



Holy Spirit
Parish
Gariwerd

Sunday March 31st, 2024 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

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 10:34. 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

(R.) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' (R.)

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. (R.)

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

Second Reading Colossians 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians
Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the

life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Corinthians 5:7-8

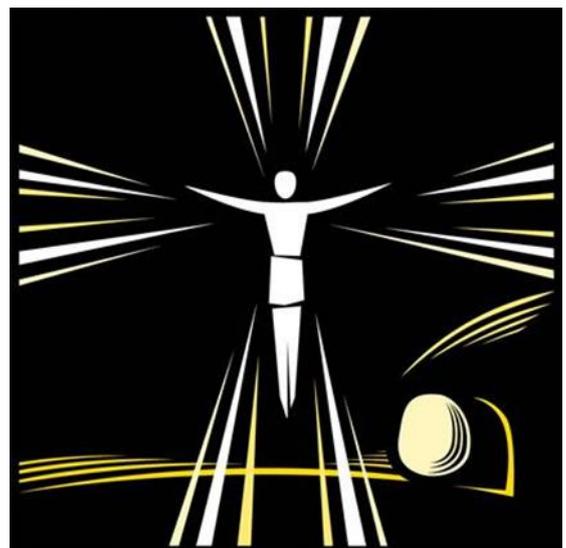
Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

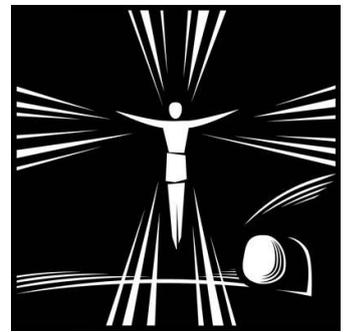
Gospel John 20:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw, and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.



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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

7th April 2024
Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35/ 1 John 5:1-6/
John 20-19-31

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

Easter Schedule

Holy Thursday Lake Bolac Mass 6.30pm.

Good Friday Lake Bolac Good Friday Service 9am led by Uniting Church at St Bernard's Church.

Ararat 11am Prayer in Alexandra Gardens (Lead by Anglican Church) Raining? Anglican Church.

Stawell 11am Combined service in the Town Hall carpark garden. Optional BYO chair. Raining? Uniting Church.

Ararat 3pm Passion in the Anglican Church.

Stawell 3pm Passion in St Patrick's Church.

Holy Saturday Lake Bolac Vigil 6.30pm.

Easter Sunday 8.30am Ararat // 10.30am Stawell // 12.30pm Landsborough.

Stawell 6am Dawn Service on Big Hill, followed by breakfast in the Uniting Church Hall.

Anniversaries

John Kelly, Helen Kneebone, Betty Beer, Paz Navarro, James Monaghan 1989, Elizabeth Overington, Gwen Murray, Rebecca Saudys 1953, Kathleen Jose 2015, Alma Brennan, Evelyn Gleeson, Dr. Pat Claridge, Anna Drewniak, Damien Rees, Ena Brady, Annie Rowe, Maureen Davey, Ella Jeffries, Noel Stevens, John Rutter 1973, Bill Laffan, Margaret Walsh, Michael Akers 2001, Valerie Phelan 2006, Leo Stevens, Maurice Brown, Joan Weeks, Edmund Abberton, Frank Liston, Agnes Borella 1960, Willem Sijmons 2007

Lake Bolac Roster

Sat Mar 30th Reader Phillip Meeks/ Prayers of Faithful Damian Phillips/Cleaning Team Effort
Sat Apr 6th Reader Val Albert/ Prayers of Faithful Denise Haslett/ Cleaning Leanne Breen
Sat May 4th Reader Helen Smith/ Prayers of Faithful Judy Aldouss/ Cleaning Judy Upton

Ararat Roster

Sun Mar 31st Facilitator Harry C /Reader Pat L /Euch Min Genara O
Sun Apr 7th Facilitator Teresa G /Reader Harry C/Euch Min Mary C
Sun Apr 14th Facilitator Pat McA /Reader Jenny McA /Euch Min Marg M

Stawell Roster

Sun Mar 31st S/Minster M Maestros /Reader K Dallinger/ Offertory Heenan Family
Sun Apr 7th S/Minster M Howard /Reader J Raeburn/ Offertory J Croton
Sun Apr 14th S/Minster M Rowe /Reader G Mafadieri / Offertory L Habben

Ararat CWL next meeting on Tuesday 9th April' 24 at 1.30pm in the Parish Centre

Can you help St Pat's Parish by helping one hour a month to prepare our church for the Sunday liturgy? Please ring Mary Rita -0438836180 or gmrt@netspace.net.au

Can you help St Pat's Parish by opening and shutting our church every Saturday? Please ring Mary Rita – 0438836180 or gmrt@netspace.net.au



New Gariwerd Season – Gwangal Moronn - Season of Honey Bees



Holy Land Collection – Good Friday, March 29, 2024

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday. For 800 years, the Franciscan Friars have shared the difficult lives of Christians in the countries that make up the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land: Israel and Palestine, Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Rhodes and Cyprus. The people of these countries face their own difficulties, but particularly Christians due to their minority status. Among them, the friars have never ceased offering their pastoral care. Two years ago it was the pandemic that was causing havoc for the people in the Holy Land (as it was in the rest of the world), but now there is a new and more dangerous threat through the ongoing conflict which may last for quite some time. Just when pilgrims were starting to return, the Sacred Places of our Christian Faith are once again closed to pilgrims. Pilgrims are vital because they generate income that allows the Friars and the local Church to fulfil their mission of caring for the Holy Places (which also give work to the local people), as well as running parishes, schools and caring for orphans, refugees, the homeless, and more.

