



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 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34. R. v.30**

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

1. Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are, How many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches. (R.)

2. You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)

3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord rejoice in his works! May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

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

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways

in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 20:19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'



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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

June 4th, 2023
The Most Holy Trinity Year A
Ex 34:4-6.8-9/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

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

Reg Palmer, Alice Heenan, Lucy Maher 1961, Patrick Daly 1995, Mary Stevens, James Kelly, Cataldo Busittil, Margaret Dowd, Stella Kuhn 1969, Theophilus Coker, Bertha Coker, Josephine Coker, Joseph Coker, Sabina Coker, Francis Rogers 1946, Nicholas Hammond 1974, Honor O'Kane 1978, Glenda Pulley 1990, Mick Schwab, Kathleen Creenaune, Eliza Kate Rutter 1951, John McGuan 1975, Ailsa Faye Molan 2017, Damien Browne, Redmond O'Halloran, Mary Lewer, Patsy Hinchey, Peter O'Rorke, Jennifer Laidlaw, Peggy McAdie, Ellen Earle 1945, Gladys Lister, Fr Laurie Gallagher, Eva Neulist, John Smith 1955, James Walsh 1961, Frank McManus 1964, Kathleen Peters 1966, Maxwell Rogers 1995, Mary Hooper 1997, Brian Carr, Harold Hockley, Erik Van Opstal, Francis Sheedy 1986

Recent Deaths

Mr Les Styles

Golden Gate Roster

Sun 28th May Harry & Anna/Sun 4th June Elizabeth/Sun 11th June Teresa/Sun 18th June Jim & Jan/
Sun 25th June Harry & Anna/Sun 2nd July Margaret

Lake Bolac Roster

Sat June 3rd Reader Deb Glasson// Prayers of Faithful Tricia Higgins/Cleaning Rosemary Liston
Sat June 17th Reader Damian Phillips// Prayers of Faithful Helen Smith
Sat July 1st Reader Leanne Breen// Prayers of Faithful Jane Higgins/ Cleaning Tricia Higgins
Sat July 15th Reader Rosemary Liston// Prayers of Faithful Phillip Meek

Ararat Roster

Sun May 28th Welcomer Charlie R//Facilitator P Brady//Reader Rebecca R//Euch Min Sr John
Sun June 4th Welcomer Mateo//Facilitator Rebecca R//Reader Charlie R//Euch Min Mary C
Sun June 11th Welcomer Nora //Facilitator Harry//Reader Peter B //Euch Min Nora
Sun June 18th Welcomer Kath//Facilitator Pat L //Reader Jim C//Euch Min Jan C
Sun June 25th Welcomer Sr Maree//Facilitator Peter Brady//Reader Sr John//Euch Min Teresa G

Stawell Roster

Sun May 28th S/Minister Marg Rowe// Reader Di O'Donnell // Offertory Heenan Family

St Patrick's Stawell Peace Prayer

3 Sessions of Peace Prayer are being offered at St. Patricks. These will be held at 5 pm on Saturday 27th May, Saturday 24th June and 22nd July. All welcome.

Membership of the Parish Pastoral Council

Nominations are still being sought for people to join the Parish Pastoral Council.

Ararat Social Gathering -Friday June 2, 6pm- 8pm All parishioners are invited to bring food to share for a fun social evening in the Parish Centre to celebrate the parish feast day Holy Spirit also the Phillipines Independence Day. Shared Meal Local items (All welcome to contribute) Sing a Long,. If you would like transport to or from please ring Sister Maree on 53521383.

New Principal for St Patrick's

This week the parish received news that Chris McAloon has been appointed principal of St Francis of Assisi Primary School in Humpty Doo in the Northern Territory. We wish Chris, Nicki and family every blessing for this exciting move which will take place at the beginning of Term III. Maryanne Comitti has generously accepted the position of Interim Principal of St Patrick's until a process of discernment occurs as to appoint a new principal.

Church Renovation at St Patrick's

The new backdrop behind Our Lady is days away. This week the painters have been working in the sacristy and flower room. The toilets will be next.

