

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

[Is 66:18-21](#)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 116. R. Mk 16:15](#)

(R.) Go out to all the world
and tell the Good News.

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations,
acclaim him all you peoples! (R.)
2. Strong is his love for us;
he is faithful for ever. (R.)

Second Reading

[Heb 12:5-7, 11-13](#)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

Gospel Acclamation

[Jn 14:6](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life,
says the Lord; no one comes to the
Father, except through me. Alleluia!



Gospel

[Lk 13:22-30](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed. 'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!" Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. 'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The vision of a disciple must be the vision of God. Disciples must see with wide angled lenses that enable them to recognise that God offers the grace of salvation to all. The passages from both Isaiah and Luke are astounding in their inclusivity. They show that God's saving grace is unbounded. It reaches out to those whom the people of God may not only distrust but sometimes even despise. There is something very dangerous about being smugly convinced of one's own salvation. When we are so sure of ourselves, we can easily fall into the error of being as sure of the moral failure of others as well. The gospel warns us against such judgment. Women and men are gathered into the community of the saved, primarily because others have been sent out to get them. The psalm refrain is the command to go out to the whole world. The first reading describes God sending fugitives back home to get their relatives. People come from all over because someone is sent to get them. Today that command is directed to us. We are the ones who are being sent out to bring others to God. Unfortunately there are many people who do not believe that they are fit to be evangelisers. They may think that the work that they do or the lives that they live do not lend themselves to the task of spreading the good news of the gospel. They do not realise that all Christians are called and sent. This is not an option; it is a responsibility.

Parish Information – Holy Spirit Parish, Gariwerd

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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 6pm Vigil Sat
Glenthompson	(Hamilton Parish) 2 nd 4 th Sundays 8.30am

Readings for next Sunday

August 28
Twenty Second Sunday Ordinary Time Year C
Sir 3:17-20, 28-29// Heb 12:18-19, 22-24 //Lk 14:1. 7-14

Weekday Masses (usual schedule)

Tuesday: 10am Stawell (Check bulletin for occasional changes)
Wednesday: Aged Care
Thursday: 3.30pm 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 ARV

Recent Deaths: Jack Stevens

Anniversaries

Mary Colwell, Sergio Tognon, Melrose Naylor 1959, George Thompson 1992, Mary Hickey, Diana Cashin, Frank McAloon, Leila Petersen, Maude Forster 1957, Edward Evans 1960, Charles Lightfoot 1987, Ethel Lannen, Kevin Brady, John Scarsi 1971, Joseph Earle 1987, Margaret Nunweek 1999, Lorna Sargent 2000, Dorothy Woolley 2016, Peter Coughlin, Maria Sobczak, May Pryderrach 1959, James Phillips 1969, Cicily Wortley 1973, James Seear 1973, John Egan 1989, Michael Bond, Ray DeGroot, Stan Gleeson, Jonathan O'Connor 1959, Margaret Hayes 1967, Brendan Laidlaw, Les Kelly, Gavin Thomas Quilty

Golden Gate Roster August 21 Libby // 28 Jim Jan
September 4 Harry Anna // 11 Libby // 18 Jim Jan // 25 Harry Anna

Lake Bolac Roster Sat Aug 20 Reader Deb Glasson // Prayers of Faithful Tricia Higgins
Sat Sept 3 Reader Damian Phillips // Prayers of Faithful Helen Smith // Cleaning Tricia Higgins

Masses in Stawell for the next few weeks:

Sunday Masses will be at school.

Tuesday Masses will be in the parish hall.

The Stawell Anglican Parish have very generously made us welcome at Holy Trinity for funerals should the need arise.

Op Shop Volunteers Needed

St. Patrick's Op Shop is looking for volunteers. The operating hours are from 10am to 1pm Monday to Friday and 10am to 1pm on Saturday morning. If you have 3 hours a fortnight to help out at the shop please contact June on 0427 670 658.

Food Drive - Ararat St Vincent de Paul

Ararat St Vincent de Paul Conference will be having a food drive over the next few weeks for Emergency Relief starting today, 21st August. We would appreciate any donations of non-perishable foods [eg tea, coffee, long life milk, soup, spaghetti, baked beans, pasta, cereal or anything else that you would like to give, would be helpful to us. There will be a box at the back of the Church for any donations. Many thanks for your support

Africa Food Crisis

Drought and conflict in the Horn of Africa have left over 18 million people facing severe hunger. Four consecutive failed rainy seasons have devastated the crops of millions across the region. We must act now and "Make Hunger History." Your generous donation means our partners in countries like Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan and Eritrea can respond quickly to support vulnerable communities during this crisis. Visit www.caritas.org.au/food-crisis or call 1800 024 413 toll free to donate now.

Aid to the Church in Need Australia

ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church.

In areas of crisis, churches are often destroyed by violence. Where the faith is growing new churches are needed. ACN supports the reconstruction in these areas because a church is the centre of the life of faith and even the smallest chapel provides people with hope and a spiritual home. Can you help build churches to support the faithful throughout the world? Visit: www.aidtochurch.org/construction

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – Online Study

Our partner, Dayton University, offers low-cost (\$50usd) online study and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parishes. Study cycles are over 3 or 5 weeks. The next Cycle begins September 5. There are 37 subjects to choose from – find one that interests you! Registrations are open now. More information is available on the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/pastoral-ministry/lay-pastoral-ministry-program/> or email djurja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7121.

