



Holy Spirit
Parish
Gariwerd

Sunday September 3rd, 2023

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A

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

Jeremiah 20:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah
You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughingstock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin! The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more. Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2

- (R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.
1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)
 2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. (R.)
 3. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)
 4. For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. (R.)

Second Reading

Romans 12:1-2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

Gospel Acclamation

See Ephesians 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 16:21-27

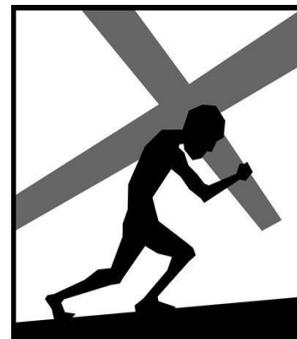
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?
'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'



Parish Information – Holy Spirit Parish, Gariwerd

Parish Priest	Fr. Andrew Hayes andrew.hayes@ballarat.catholic.org.au
Parish Bulletin Online	www.ballarat.catholic.org.au – follow link to parish
Secretary / Child Safe	Jill Croxford gariwerd@ballarat.catholic.org.au
Parish Email	gariwerd@ballarat.catholic.org.au
Parish Office	304a Barkly St Ararat. Open Thursdays and Fridays 9am – 3pm
Phone	03 5352 5460
Post Box	PO BOX 92, Ararat, VIC 3377



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

10th September 2023
Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
Ezekiel 33:7-9/ Romans 13:8-10/ Matthew 18:15-20

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

Changes to Weekday Masses

Stawell Wed Sept 6th Eventide cancelled /Tues Sept 12th moved to Thurs 14th /Tues Sept 19th cancelled / Tues Sept 26th moved to Thurs 28th.

Ararat Fri Sept 15 & 22 11am will be prayers.

Recent Death Michael Phillips, Trent Howlett, Sister Margaret Cassidy.

Anniversaries

Peter Shea, Sarah McKibbin, Ruby Davey, John Leo Thomas (Jack), Frances Fleetwood Smith 1948, Sydney Dowling 1974, Charles Rowe 1984, Monica Krohn 1998, Cecelia Moran, Ivy Mullins, Claire Miles, Fr. Peter Wood, Pauline Mornane 1984, Mary Presser 1998, John Keogh, Lawrence Keogh, Dominic Keogh, Irene Hockley, Kathleen Kennedy, Leo Stevens Jnr, Fr John Shelley, Shirley Billet, Alexander McNeil 1961, Stephen Facey 1983, Harriet O'Boyle, Vincent Kennedy, Belinda Hearn, Mary Canty, Daniel (Mick) Roche, Baly Yanner 1960, Martin Downes, Karen Vann, Gayle Harris, Mary Doyle 1944, Wallace Constable 1954, Heather Guy 1980, Margaret Maloney 1984, Margaret Neville 2000, Patrick Harrington, Lisa Van Der Spank, Anthony McMaster, Patricia Anyon 1992, Amy Dempsey, Arthur Clark, Frank Fitzpatrick, Kathleen Mulcahy, Brian Yanner 1988.

Golden Gate Roster Sun 3rd Sept Margaret/Sun 10th Elizabeth/Sun 17th Teresa/
Sun Sept 24th Jim & Jan

Lake Bolac Roster Sat Sept 2nd Reader Damian Phillips//Prayers of Faithful Tricia Higgins/Cleaning Judy
Sat Sept 16th Reader Leanne Breen//Prayers of Faithful Jane Higgins
Sat Sept 30th Reader Rosemary Liston//Prayers of Faithful Phillip Meek

Ararat Roster Sun Sept 3rd Welcomer Blessie//Facilitator Charlie//Reader Jim//Euch Min Jan C
Sun Sept 10th Welcomer Rosalie//Facilitator Peter B//Reader Harry//Euch Min Anna
Sun Sept 17th Welcomer Genara//Facilitator Marg O//Reader Rebecca//Euch Min Sr John
Sun Sept 24th Welcomer Rosie//Facilitator Pat L//Reader Kath L//Euch Min Charlie

Stawell Roster Sun Sept 3rd S/Minister M Howard/Reader C Barker/ Offertory J Croton
Sun Sept 10th S/Minister K Ashton/Reader J Van Diesen/Offertory L Habben
Sun Sept 17th S/Minister M R Thomas/Reader K Dallinger/Offertory M McGaffin
Sun Sept 24th S/Minister M Maestros/Reader D O'Donnell/Offertory Pascall Family

Ararat CWL The next meeting of the Ararat CWL will be held on September 13 in the Parish Centre 1.30 pm

