



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

Ez 37:12-14

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 129. R. v.7

(R.) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. (R.)
2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive? But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. (R.)
3. My soul is waiting for the Lord; I count on his word. My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak. (Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.) (R.)
4. Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. (R.)

Second Reading

Rom 8:8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

Gospel Acclamation

See Jn 11:25. 26

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Jn 11:3-7.17.20-27.33-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come, she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the life.

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said, 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said,

'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?'

Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.'

Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?'

So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.

I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak

for the sake of all these who stand round me,

so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face.

Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

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Mass Times

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

Readings for next Sunday

April 2nd, 2023
Palm Sunday of The Passion Of The Lord Year A
Is 50:4-7/ Phil2:6-11/ Mt 27:11-54

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

Anniversaries

Dorothy O'Brien, John Leggett, Ann Mary Healy 1944, John Thomas, Tom Carter, Sr. Joyce White RSJ, Lily Rose McConnell, Amy Wadsworth 1977, Dave Dampsey, Fr John Henehan, James Brown 1957, John Jones 1997, Lawrence Grace 2006, Betty Monaghan 2008, Fr Bill O'Driscoll, Bea Kelly, Elizabeth Hustler, Benita Una Pieters, Thomas Kerrin 1985, John Colwell, Barry Smith, Phillip Brown, Cliff Murray, Thomas Molan 1981, John Kelly, Helen Kneebone, Betty Beer, Paz Navarro, James Monaghan 1989, Elizabeth Overington, Gwen Murray, Rebecca Saudys 1953, Kathleen Jose 2015

Recent Deaths

Sophia Van Opstal

Golden Gate Roster

26th Mar Harry /Sun 2nd Apr Teresa/ 9th Apr Jim & Jan/ 16th Apr Margaret/ 23rd Apr Teresa/Sun 30th Apr Harry & Anna/ Sun May 7th Jim & Jan/14th May Elizabeth

Lake Bolac Roster

Sat Apr 1st Reader Phillip Meek//Prayers of Faithful Denise Haslett//Cleaning Judy Upton

Ararat Roster

Sun Mar 26th Welcomer Sr Maree//Facilitator Charlie R//Reader Teresa G/Euch Min Mary C

Stawell Roster

Sun 26th Mar S/Minister H Potter// Reader D O'Donnell// Offertory Heenan Family
Sun 2nd Apr S/Minister J Van Diesen// Reader C Barker// Offertory Pascual Family

Lenten Stations of the Cross

There will be Stations of The Cross prayed each Friday at 10am in St Pat's Church Stawell. Everyone invited.

Lenten Discussion Groups

Stawell - Tuesdays after 10am Mass in the hall
Ararat - Thursdays 10am in the Office Meeting Room

Easter Schedule

Holy Thursday Ararat 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday Stawell 3pm Passion
Holy Saturday Lake Bolac Easter Vigil 6.30pm
Easter Sunday Ararat 8.30am // Stawell 10.30am // Landsborough 12.30pm

Rural Australians for Refugees - Palm Sunday gathering in Ararat on Sunday, April 2nd at 2pm. We intend meeting in the Alexander Gardens at the cafe, walking around the lake with banners, drums and whistles (if you want to bring them along), and then staying for a cuppa and a chat at the cafe. Hope to see as many there as possible. Please spread the word and bring a friend.

Other Prayers on Good Friday

Stawell 11.30am "A walk through the Easter Story" in the Stawell Town hall carpark garden. BYO chair optional.

Ararat 11am - Anglican Stations of the Cross Alexander Gardens, Ararat

Ararat 3pm Anglican Church Passion

Easter Sunday - 9th April. Dawn Service on Stawell's Big Hill. Beginning at 6.30am, followed by a breakfast in the Uniting Church hall.

Reconciliation in Ararat

(Second Rite) Wednesday April 5, 5.30pm

Gariwerd Parish

We've had confirmation now that our parish is to be called Holy Spirit Parish, Gariwerd. Our new email address is gariwerd@ballarat.catholic.org.au Our website is now live. To find the website go to www.ballarat.catholic.org.au . Choose the parishes button and then choose Gariwerd Parish. You will notice that the website is very sparse. In the coming days we will arrange for the website to better reflect our new parish.