Vinnies Winter Appeal

The St Vincent de Paul Society's annual Winter Appeal will focus on the number of older women experiencing and at risk of homelessness. Vinnies are also experiencing an increase in the number of people seeking assistance for the first time. Donations can be made at <https://www.vinnies.org.au/nswwinterwarmthappeal> on 13 18 12 and at all Vinnies Shops. Donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible

Fr Frank Brennan SJ - How to vote on the Voice

Fr Frank Brennan is a very highly regarded Jesuit priest who has a wonderful article in this week's Catholic Weekly. Follow the link: <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/fr-frank-brennan-sj-how-to-vote-on-the-voice/>

Catholic Social Services Webinar Series - Indigenous Voice to Parliament: Moments for healing this country

Catholic Social Services Victoria (CSSV) and Catholic Social Services Australia (CSSA) are pleased to invite you to a series of webinars to discuss the upcoming referendum on Constitutional Recognition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and the Voice to Parliament on Thursdays May 25, June 29 and July 27 from 4.00pm - 5.00pm (AEST) via zoom. Cost is \$12.00 per session or \$30.00 for all 3 Sessions. CSSV and CSSA members free of charge. Register at <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1052799?eid=1052799&>. Enquiries to Kate Stilwell. Email office@css.org.au

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer: May 21-28, 2023

The theme for the 2023 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is "Do good; seek justice." (Isaiah 1:17). The Australian context for this theme is, "Learn to do good - Seek justice - Rescue the oppressed - Defend the orphan, plead for the widow". "When we stop talking and listen, we hear that the church in Australia is built on stolen land, Indigenous land, and shares in a history of racism, massacre, abuse, stolen children, imprisonment and death in custody, and ongoing disadvantage. We hear that this legacy is really ours because we have explained, justified or remained silent in the face of this reality. When we stop talking and listen, we make space to realise anew that we have acted in ways that deny the worth of some of God's people, equally made in God's image." (Rev. Radhika Sukumar-White's sermon from Day of Mourning service, 19th January 2020, Leichhardt Uniting Church). The Australian image used on the prayer card is "Invasion" by John "Munnari" Hammond A'Hang ©. It was presented to the National Council of Churches in Australia by Aboriginal and Islander participants in the NCCA's inaugural Forum, Canberra 14 July 1994. "White man came to this country in their ships. With their guns the black man has no answers. They were poisoned, shot, hung and put in chains as punishment. Then along came religion, Christianity, the Bible was read at campsites by white man and later black and white. Now we walk side by side burning bridges of the past. The chains of the past are broken and black and white walk on equal ground through this rugged wide land. Their spirit finally free through Christianity."

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate The Bush Fire of Pentecost Art by Jenny Close

As summer progresses in Australia, invariably great bushfires break out. Those who report the infernos speak not only of the flames, but often of a mighty roar like a great windstorm heralding the approaching fire.



The earth had quaked at the death of Jesus, but death had been conquered and the earth was supercharged with divine energy and vitality. Into all this the Risen Lord sent his Holy Spirit like a lightning strike. Divine energy was unleashed and St Luke portrays this particular event in our bushfire terms. The Holy Spirit, he says, was *'like tongues of fire'* and *'like the sound of a mighty wind'* accompanying the descent of the Holy Spirit on a gathering of a fearful group of followers of Our Lord.

The tangled undergrowth of fear, anxiety and timidity was cleared away. The new life of the church was germinated, took root and has been growing ever since, listening to the core message preached by St Peter: Jesus of Nazareth had conquered death and Peter and others were witnesses to the Risen Lord.

We could pause for a moment to pray for the successor of St Peter that he may preach the resurrection in a way which is understandable by people of every culture, every ethnicity, every language group around the world.

Historical Context – Pentecost

The word Pentecost comes from the Greek for fiftieth day. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of Easter and comes as a Sabbath day after seven weeks of seven days. In Jewish tradition the 50th day after the Passover was celebrated as a blessing of the harvest and rather than the unleavened bread of Passover it was celebrated by leavening the bread. It was for this reason that the disciples were gathered together when they experienced the Holy Spirit empowering them. In Christian tradition, Pentecost is celebrated as the arrival of the Spirit, promised by Jesus, that animated the disciples to spread the gospel of Jesus and gather believers to form what would eventually become the Church.

Have you thought? The Spirit

We can sometimes regard Pentecost as the day the Holy Spirit came into the world. However, the Spirit had long been active in the world before this event. In fact, even the second verse of Genesis Chapter 1 tells us that the Spirit hovered over the waters. The Old Testament is filled with references in which *'The Spirit of God came upon (him) with power'* and the Spirit was evident at Jesus' baptism and throughout the gospels. Jesus is frequently described as being *'filled with the Spirit'*. So, from the very beginning of creation the Spirit has moved in the world and continues to energise it today.

Living the Gospel – Come, Holy Spirit

'Come, Holy Spirit', or its Latin, *'Veni Sancte Spiritus'*, has become the basis of countless prayers and hymns over many hundreds of years. To this day, it remains a powerful invocation that can be used in prayer or meditation. Three simple words convey a wealth of meaning. The invitation for the Spirit to *'Come'* indicates recognition of the need for the Spirit's intervention and openness to accept the guidance that the Spirit brings. It is a powerful, simple prayer that can be used at the outset of any significant undertaking or whenever you find yourself in