Ballarat Clergy Support Fund Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund provides for retired priests who have spent a lifetime selflessly caring for others, and who deserve a happy and peaceful retirement. The Fund is currently supporting and caring for seventeen retired priests. Over the next few years a number of priests currently in parish ministry will be moving into retirement, and will also need to be supported by the fund. This annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy. Please give as generously as you can, and help us continue 'caring for those who cared for us'. Special envelopes are available for this collection, which will be taken up today. You may also return your envelope next week. Contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible. CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US – THE CHURCH COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY

Online launch of Season of Creation

Caritas Australia will host an online launch of the Season of Creation on Monday, September 4, 2023 from 6.00pm – 7.00pm offering participants an enriching and informative experience through its Catholic Earthcare program. Scan or click the QR code for details and registration information.



Diocesan e-News

The latest edition of e-News has been published. Scan or click the QR code to access. You can subscribe to receive future e-News editions straight to your email address at <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/e-news/>



Institute of Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea Chapter

ISMAPNG would be grateful for your prayer, seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit, during the coming weeks as they gather for their Chapter – a time of evaluating the past and planning for the future. Venerable Catherine McAuley, pray for us.

Social Justice Statement 2023-2024.

The Australian bishops' have launched the 2023-2024 Social Justice Statement, "Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples". Copies of the statement and resources are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/social-justice/social-justice-statement/>.

Sacred Heart College Ballarat Reunion

A reunion of SHC Ballarat East class of 1965 plus anyone who attended SHC, will be held on Sunday, October 15, 2023 at GC's Ballarat from 11.00am – 3.00pm. To attend email loisknights345@hotmail.com or ph. 0419 902538.

Please join us for a Kitchen Table Conversation!

A Kitchen Table Conversation is a wonderful opportunity to join with others and listen, learn and reflect on the Indigenous Voice to Parliament referendum that will be held in the coming months. Sessions will be held on August 29, September 11 and September 28 from 3.30pm - 4.45pm online via zoom. More information and registration details are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/aboriginal-catholic-ministry/>

Prayer for Father's Day

God of kindness and compassion, we are your children and you are Father to us all. We pray for all men who reflect your fatherly example: Those who are dads and grandads; step-dads, foster dads, godfathers and fathers-in-law; those who embrace their role as father; those who struggle with being fathers; those who are distanced from their children; those who have passed from this world; those who are coaches, leaders and mentors; those who are elders and wisdom-men of our communities. Give them all strength, comfort and peace. Amen.

It was the first day of school.

Harry's mother went into his bedroom and said, "Come on Harry, get up now. You have to go to school today." "But I don't want to go to school," replied Harry, "I want to stay in bed. Why do I have to go to school?" "Because," answered his mother, "you're a teacher!"

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate 'Get behind me, Satan'

We have to get one terrible thought out of our heads, i.e. that the Heavenly Father of Jesus *wanted* him to suffer a tortured, agonising death. Yet we do say: 'It was necessary that Jesus suffer and die.' What can this mean? I believe this refers to the necessity of divine mission and the necessity of divine love. First, it was the Father's will that Jesus remain true to the mission to preach and embody the gospel of mercy and forgiveness. It was inevitable that powerful elites would find this intolerable and have Jesus eliminated. Secondly, God so loved the world where death ravages human beings, that God determined to absorb the suffering and pangs of death. The temptation to avoid that dread-ful necessity lead Jesus to rebuke Peter: 'Get *behind* me, Satan', a terrible variation of the initial call: 'Come, *follow* me.' We could pause for a moment to very consciously make the sign of the Cross, the consequence of Jesus' mission and love for us.

Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close/ Reflection by Artist

Jesus puts a challenge to his disciples that they should 'take up their cross and follow' him, but the flip side of this challenge is the promise of ease: 'take my yoke upon you, and learn from me . . . my yoke is easy and my burden is light. ' (Mt 11:29-30). We are challenged to dance in the shadow of the cross – celebrating life and living it with courage. The tension between challenge and promise is an integral part of the Christian journey.



WELCOMING WEEK 2023

PICNIC IN THE PARK **POWER OF PLACE**



Help celebrate your culture with a share plate of food

SUNDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

11.00AM TO 2.00PM

LOCATION: ALEXANDRA GARDENS

**FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY
BBQ • ACTIVITIES-VOLLEYBALL-
CANEBALL**

For more information contact:

Ko Yeh Talor

M:0431 071 534

E:ktalor@ararat.vic.gov.au

