

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**[Gen 18:20-32](#)

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.' The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.' Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.' Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

**Responsorial Psalm**[Ps 137:1-3. 6-8. R. v.3](#)

R.) Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)

3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of affliction  
you give me life and frustrate my foes. (R.)

4. You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

**Second Reading**[Col 2:12-14](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians  
You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

**Gospel Acclamation**[Rom 8:15](#)

Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

**Gospel**[Lk 11:1-13](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray: "Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."' He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants. 'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

# Parish Information – Holy Spirit Parish, Gariwerd

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## Mass Times

<b>Ararat</b>	Sunday 8.30am
<b>Stawell</b>	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Lake Bolac</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sundays 6.30pm Vigil Sat
<b>Landsborough</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays 6pm Vigil Sat
<b>Glenthompson</b>	(Hamilton Parish) 2 <sup>nd</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays 8.30am

## Readings for next Sunday

July 31  
Eighteenth Sunday Ordinary Time Year C  
[Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23](#)// [Col 3:1-5, 9-11](#) // [Lk 12:13-21](#)

## 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

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

## Recent Deaths:

### Anniversaries

Mary Bryant, Kevin Harrison, Mary Dwyer 1970, Laurence Cross 1992, Leo Heenan, Lorna Norbury, Gavan Peters 1967, Win Cawthorne 1992, Gregory Maloney 2004, Marli Tilley 2014, Patrick O'Neill, Michael Molan 1997, Lionel Tillett, Marjorie Tillett, Paddy McLoughlin, Robert Mason, Molly Gleeson, Leonard Henry Horsley, Thomas Smith 1958, Thas Homfray 1966, John Seary 1977, Charles Parker 1981, Don Hearn, Josephine Pinzone, Phil Brady, Neville Cruse, Teresa Healey 1947, Catherine Layton 1950, Elsie Seary 1963, Alan Walker 1995, Irene Naylor 2012, Christopher Hogan, Nora Hogan, Alice Greenwood, Fleetwood Smith 1956, Vincenzo Pinzone, Myrtle Casey, Susan Aisbett, Kathleen Frances Hewitt, Michael Molan 1959, Mary Browne 1999, Annie Browne 2000, Robert McKey 2006, Brian Raeburn 2007

### Golden Gate Roster

July 24 Harry Anna // 31 Libby  
August 7 Jim Jan // 14 Harry Anna // 21 Libby // 28 Jim Jan

### Lake Bolac Roster

Sat July 30 Reader Rosemary Liston // Prayers of Faithful Michael Phillips // Cleaning L Breen  
Sat Aug 6 Reader Mick Brennan // Prayers of Faithful Rosemary Liston // Cleaning R Liston

### Stawell Ecumenical Service

There will be a combined churches ecumenical service in the Stawell Uniting Church Hall on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July at 5pm. Everyone is welcome.

### Ararat - St Anne's Grandmothers

Next gathering at Bernadette Harrington's house on Tuesday August 2, at 2pm.

**Our Diocesan Community** - The Latest edition of the ODC is now available in the churches

### Planned Giving Envelopes in Stawell

Stawell and Landsborough's envelopes have arrived and are now available in the churches

### Sanctuary in Stawell

Work is about to commence at St Patrick's. The first stage is to pull out the sanctuary platform. This has been named as a safety hazard. For a short time we will place the altar and lectern on the floor, until we sort what we'll do next.

### Anniversaries Books

The anniversary books are now in the churches. Please take a pen and add the names of loves one and to make corrections.

### **Vinnie's Winter Appeal**

Domestic violence is the leading cause of homelessness for women and children. Your support of the 2022 Vinnie's Winter Appeal will help provide emergency accommodation, financial support, as well as material assistance. To donate go to <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/winter-appeal-vic>

### **Vinnies Winter Appeal – Ballarat City Brass Band Concert**

The Ballarat City Brass Band presents, "A Golden Era Music" on Sunday, August 14, 2022 at 2.00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat. Entry by gold coin donation and all proceeds will be donated to the Vinnies Winter Appeal.

### **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly – July 24, 2022**

On Sunday, July 24, 2022, the Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated throughout the universal Church. The theme chosen by the Holy Father for the occasion is "In old age they will still bear fruit" (Ps. 92:15).

### **ACRATH: Change the life of a victim/survivor of human trafficking.**

ACRATH needs to raise \$200,000 in the coming weeks until July 30 - UN World Day Against Trafficking in Persons - to sustain its many programs and to continue supporting victim/survivors of human trafficking. This year ACRATH needs funds to advocate, educate, contribute to change and support the victim/survivors, building on work done through the pandemic. We ask you to help us to continue our important work and spread the message that 'PEOPLE ARE NOT FOR SALE!' by donating today via our website <https://acrath.org.au/donate/>. We receive NO government funding so your donation is vital.