Easter Message from Bishop Paul Bird CSsR

“An Easter with a Special Anniversary”. You can read Bishop Paul’s Easter Message on the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/bishop-pauls-easter-message-3/> or scan or click the QR code.



Notes about Holy Communion

Bishop Paul has issued the following information for people of the diocese:

Now that the Covid pandemic is less in the news, a number of people have asked about arrangements for the reception of Holy Communion. Some have proposed reintroducing options that were permitted before the pandemic, particularly receiving the host on the tongue and sharing the chalice. Over the past few weeks, I have consulted various people about this, including the members of our Diocesan Liturgical Commission. I have also received advice from a medical point of view. This has included advice from the Chief Executive Officer of the Southern Grampians Health Service and the Head of the Infectious Diseases Department at the Alfred Hospital. These consultations have highlighted the fact that Covid infections are still a serious concern and that we can reduce the risk of infections by continuing the present provisions regarding Holy Communion. I have concluded that it is not yet time to reintroduce the sharing of the chalice. While reception of Holy Communion under both species of bread and wine is a fuller sign of our sharing in the banquet of Christ, we can find reassurance in the teaching of the Council of Trent that the whole Christ, body and blood, soul and divinity, is contained under each species. So, even when we simply receive the host, we are receiving the whole Christ. In regard to the way of receiving the host, recognising the continuing risks of the pandemic, and out of consideration for the health of all parishioners, I recommend reverent reception of the host in the hand rather than reception on the tongue. May our Communion draw us ever closer to Christ and strengthen our love and care for one another. God bless you all.

Bishop Paul

Mass of the Oils 2024 & 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat

Thank you to all who attended and participated in the Mass of the Oils last Monday at St Patrick’s Cathedral, either in person or online via the livestream. The representation from parishes, schools and agencies of the diocese in the choir, procession of parish symbols, procession of the oils, collection of the parish oils and various other ministries, made this a truly diocesan celebration. Special thanks to those who travelled considerable distance to attend the Mass. A report, photos and the livestream link from the Mass are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/mass-of-the-oils-2024/>

Happy and Safe Easter to ALL



Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, for all future generations. Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2024 Lenten appeal. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

2024 PROJECT COMPASSION PRAYER

God of all hope, we pray for our world with all its beauty and need. We thank you for the love in our lives that is a mirror of your unending love. May all creation know your compassion this Lent and may we take courage to share it, especially with those who don't have what they need. In our time, we hear the same words you spoke to Moses: 'I will be with you,' when you ask us to do courageous things. Through our prayer, fasting and almsgiving, move us to act in the company of your Spirit, showing compassion and acting for justice to renew the face of the Earth, now and for all future generations. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate Dawn has Broken – The Son is Risen

Women go to the tomb as dawn is breaking. The Power of Darkness which had Jesus unjustly sentenced, cruelly tortured and buried in the pitch blackness of the tomb, is conquered by the Son-Rise of all sun rises flooding our world and the whole of human history with Divine Light and Energy. This is the heart of our faith as Catholic Christians, which we celebrate with bon-fire (good fire) in darkness at the Easter Vigil. From that earthly element we light the Easter candle and the Exsultet is sung: 'Be glad, let earth be glad as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King.' The resurrection itself is nowhere described in the gospels, but we do have appearances of the Risen Lord Jesus. The first appearance was to a woman, Mary of Magdala. A title given to her by the early church was 'Apostle to the Apostles' because she was the bearer of the message which the male disciples initially did not believe. But eventually they too believed that Death had been done to death because the Son had risen.

Christ's body was transfigured by the energy of Divine Love and we can, by grace, participate in that resurrection life of Our Lord. A glorious destiny awaits us, as indeed it awaits the whole cosmos as it is to be transformed by that resurrection life recreating the whole of creation. We could take a moment to pray that we, along with all that matters, are graced with the life-giving energy of the Risen Son and that we may join Mary of Magdala in spreading the Good News of Christ's victory over death. Alleluia!



REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE – by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Jesus' tomb was empty. It had even been cleaned up. The linen burial cloths were folded and rolled up neatly. Everything was left in order and taken care of. Jesus was clearly finished with this grave. No more of this 'death business' for him. He left it totally behind, and was fully alive, never to know the sufferings of death again.

Have you ever made a transition in life? Did you ever take a step and know that a part of your former life was totally behind you? What happened? How did you feel? Did you find yourself trying to take care of things or leave things in order in any way? Obviously Mary, Peter and the other disciple were close friends with one another and with Jesus. It is easy to picture the three of them running to the tomb together to be sure of what actually happened.

the Marys and Peters in your life? Have you ever hurried to get to some important place? Have you ever struggled with someone else to figure out what was really happening in an important situation that affected you or a friend of yours? What happened and how did that affect your relationship?