



## Holy Spirit Parish Gariwerd



St Patrick's  
Stawell



Immaculate Conception  
Ararat



St Francis of Assisi  
Landsborough



St Bernards's  
Lake Bolac

### First Reading

**Malachi 3:19-20**

A reading from the prophet Malachi

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

### Responsorial

**Ps 97:5-9. R. see v.9**

**(R.)** The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

**1.** Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music. With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. **(R.)**

**2.** Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples. Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord. **(R.)**

**3.** For the Lord comes, he comes to rule the earth. He will rule the world with justice and the peoples with fairness. **(R.)**

### Second Reading

**2 Thessalonians 3:7-12**

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow. We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

### Gospel Acclamation

**Luke 21:28**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia!

### Gospel

**Luke 21:5-19**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?' 'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven. 'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

**16<sup>TH</sup> November 2025**

**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**

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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, and pay our respects to their elders both past, present and future, for they hold the memories, the traditions and culture of our ancient land, Australia.  
We honour the presence of these ancestors who reside in the imagination of this land

## Mass Times

**Ararat** Sunday 9am  
**Stawell** Sunday 10.30am  
**Lake Bolac** 1<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays 6.30pm Vigil Sat  
**Landsborough** 2<sup>nd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays 12 noon  
**Glenthompson** (Hamilton Parish) 2<sup>nd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays 8.30am

## Readings for next Sunday

23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025  
2 Samuel 5:1-3/Colossians 1:12-20  
Luke 23:35-43

## Weekday Masses (usual schedule) (Check bulletin for occasional changes)

**Tuesday:** 10am Stawell (**Not on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month**)  
**Wednesday:** Aged Care  
**Thursday:** 2.30pm Hopkins  
**Friday:** 11am Ararat

## Aged Care Roster

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 11.15am Eventide  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 10am Lowe St  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 10am Garden View  
4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 10am ARVillage

Memorial Mass for those who have passed away during this year, will be held on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 11am in the Ararat Parish Centre.

## NO MASS IN STAWELL ON TUESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> NOV 2025

If there is a Funeral on Tuesdays (Stawell) or Fridays (Ararat) there will be NO Mass on that day.

**Recent Death** Fr Frank Moloney SDB, Marietta Tabanao Fabi

## Anniversaries

Ray Gellie, Tom O'Neill, Elma Upton, Mervyn Sherring, Lillian Krause 1966, Brian Molan 1974, Irene Prydderch, Jean Cunningham, Arthur Morrison, Janine Shalders, Brian Clothier, Margaret Ralph, Grene Prydderch 1960, Monica McDonald 2002, Margaret Giles 2018, Peter Carter, Margaret Brady, Margaret Darcy, Fr Mick Kehoe, Dorothy Woodford, Lillian Marshall, Bill Gordon, Michael Parker, Tim Joyce, B Harris 1972, Bryan Coffey, Jack Rathgeber 2010, Colin Stewart, Hugh McKenzie-McHarg, Wayne Jerram, John Healy 1968, Annette Simpson 2006, Mary Gee, Joseph Zammit, Margaret Harrison, James Rathgeber 1950, Dan Molan 1960, Alfred Murphy 1974, Christopher Ellis 1999, Denis Moylan 2004, Bernard O'Callaghan 2019

## Lake Bolac Roster

Sat Nov 15 Reader Damian Phillips/ Prayers of Faithful Deb Glasson  
Sat Nov 29 Reader Denise Haslett/ Prayers of Faithful Rosemary Liston

## Ararat Roster

Sun Nov 16 Facilitator Rebecca /Reader Harry / Euch Min Marg M & C Reid  
Sun Nov 23 Facilitator Cathy McA /Reader Anna C / Euch Min M Olle & Marg M

## Stawell Roster

Sun Nov 16 S/Minister S DeLeon & M R Thomas/Reader D Jones / Offertory Timor East  
Sun Nov 23 S/Minister J DeLeon & D Jones/Reader M Howard / Offertory M McGaffin

**St Bernards Lake Bolac.** Ladies Auxiliary AGM Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 10am, at St Bernards. There will be a general meeting to follow. All welcome

**St Bernards Lake Bolac,** starting on December 1st, there will be a box in the church for those wishing to donate non-perishable food/items to the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. Many thanks in anticipation of your support.

**Holy Spirit Parish** - We are a child-safe, welcoming, and environmentally friendly parish community. We value your feedback, please share your thoughts with the parish office via email. Your input helps us serve you better. As the Holy Spirit Parish (Gariwerd) community

**Holy Spirit Parish** - We pledge ourselves to the safeguarding and wellbeing of all children, young people, and adults at risk in our care. We encourage everyone to respect and uphold our parish policy

**Ararat Church Safety Notice:** To help ensure the safety and security of our church, we have introduced a few measures. On weekdays when there is no Mass, access to the parish hall and toilets will be closed. The church will remain open for personal prayer, from 9.00 am to 6.00pm. On Sundays, and on any day when Mass is celebrated, the hall and toilets will be open for use. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

**Ararat & Stawell CWL Christmas Lunch** will be held on Tuesday 18th November at the Chalambar Golf Club at 12noon. All welcome.