National Catholic Men's Gathering 2022

menALIVE to the MAX is a national catholic gathering of men to be held from October 7–9, 2022 in Sydney. The theme this year is RENEW/REFRESH/RECONNECT. After several years of almost no live events, we are looking forward to gathering together to; listen, learn and long for the fullness of life. Info <https://www.menalive.org.au/menalive-to-the-max/>

St Augustine's Church Creswick 150th Anniversary

On the weekend of September 17 & 18, 2022 celebrations will be held for the 150th anniversary of St Augustine's Church, Creswick. Info: <https://staugustines150.weebly.com/>

National Online Conference for Evangelisation: October 20-22, 2022

The Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry warmly invites all Catholics to 'Evangelise', a national, online conference to be held from October 20-22, 2022. The conference will promote understanding and explore practices of evangelisation in Australia through encounters with Christ, formation in discipleship, and mission in the world. The conference will feature a range of informative and engaging presentations on topics such as liturgy, marriage and family, discipleship, formation, and prayer. Individual registration (\$25 each) and further information can be found at www.evangelisation.catholic.org.au.

Luminous: John Orval, Stained Glass Artist

An exhibition of the work of John Orval, whose beautiful stained glass work can be seen in some of our region's churches, will be held in Hamilton from August 20 – October 30, 2022. Alongside this free exhibition, there will be an immersive bus tour to see Orval's work in Hamilton, Coleraine, Nareen and Tahara on September 30. The latest edition of "Our Diocesan Community" features an article on Orval's stained glass windows in our diocesan churches <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/odc/>. Info: <https://www.hamiltongallery.org/events/john-orval/>

Assertiveness - Trusting Your Own Inner Voice (via Zoom), Tuesday evening 30 Aug 2022, 7pm-9.30pm (AEST). This reflection event will explore: assertiveness - what it is and what it is not; why being assertive is adult behaviour that builds up everyone's strength and capacity to love; finding within ourselves that voice of God that echoes who I am as good in the eyes of God; what is it that distorts this perspective and how that influences my judgement and behaviour; being assertive with God; being with an assertive God. Led by Chris Chaplin msc (MSCX, Dip Transpersonal & Experiential Psychotherapy, BTheol, Cert Spir Dir (Siloam)). Cost \$35. Book and pay by 26/8/22 via www.heartoflife.melbourne Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Malvern VIC, email info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel (03) 9890 1101.

Remembering the Martyrs of Papua New Guinea

Am sending you an invitation to a special church service we're having in Holy Trinity on 4th September at 3 p.m. We're having an Evensong with the choir from the Ballarat Cathedral and the Dean of the Cathedral, The Very Rev'd Michael Davies will be preaching. It will be followed by afternoon tea. This service is to remember our Martyrs of Papua New Guinea - a group of clergy, teachers and nurses who gave their lives in World War 2 when the area in which they were serving was invaded by the Japanese. We have a special link here in Ararat as one of the clergy, Henry Matthews, was a relative of the Clugston family from Moyston. Would love to have you, your family, and members of your congregation join us. If possible, for catering purposes RSVP: 0438 274 136 or drop me an email.
Regards. Cheryl Haines, Anglican Parish, Ararat



Renovation:

What's Happening at St Patrick's?

Painting: There's not much to see yet. So far a lot of filling of cracks, sanding and preparing. Was said to me this week that 90% of painting is in the preparation. Won't be long and it will start to look like something.

Marble: This week the tabernacle marble has been cleaned and looks wonderful.

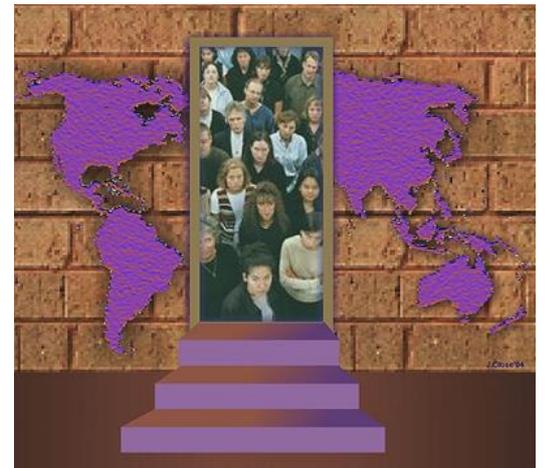
Mary Chapel: The porch on the East side that will become the Mary chapel has also been opened up, ready for the Our Lady statue to be installed. We had been imagining a curtain around behind Our Lady. Now that the chapel has been opened up we wonder about leaving the chapel very open, just painted. Mary will sit on a pedestal with spotlights. We'll find a safe way to have candles to light.

Potholes in the Carpark: Not quite connected, but we're about to fill the potholes in the carpark before they get any worse. This will be a temporary fix. Maybe it will last a year or two or five. Then we might need to resurface the whole carpark – lots of money. Will see how we go with the temporary fix.

Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close

Reflection by Artist

The Kingdom of God is not an exclusive place because people from all over can share in its bounty; but there are some life choices to be made in order to enter through the narrow door. If we are excluded it is because we have not understood or lived the kingdom values which give preferential option to the poor and the marginalised.



Working with Children and Police Checks

All parishes in the diocese now have new rules regarding:

Online child-safety training // Working with Children Checks // Police checks

Online Training

All parishioners on these lists will now be required to do some online training regarding child safety. Parishioners are asked to provide the parish with your email address and then the diocese will send you a link to access the online training.

Please email ararat@ballarat.catholic.org.au with your name and email address

Who needs only a Working with Children Check?

- Ministers of the Eucharist // Cleaners and Gardeners // Caterers including CWL // Sacrament Program Leaders

Who needs both Children's and Police Checks?

- Visitors to people's private homes, aged care and hospital on parish behalf - eg with communion
- Parish Office Staff // Parish Finance Committee // Parish Pastoral Council // All Op Shop Volunteers

How much will it cost? Children checks are free for volunteers

Police Checks are cheaper using the Community Volunteer Fee code CVF4574 – the parish can reimburse you later