

Holy Spirit Parish Gariwerd

Sunday January 28th, 2024 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

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 Deuteronomy 18:15-20

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth, and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.9 (R.) If today, you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.) Come in, let us kneel and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for, he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test, when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

1 Corinthians 7:32-35 Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is

torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. Alleluia!

Mark 1:21-28 Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding

Galilean countryside.

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Readings for next Sunday Mass Times

4TH February 2024

Job 7:1-4. 6-7/1 Corinthians 9:16-19. 22-23/

Mark 1:29-39

Ararat Sunday 8.30am Stawell Sunday 10.30am

1st 3rd 5th Sundays 6.30pm Vigil Sat **Lake Bolac**

2nd 4th Sundays 12.30pm Landsborough

(Hamilton Parish) 2nd 4th Sundays 8.30am Glenthompson

Weekday Masses (usual schedule) **Aged Care Roster**

> 1st Wednesday 11.15am Eventide 2nd Wednesday 11am Lowe St

> > 3rd Wednesday 10.30am Garden View

4th Wednesday 10am ARVillage

Tuesday: 10am Stawell (Check bulletin for occasional changes)

Wednesday: Aged Care Thursday: 2.30pm Hopkins

11am Ararat (Check bulletin for occasional changes) Friday:

Anniversaries

Michele DiDomenico, Mick Davey, Fr Charlie Fiscalini, Michael Hennessy, Patrick Kelly, Doris & Ian McCullough, Thelma Murphy, Rose Dohnt, Judith Flynn 1978, Ruth Healy 2009, Harold (John) Tavener 2010, Fr Paul Keenan SJ, Catherine Doery, Joan Quaiffe, Thelma Liston, Jan Young, Ellen McCray 1953, Jennie Wood 1975, Ron Mason, Ken Waring, John Griffen 1954, Leah Seeary 1972, Gordon Douglas 2011, Alan Dovaston, Eric Ericksen, Ray Toner, Irene Hogan, Louisa Trevan 1990, Christopher Lillis, Francis Shevlin, Lilian Burston, Mons. Eugene Galligan, Mollie Flynn, Molly Kenny, Gerald Herald 1972, Mary Flynn 1996, Reginald Olle, Dennis Donovan, Maurice Donovan, Sarah Hogan, Leah Smith, Colleen Hodge, Anna McKenna, William Borella 1962, Mae Hinniberg 1968

Lake Bolac Roster Sat Feb 3rd Reader Rosemary Liston/Praters of Faithful Phillip Meek/Cleaning Jane Higgins

Sat Feb 17th Reader Helen Smith/ Prayers of Faithful Judy Aldouss

Ararat Roster Sun Jan 28th Facilitator H Collins / Reader K Leggett / Euch Min Anna C

Sun Feb 4th Facilitator Rebecca / Reader Elizabeth S / Euch Min Mary C

Sun Jan 28th S/Minister M Rowe /Reader K Dallinger/ Offertory M McGaffin Stawell Roster

Sun Feb 4th S/Minister M R Thomas /Reader J Van Diesen/ Offertory Pasqual Family

The Stawell CWL will be hosting a cuppa after Mass on Sunday 28th Jan. . Everyone welcome.

A Christian Mission opportunity for local volunteers. Would you be willing to help support people if there was a local emergency - bushfire or flood are 2 examples. Would you be willing to spend time at an evacuation centre to provide personal support and a listening ear. Victorian Council of Churches Emergencies Ministry is running training in Stawell for people willing to volunteer for this ministry. Training will be held at Stawell Uniting Church on Saturday March 2nd from 9.00am - 4.00pm. A poster and a brochure have been emailed to your church so please look out for those for more information, or ring VCCEM local representative Jenny Greenberger on 0408571375. Information on how to enrol is provided on the poster which has been placed on the church notice board.

150 years of the Diocese of Ballarat - 2024

On March 30 next year, the Diocese of Ballarat will turn 150. There will be a number of events held next year to mark this occasion. The latest edition of ODC has a very informative article of the formation of the diocese, written by Sr Berenice Kerr rsm. See the display board in your church for the timeline of events.

A husband got his mother-in-law a cemetery plot for Christmas. It came with a coffin, tomb stone, the works. Next Christmas comes by and the husband gets her nothing. When the mother-in-law asks, "Why didn't you get me a gift?" the husband says, "You haven't used the one I got you last year!"

