



Holy Spirit Parish Gariwerd



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 the traditional custodians of this land, and pay our respects to their elders both past, present, and future, for they hold the memories, the traditions and culture of our ancient land, Australia. We honour the presence of these ancestors who reside in the imagination of this land and whose spirituality flows through all creation.

Sunday 6th July 2025

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading

Isaiah 66:10-14

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Rejoice, Jerusalem, be glad for her, all you who love her! Rejoice, rejoice for her, all you who mourned her! That you may be suckled, filled, from her consoling breast, that you may savour with delight her glorious breasts. For thus says the Lord: Now towards her I send flowing peace, like a river, and like a stream in spate the glory of the nations. At her breast will her nurslings be carried and fondled in her lap. Like a son comforted by his mother will I comfort you. And by Jerusalem you will be comforted. At the sight your heart will rejoice, and your bones flourish like the grass. To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. v.1

(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise.

Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! (R.)

2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!' Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men. (R.)

3. He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river dry-shod. Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might. (R.)

4. Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul. Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me. (R.)

Second Reading

Galatians 6:14-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians
The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not; what matters is for him to become an altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the Israel of God. I want no more

trouble from anybody after this; the marks on my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Colossians 3:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 10:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is rich, but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you."



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Mass Times

Ararat Sunday 9am
Stawell Sunday 10.30am
Lake Bolac 1st 3rd 5th Sundays 6.30pm Vigil Sat
Landsborough 2nd 4th Sundays 12 noon
Glenthompson (Hamilton Parish) 2nd 4th Sundays 8.30am

Readings for next Sunday

13TH July 2025
Deuteronomy 30:10-14/Colossians 1:15-20
Luke 10:25-37

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 10am Lowe St
3rd Wednesday 10am Garden View
4th Wednesday 10am ARVillage

Fr Neville will be away from Monday 7th July and back on July 28th.
During this time Tuesday Mass in Stawell and Friday Mass in Ararat will be Prayers.
Sunday Masses and Funerals will be covered by a replacement Priest.

If there is a Funeral on Tuesdays (Stawell) or Fridays (Ararat) there will be NO Mass on that day.

Recent Deaths Sr Angela Ryan & Doreen McLoughlin

Anniversaries

Hannah Martin 1966, Mary McCormick, Gerry Oliver, Margaret Pippard, Elizabeth Shevlin, John Cambridge 1956, Kevin Stephens 1987, John McIvor 2000, Kelvin Driscoll 2001, David McAdie, Vincent Sertori, Mons Bill McMahan, Alan Wilson, Charles Forster 1950, Horace Howlett, Isabella Tonkin, Cyril Crimmings 1957, Kenneth Sparrow 1966, Desmond Phelan 2007, George Connor Murray 1939, Barbara McCubbin, Fr Coley McKenzie, Leonard Krohn 2001, Thomas Jess 2005, Kevin Cross 2013, Gerardine Rathgeber, Jack Ryan, Maurizio Cannata, Ian McIntosh, Michael McRae, Vera McAloon, Maureen McMaster, Jean Thomas, Michael Rowe, Liston Garrett, Andrew Gambetta 1960, Alice Nicholson 1975, Peter Moran 1976, Douglas Tozer 1987, James Morris 1992

Lake Bolac

Sat Jul 5th Reader Jane Higgins/ Prayers of Faithful Judy Aldous /Cleaning Leanne Breen
Sat Jul 19th Reader Deb Glasson/ Prayers of Faithful Jane Higgins
Sat Aug 2nd Reader Rosemary Liston/ Prayers of Faithful Rebecca Rodger /Cleaning Rosemary Liston

Ararat Roster

Sun July 6th Facilitator Peter B/ Reader P Brady / Euch Min Marg M/ Mary C
Sun July 13th Facilitator Charlie / Reader Pat L / Euch Min Barbara/M Olle
Sun July 20th Facilitator PatMc / Reader Jenny Mc / Euch Min Mary C/Charlie

Stawell Roster

Sun July 6th S/Minster J Obi & J DeLeon /Reader D Odonnell / Offertory L Habben
Sun July 13th S/Minster I Sturt & K Ashton /Reader K Dallinger / Offertory H Reid & Friend
Sun July 20th S/Minster J DeLeon & D Jones /Reader MR Thomas / Offertory M McGaffin

Ararat CWL Next meeting will be on Tuesday 8th July 2025 at 1.30pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome

Parents please be reminded that all children must be accompanied by an adult to the church toilets.