Parish Pipe Organs

This year our parish insurance bill has come in at \$37,000 or nearly \$800 per week. We have 4 churches, 3 presbyteries, 3 parish halls, an OP Shop and 5 flats. All parishes have a similar dilemma. In discussion with the staff from the Diocesan Finance Office parishes are looking at ways to reduce the costs. One of our thoughts is to not insure the pipe organs in Ararat and Stawell. Together they are insured for \$700,000. If they were damaged, by fire as an example, would we actually spend hundreds of thousands to replace them, even if we had the insurance money? Are we insuring for an event we wouldn't actually do, when at present we don't use either organ. (Ararat's organ has been used for Mass three times in my eight years.) We pay for maintenance as well. We have been told to expect a bill of \$10,000 to replace corroded parts in Ararat. How much should we be prepared to spend on an organ we almost never use? If we fix the corroded parts we will have spent \$7,000 for each time we've played the organ in my time here. What if we didn't have a pipe organ in Ararat? We're more likely to use the Stawell organ so for now there is a stronger argument to keep that one. These are the questions we have. What do you think? More to come. Fr Andrew

Stella Young Statue Unveiling - Community Invitation

The community is invited to the Remembering Stella Young Statue Unveiling on 30 March 2023 at 2.15pm at Cato Park. This event will also be livestreamed. Please keep an eye out on the Northern Grampians Shire Council socials for the link.

Choir for Mass of the Oils 2023

Singers and musicians in the diocese are invited to join the music group which is being formed for the Mass of the Oils on Monday, April 3, 2023. Practice times are Sunday, March 19, Sunday, March 26 and Sunday, April 2 at 6.15pm (following 5.00pm Mass). Please contact Julie Boyd in the Pastoral Ministry Office to register your interest julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7159.

Ballarat Diocesan Archives

As part of the relocation of the Diocesan archives to the Bishop's Office, the Ballarat Catholic Diocesan Historical Committee has agreed to release some of the surplus liturgical, educational and encyclopedia material from the library collection. These books are being offered to any Church, parish or school within the diocese. Anyone wishing to know more about this collection please contact the archivist directly on archives@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Volunteers Pastoral Care Workers at Grampians Health Ballarat

Grampians Health Ballarat is seeking expressions of interest for volunteers Pastoral Care Workers to provide regular pastoral care support to patients and visitors of all faiths and beliefs. If you are willing to commit to 2.5 hours per week, and provide a listening ear, then Grampians Health Ballarat would like to hear from you. Contact Paul Ryan, ph. 5320 8634 or email Paul at paul.ryan@bhs.org.au

Statues in Stawell



Recently I was asked about the statues in Stawell. So here goes. From left to right we have the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Therese of Lisieux (Little Flower), St Patrick and St Joseph. Our Lady is in two places, the new chapel and at the rear of the church. What of the plaster statue of Joseph from the convent that spent some months in the church? The plaster Joseph is behind the tabernacle with the nativity pieces.

One suggestion is that Joseph goes into the hall.

Project Compassion Prayer

God of all generations, We thank you for those who have gone before us, Especially those who have cared for your earth and Who inspire us to help respect your creation And contribute to its healing. We thank you for those with whom we share our lives today, Especially those who work for justice and peace. May we welcome the opportunity that Lent brings to walk more closely with you, especially through fasting, almsgiving and prayer. We thank you for the challenge of the future. May the cross of Jesus remind us that only love finds the way forward. As we work with big hearts, may we join with Mary in her hope that from now on all generations will experience the great things you will do through us. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**



Fifth Sunday of Lent 25 & 26 March



Project Compassion brings together Australian schools, parishes and supporters to raise funds for people in vulnerable communities across the world. This year, we introduced you to the story of four inspiring people whose lives have been transformed with your generous support: Laxmi, Teresa, Priscilla and Thu.

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