the authorities.

Hire of Parish Halls - for consultation - we will be happy to receive feedback

We have a historic discrepancy in the cost of use of our parish halls. Stawell has largely been a donation while Ararat has had a cost applied. Ararat had a different cost depending whether the user was a parishioner or not. Fr Andrew has long wondered what being a parishioner means.

Proposal:

Ararat's costs:

Personal / family hire hall 10/kitchen 50 = \$150
Business hire hall 180/kitchen 70 = \$250
Funeral Hall Hire \$100
Charity and not for profit hire by arrangement.

Stawell's cost:

Personal / family hire hall 50/kitchen 30 = \$80
Business hire hall 100/kitchen 50 = \$150
Funeral Hall Hire \$50
Charity and not for profit hire by arrangement.

St Mary's School use of Parish Centre during period of construction (about six months) We are not ready for this yet, but when the time comes, the CWL have arranged with the Ararat Uniting Parish to use their hall, when available, for catering for funerals.

St Vincent de Paul Society – "The Record" Magazine Scan or click the qr code to read the Autumn edition of "The Record" from the St Vincent de Paul Society National Council of Australia.



Pope's intention for April – for the role of women: Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognised in every culture and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.

Prayers for ANZAC Day

- We pray for all airmen, sailors and soldiers who served and bravely lost their lives in battle during times of conflict, especially members of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. May they rest in the peace of Christ and rise in glory on the last day. Let us pray to the Lord.
- We remember all families, parents and children who lost loved ones through war. May the light of God's hope and strength comfort them. Let us pray to the Lord. Prayers from Australian Catholic Bishop's Conference

Diocesan History Timeline

As part of the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat, a timeline of significant dates and events over the past 150 years has been published on the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/history-2/>

Catholic Theological College would like to bring to your attention the following upcoming events in May at CTC: Engaging Your Faith online seminar series.

Nine stand-alone sessions on a range of themes will be presented by members of our lecturing staff.

- These sessions would be an ideal opportunity for lay leaders and other interested people in your parish to explore the possibilities offered at CTC for personal, theological, and spiritual development.
- Cost: \$25 per session: General audience.
- For more details, please see the flyer on the church notice board, or go to our website.



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Austin Cooper Symposium

Catholic Theological College invites you to a hybrid symposium in honour of the Rev Professor Austin Cooper OMI AM (1931 – 2023) founding Master of CTC, historian, formator, and ecumenical friend. The symposium will feature speakers exploring Fr Austin's various contributions to Christian scholarship and formation, and as spiritual friend to so many.

- Cost: \$60 (lunch included) or \$30 (online attendance)
- For more details, please see the flyer on the church notice board or go to our website.



Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close Reflection by Artist

It is Good Shepherd Sunday and the metaphor of sheep and shepherd is very appealing even to urban folk like me. It speaks of gentleness and caring. There is a trusting relationship here: 'I know my own and my own know me.' On the other hand, we are reminded that the role of shepherd involves responsibilities and risks, and for Jesus it means laying down his life for his flock. He makes it plain, however, that this action is intentional, that he is in control and that death is not the end of the story.

Different View – The Australian Shepherd

Australian audiences can tend to struggle a bit with the image of Jesus as the good shepherd. The Australian image of sheep is one of huge flocks of sheep that number in their hundreds and thousands and roam freely over enormous open plains. I guess we also tend to look on sheep as pretty stupid animals that will follow anything anywhere. It doesn't seem to work to put Jesus into this image of vast sheep stations. The idea of a shepherd knowing his sheep individually seems a bit ridiculous in this context.