Annual Collection for the Pope: July 5-6

The Annual Collection for the Holy Father is to be taken up throughout the world on a weekend near the Feast of Ss Peter & Paul (June 29). Depending on your local circumstances, this could be on the weekend of June 29-30 or July 5-6. Donations to the appeal support Pope Leo's mission from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of integral human development, education and peace. Peter's Pence aims to support a range of charities which bring aid and comfort to the poor, children, families, the elderly, the marginalised, victims of war and natural disasters, refugees and migrants. In recent times this support has gone to 236 projects in 76 countries. Catholics are also invited to offer special prayer for the Pope.

Please note this collection will be taken up after communion.

Joining together of some parishes

Bishop Paul has decreed the following changes to parishes, effective July 1, 2025:

- The Parishes of Ballarat North, Beaufort and the Cathedral will become Ballarat Cathedral Parish.
- The Parishes of Linton, Redan and Sebastopol will become Holy Trinity Parish, South West Ballarat.
- The Parishes of Ouyen, Robinvale and Sunraysia will become Saint Anne and Joachim Parish, Sunraysia.

NAIDOC Week: July 6-13, 2025

National NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year (Sunday to Sunday), to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The 2025 theme, "The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy," celebrates not only the achievements of the past but the bright future ahead, empowered by the strength of our young leaders, the vision of our communities, and the legacy of our ancestors <https://www.naidoc.org.au/>

Winter Appeal - CatholicCare Victoria

Many people are currently turning to CatholicCare Victoria for support. As one of Victoria's leading social service providers, they work across this vast state to meet people at their point of need. This is only made possible through the grace and generosity of compassionate people like you. Their Winter Appeal is open for donations <https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/winter-appeal/>

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday Resources: July 6, 2025

"Sent Forth in Strength and Hope." Every year, on the first Sunday in July, Catholics come together across Australia to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's First Peoples in the Catholic Church. Resources are available at <https://www.natsicc.org.au/2025-atsi-sunday.html>

Aboriginal Our Father: Diocese of Broome has granted permission for use of this prayer if it is used, as is, unchanged.

You are our Father, You live in heaven, We talk to You. Father You are good.

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We believe your Word, Father, We are Your children, give us bread today.

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We have done wrong, we are sorry, Teach us, Father, all about Your Word.

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Others have done wrong to us, And we are sorry for them, Father, today.

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Stop us from doing wrong, Father, Save us all from the evil one.

Stop us from doing wrong, Father, Save us all from the Evil One. (Repeat first verse)

Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close /Reflection by Artist

The 'Lord of the harvest' sends out disciples to spread the good news of the Kingdom in this reading from Luke's gospel. The yield of his harvest is high, but there are problems recruiting workers to bring in the crop. Perhaps this is because the work of a disciple is demanding and ultimately dangerous.



Gospel Focus – Blessing and Curse

The 72 who are sent out are given very clear instructions about how to respond when their message is welcomed and when it is rejected, but in both cases they are to tell the town, 'The kingdom of God is very near.'

In the case of a welcoming town, these words serve as a blessing, but for an unwelcoming town the same words are a threat or curse. For those who welcome the kingdom it will be a blessing but for others it will be a curse: changing boundaries and redistributing power; bringing down the mighty and lifting up the lowly.

Living the Gospel – Discipleship

Today's gospel passage immediately follows the passage used last week that spelt out the difficulties of discipleship. Having explained how hard it is to be a disciple, Jesus sends his followers out to 'have a go' at being a disciple. When they come back successful he tells them not to be boastful or proud at their achievements but rather to be happy that their 'names are written in heaven'. In other words, anything they accomplished was because they were 'known' by God and that God was working through them. Disciples make themselves 'known' to God and God works through them to accomplish great things!

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate / The Fall of Satan

In Jewish tradition 'Satan' is the name given to the evil spirit who accuses and prosecutes human beings before God, demanding the strongest penalties, unmitigated by Mercy. Jesus had a vision in which he saw 'Satan fall like lightning from Heaven'. Who takes Satan's place?

The answer is the 'Paraclete', a Greek word for an Advocate. This is one of the roles of the Holy Spirit who pleads on our behalf for Mercy which, as Shakespeare put it, then falls on us 'as the gentle rain from Heaven'.

As disciples, we have to imitate the Paraclete, not Satan. We have to temper our drive to see 'the punishment fit the crime'. How often do we relish seeing a person squirm with no offer of a way out, no hint of mercy or forgiveness so that he or she can draw breath, undo some of the damage done, and get back on track to a better life?

We might pause for a moment to thank God that our names are not being listed by Satan in an indictment but rather, through the Holy Spirit, are being entered in the Book of the Saved so that we might 'Rejoice, for your names are written in Heaven'.

