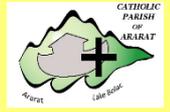




St Patrick's Parish Stawell and Landsborough St Mary's Parish Ararat and Lake Bolac



We acknowledge the Tjapwurrong people, the traditional custodians of our parish land.

We pay our respects to their elders past and present. We respect the presence of the spirits of their ancestors among us.

Sunday August 8, 2021 Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

First Reading

[1 Kgs 17:7-16](#)

A reading from the first book of Kings
And then the word of the Lord came to Elijah, 'Up and go to Zarephath, a Sidonian town, and stay there. I have ordered a widow there to give you food.' So he went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks. Addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please,' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel: "Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth.'" The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 623:1-8](#)

(R.) My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.

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. On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. (R.)

Second Reading

[Col 3:12-17](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians
You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you, and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful. Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel Acclamation

[Mt 27:55](#)

Alleluia, alleluia! Many women were there by the cross, watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus and looked after him. Alleluia!

Gospel

[Mt 6:25-34](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Jesus said to his disciples: I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat, nor about your body and what you are to wear. Surely life is more than food, and the body more than clothing! Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they are? Can any of you, however much you worry, add one single cubit to your span of life? And why worry about clothing? Think of the flowers growing in the fields; they never have to work or spin: yet I assure you that not even Solomon in all his royal robes was clothed like one of these. Now if that is how God clothes the wild flowers growing in the field which are there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, will he not much more look after you, you have so little faith? So do not worry; do not say, "What are we to eat? What are we to drink? What are we to wear?" It is the gentiles who set their hearts on all these things. Your heavenly Father knows you need them all. Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on God's saving justice, and all these other things will be given you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow: tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

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

Aged Care Schedule

Eventide	1 st Wednesdays 11.15am
Lowe St	2 nd Wednesdays 11am
Garden View	3 rd Wednesdays 10.30am
ARV	4 th Wednesday 10am

Masses this Week – 7 Day Lockdown

Stawell: Fri 10am

Ararat: Fri 13th 11am Mass morning tea

Readings for Next Sunday 15th August (Feast of the Assumption) [Rv 11:19; 12:1-6, 10](#) // [1 Cor 15:20-26](#) // [Lk 1:39-56](#)

Anniversaries Stawell

Daniel Pollock 2011, Margaret Nunweek 2015, Mavis Larkens 1988, Mary Pentney 1974, Cyril Pickering 1980, Agnes Rutter 1981, Norm Manning 1985, Kathleen Morgan 2004

Anniversaries Ararat (2 weeks)

Bill Kenyon, Les Clark, Barbara Brossner, Denise Hourigan, Aileen Falvey, Sr Josephus Lannen, Peter Henderson, James Stapleton, Veronica Butler, Bp Francis Thomas, Beverley Austin, Arthur Mark, Leila Spiller, Gina Galea, Irene Hunter, Ada Maconachie, Robert McKibbin, Stan Weeks, Robert Steer, Maureen Daly, Kenneth McAdie, Pat McDougall, Bruce Atkinson, Kevin Beer, Pat Liston, Fr Leo McCormick, Rosalia Kolotelo, Lina Daghero, Denise Fromager, William Oliver, Jan Tutton, Edward Byrne, Lola Lindholm, Danny Pollock, May Lenehan, Pat Liston, Fr. Brendan Davey, Eliza O'Connor, Emma James, Sr Denise Allen C.S.B, Jeff Slatter, Beverley Austin, Frances Toner, Vin Fagan, John Hogan, Ralph Brown, Leslie Shevlin, Fr Tom Kiniry, Con McDermott, Len Christian, Denise Fromager, Noël Fromager

Recent Deaths John Wright

Please pray for

Terry Weeks, Kate Wilson, Sally Rook, Eloise Foo, Benjamin Wolfson, Julie Neale and Margaret Hassall, Jenny Sharman, Anne-Marie Joyce

Golden Gate Roster

August 8 Harry & Anna // 15 Jim & Jan // 22 Libby // 29 Harry & Anna
September 5 Jim & Jan // 12 Libby // 19 Harry & Anna // 26 Jim & Jan

Lake Bolac Roster

Sat 14/8 Reader Rosemary Liston // Prayers of Faithful Val Albert // Cleaning Jane Higgins
Sat 28/8 Reader Denise Haslett // Prayers of Faithful Helen Smith // Cleaning Judy Upton

Stawell Parish Unit Vacancy

A one-bedroom flat will soon be available to rent at the Parish units in Crudace St, Stawell. Rent is \$215 per fortnight. Interested persons should contact Nino on 53582258 for further information.