### **Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

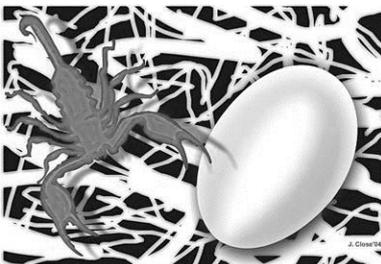
The readings invite us to reflect on prayer. Whether our prayer be praise, contrition, thanksgiving or petition, it always recognises our need for God. In the gospel Jesus instructs us to ask for what we need. He assures us that God is more than willing to give us what we need. However, for this to happen we must turn to God and humbly acknowledge our need. The most obvious characteristic of prayer depicted in the readings for this Sunday is persistence. Neither Abraham nor the man in the gospel was deterred by any obstacle. They show that it is not so much that we persist in prayer in order to change God's mind as it is that we persist in order to discover what God's mind might be. The salutariness of prayer is often found in the change that it effects in us, not in God. By persevering in genuine prayer we may come to acknowledge that all things are in God's hands, and that we can rest content to leave them there, trusting that the situation will be cared for as God sees fit. It seems trite to say that God hears all prayer and sometimes the answer is 'No!' It is better to say that God respects the freedom of people and will seldom intervene to change the way events unfold. Still, prayer can change the one who prays and also the one for whom the prayer is offered if only human need is recognised and divine solicitude is acknowledged.

### **Pastoral Practitioner vacancy at St John of God Hospital, Ballarat**

The hospital has an exciting opportunity available for a dedicated and committed Pastoral Practitioner to join the Pastoral Services team in promoting and providing holistic pastoral services to patients and clients. Position description and application details are available at <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/employment/>. Applications close August 17, 2022.

### **Ballarat Interfaith Network Forum – Sunday, July 31, 2022**

The Ballarat Interfaith Network are hosting a forum, "Death, Sanctity of the Human Body and Organ Donation" to be held on Sunday, July 31, 2022 from 2.00pm - 4.00pm at St Patrick Cathedral Hall, Ballarat. To register your attendance please phone 0400 650 234. Masks are recommended. Organ donor registration is available - bring Medicare card to facilitate.



### **Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close**

#### **Reflection by Artist**

God is endlessly generous – that is the message from the gospel today. What parent would hand their child a stone when they asked for bread or a scorpion when they asked for an egg? The metaphor could not be sharper or more telling and it is reminiscent of the imagery that Luke used for the story of the temptations in the desert (see the graphic for the first Sunday of Lent this year).



# Working with Children and Police Checks

All parishes in the diocese now have new rules regarding:

1. Online child-safety training
2. Working with Children Checks
3. Police checks

I've been talking about this for a while, at parish council meetings and with the diocese. We are now very clear on what is required. There will be some difficulty, but the safety of our children is paramount. Here is what is required and parishioners are asked to complete these tasks:

## Online Training

All parishioners on these lists will now be required to do some online training regarding child safety. This is a non-negotiable requirement (new laws as of July 1) and will require an email address and access to the internet. 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.

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Please email [ararat@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:ararat@ballarat.catholic.org.au) with your name and email address

If you can put your name and email in the text box it will be quicker for us to cut and paste

Don't have an email address or internet? The parish can help you

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Who needs **only** a Working with Children Check?

- Ministers of the Eucharist at Mass
- Cleaners, Gardeners, Sacristan
- Caterers for Funerals 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 / Flats Committee

How much will it cost?

- ❖ Working with Children checks are free for volunteers
- ❖ Police Checks have a cost that can be reimbursed by the parish  
For a cheaper fee, when paying enter the church's CVF code (Community Volunteer Fee) which is CVF4574

Other points:

- ❖ If you already have a children's or police check you won't need another one, however, we will need a copy of your existing one. Send it by email if you can or print a copy  
You will still need to do the online training
- ❖ Registered teachers only need to show your VIT – it covers your children's check  
You will still need to do the online training



## Masks are Recommended in the State of Victoria

This from the vic.gov.au website this week:

Where face masks are recommended

We strongly recommend wearing a mask if you:

- are in an indoor setting
- can't physically distance, such as at entry or exit points to large events
- have any COVID-19 symptoms, or
- are with people who may be vulnerable to COVID-19.