**Stawell St Vincent de Paul** will meet on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov in the St Pat's Church hall at 2pm

**Stawell CWL** Annual General Meeting Friday 21st Nov 2pm in the St Pat's Church hall.

**Stawell CWL** will host a cuppa after Mass on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov. Everyone is welcome. John Launder will be holding a book sale in the hall at the same time. Books will be \$1 or \$2.

**Christmas is a stressful time for those in need.** If you know anyone who you think might need help at Christmas could you please ask them to come the Stawell Inter Church Council's welfare Cottage during November to apply for help. Our distribution will be on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec but we need the numbers needing help by the end of November. Our Cottage is at 20 Sloane St Stawell and is open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, between 10:30am and 12:30pm."

**Mass and Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians** -Dear Parishioners, on Tuesday, November 19, a special Mass and Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians will be held at the Cathedral in Ballarat. This date also marks the Anniversary of the Dedication of our Cathedral in our diocese. Bishop Paul invites all parishes to join in prayer for Christians who suffer persecution around the world. In our parish, we will hold a special Mass on Friday, November 21, to remember and pray for all who are persecuted because of their faith. On behalf of the parish, I warmly invite everyone to join us for this special celebration and time of prayer. Thank you.

#### **Jubilee of the Poor: Sunday, November 16, 2025**

The Jubilee of the Poor is an opportunity for us to renew and deepen our commitment to accompany those who are poor in their struggle for justice. Through our celebration of the Jubilee, we are reminded that poor people are powerful teachers of God's truth.

#### **Liturgical Music Workshop in Ballarat with Br Michael Herry fms – November 20, 2025**

This workshop will feature special music for Advent and the Christmas season, how to sing the Responsorial Psalms each Sunday and beautiful music for prayer and worship from Marist Music on Thursday, November 20, 2025 at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, 480A Gillies Street, Wendouree at 7.00pm. Please register your attendance at the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/liturgical-music-workshop-with-br-michael-herry-fms/> or scan or click the QR code.





### **REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate *The Sun of Righteousness***

Our prayer can tell us a lot about the image of God we really have – holding a parking spot for us, or stopping rain on the second day of the Australian Open. But, if you were in Syria, your prayerful image of God would be as a Liberator from warfare, of a Saviour from Crimes against Humanity, of a Strengtheners in time of torture and impending death.

In today's Gospel, Jesus promises his persecuted followers of every age, 'Your endurance will win your lives'. As Malachi prophesied: 'the sun of righteousness *will* shine out with healing in its rays'. It is our faith that, out of the darkness of the tomb, the Son of righteousness did rise with healing in His rays, bathing the world with that light which makes the world habitable for human beings. We could take a moment to pray for contemporary persecuted Christians that their faithful endurance will win their lives.

### **REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA**

The Day of the Lord was believed to be the time when God would come in majesty and power to set all things right. We must remember that the descriptions in today's readings are metaphoric or symbolic in nature. As with all metaphors or symbols, we miss something of their profound meaning if we merely understand them literally. It is not helpful to relate elements of the description with particular aspects of the contemporary world. Belief in the Day of the Lord is a way of testifying to our faith in the righteousness of God. Although the narrative readings for today concentrate on the disruptions that will accompany the coming of God, they also contain hints of the salvation that will finally arrive. Malachi speaks of the sun of justice that comes with healing rays; Luke promises that the faithful disciples will escape without a hair of their heads being destroyed. Just as the descriptions of the upheavals should not be understood literally, neither should these descriptions. It may be that the faithful followers of Jesus will suffer terrible agonies. The point here is that even in the midst of their pain, they will be protected. The healing rays of justice and the rescue of the lives of the upright are references to salvation. God does not come at the end to condemn, but to save. Furthermore, the suffering that precedes the end is intended for purification and refinement, not punishment. Christians are exhorted to live in this endtime with patient endurance of difficulties.

### **Living the Gospel – Comfort**

We must remember that the gospel of Luke was written 50-plus years after the death of Jesus. Whilst Jesus may have said something like what is ascribed to him in this passage, we have to accept that the words are influenced to a great extent by the gospel writer. The gospel is not written as a biography but as a means of conveying a message about Jesus. To this end, the writer seeks to give comfort to his audience by having Jesus 'predict' all the things that have indeed come to pass in their community. The message to a struggling community is to 'keep going.'