Cuppa after Mass today in Stawell

There is a cuppa today after Mass in St Pat's church hall hosted by the CWL. Everyone is welcome. Social distancing will be maintained.

Ararat Parish Office

We are delighted to welcome Jill Croxford to the parish staff in Ararat. Jill, for many years, was the school finance and admin officer at St Patrick's School in Stawell. The office will open on Thursdays and Fridays 9am-3pm. Welcome Jill.

Ararat Mosque

The good people involved with the construction of the mosque in Ararat have shared some glad tidings. We can expect walls within weeks! The team have also asked me to pass on their regards and thanks for our support.

Covid Restrictions

Ararat and Stawell 50 people // Landsborough and Lake Bolac 35 people

Covid Marshall to assist and ensure registration // Masks / hands / distancing // Catering in Ararat 45 people – seated only



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Mary MacKillop

This Gospel *does not* say we should not worry about what *others* eat or drink or have to wear. In fact we will be judged on whether we gave 'the Least' food, shelter, companionship in illness or in prison (Mt 25). In the mid-late 19th century, a young woman was very concerned with the plight of the poor and the marginalised in the colonies which later became the Commonwealth of Australia. Amongst the most obvious necessities of life for these 'least' was schooling of the young, as education is a proven path out of poverty. So, this woman, whose most famous saying was 'never see a need without trying to do something about it', set about remedying that situation. Mary McKillop established the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart principally to educate the poor. She suffered excommunication for revealing sexual abuse of youngsters by a paedophile priest. That was reversed five months later, but this all took its toll on her fragile health. We could pause for a moment to pray that we may join St Mary of the Cross in Heaven, together with all the Josephite sisters who set their hearts on the Father's kingdom and His saving justice.

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Miriam Rose

2pm Wed 18th Stawell Parish Hall

2pm Wed 25th Ararat Parish Centre

This promises to be a most insightful hour. Lesley Morgan will share her insights into the spirituality of Dr Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr Baumann AM. Miriam Rose is an Aboriginal activist, educator and artist and the 2021 Senior Australian of the Year. Of particular interest is Miriam Rose' telling of Dadirri, (Inner Deep Listening and Quiet Still Awareness.) "We cannot hurry the river. We have to move with its current and understand its ways."



CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. CatholicCare Victoria delivers counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, support for separating families, homelessness support and pastoral care. CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities, to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential. Please donate to CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help the vulnerable and marginalised in our community and empower everyone to reach their full potential. You can donate using the appeal envelope available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

Engaging Your Faith – Series of Online Short Sessions

These one-off sessions are being offered by Catholic Theological College in Melbourne. Visit our *Engaging Your Faith* webpage for more detail: <https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/engaging-your-faith>

Plenary Council – Fan the Flame Prayer Campaign

You are invited to join the national prayer campaign and in a special way support the ongoing journey of the Plenary Council. Resources can be accessed at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheblade/

Aid to the Church in Need

Today, Aid to the Church in Need continues to ensure that spiritual aid and pastoral care reaches areas of need. ACN ensures that tyranny of distance or harsh terrain does not stand in the way of the spiritual life of the Catholic people. Every year we will finance some 400 cars, 200 motorcycles, 300 bicycles and a couple of boats. Visit www.aidtochurch.org/transport.



Parish Directories

Parish Priest Fr. Andrew Hayes andrew.hayes@ballarat.catholic.org.au
Office Hours Office hours are changing. More information to come
Parish Bulletin www.ballarat.catholic.org.au
To submit bulletin notices for both parishes please email ararat@ballarat.catholic.org.au

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Office Hours	Thursday Friday 9am – 3pm	Closed for Now - contact Ararat
Churches	St Mary's Church 304 Barkly St Ararat	St Patrick's Church 27 Patrick St Stawell
	St Bernard's Church 76 Montgomery St Lake Bolac	St Francis of Assisi Church 76 McKinlay St Landsborough
Safe Guarding Officer	Emma Coburn	Helen Potter
Funeral Ministry	Joan Fitzpatrick, Sr. Maree Harry Collins & Sioux Reid	Kevin Dallinger, Mary-Rita Thomas
CWL`	Jan Crowe (President) Anna Collins (Secretary)	Margaret Rowe (President)
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Parish Finances

If you would like to donate to a parish, or use for your planned giving please see the details below. Many thanks

Details for Ararat Parish:

Parish Account "Main Church Account" Westpac Bank **BSB** 033 201 // Acc 810035
Presbytery Account "Presbytery Account" Westpac Bank **BSB** 033 201 //Acc 810043

Details for Stawell Parish

Parish Account **BSB** 013 815 **Acc:** 286326347
Presbytery Account **BSB** 013 815 **Acc:** 286326355