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

We acknowledge the Djap Wurrung 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 June 5, 2022 Pentecost Sunday, Year C

First Reading Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm <u>Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30</u>

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

1. Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are, How many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches. (R.)

- 2. You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)
- 3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord rejoice in his works! May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular

way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit; fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Gospel <u>Jn 20:19-23</u>

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close Reflection by Artist



In the readings for the feast of Pentecost there are some interesting connections between fire and water. In the gospel for the Vigil the Spirit is described as 'rivers of living water' flowing out of the hearts of believers. In the Acts of the Apostles the experience of the Spirit was likened to 'tongues of fire'. In liminal moments like this, when natural logic is confounded, the boundaries between seeming opposites are blurred and new meanings emerge.

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Mass Times Readings for next Sunday

Ararat Sunday 8.30am June 12

Stawell Sunday 10.30am The Most Holy Trinity Year C

 Lake Bolac
 1st 3rd 5th Sundays 6.30pm Vigil Sat
 Prv 8:22-31/Rom 5:1-5 //Jn 16:12-15

Landsborough 2nd 4th Sundays 6pm Vigil Sat

Glenthompson (Hamilton Parish) 2nd 4th Sundays 8.30am

Weekday Masses (usual schedule) Aged Care Roster

Tuesday: 10am Stawell (Check bulletin for occasional changes) 1st Wednesday 11.15am Eventide **Wednesday:** Aged Care 2nd Wednesday 11am Lowe St

Thursday: 3.30pm Hopkins 3rd Wednesday 10.30am Garden View

Friday: 11am Ararat (Check bulletin for occasional changes) 4th Wednesday 10am ARV

Changes to Masses this Week:

Friday 10th 11am Funeral Mass in Landsborough for Damian Browne

Friday 10th 11am Prayers in Ararat followed by cuppa

Recent Deaths: Damian Browne

Anniversaries Stawell

Terrence Peters 1971, Margaret Brennan 1979, Kath Parry 1982, Kevin O'Kane 2017, Francis Craig 1989, Teresa Mulcahy 1945, Margaret Wadsworth 1948, Elizabeth Monaghan 1962, James Phelan 1976, Norman Oates 1981, Reg Parry 1996, Victor O'Connor 2002, George Gavin 1997, Mark Van Diesen 2013

Anniversaries Ararat

John Hearn, Ned Moloney, John Brennan, Peggy Schwab, Sr. Imelda O'Collins, Terry Dutton-Bottoms, Winifred Murphy, Margaret Overington, Nancy Marx, Isabel Costello, Ena Florence Harrison, Elizabeth Nyikos, Fr John Smith, Elizabeth Smith, Peter Pola, Eileen Downes, Ethel Foran, Matthew Joyce, Wilma Rowe, Archbishop James Goold, Jean Overington

Golden Gate Roster June 5 Margaret // 12 Harry Anna // 19 Libby // 26 Jim Jan

July 3 Harry Anne // 10 Libby // 17 Jim Jan // 24 Harry Anna // 31 Libby

Lake Bolac Roster Sat June 4 Reader Michael Phillips // Prayers of Faithful Tricia Higgins // Cleaning Tricia Higgins

Sat June 18 Reader Tricia Higgins // Prayers of Faithful Rosemary Liston // Cleaning Judy Upton

Change to Office Days - Open Tuesday and Wednesday June 14/15 - Closed Thursday and Friday June 16/17

St Bernard's Catholic Church Ladies Auxiliary AGM

Friday 17th June at 10.30am at the church. General meeting to follow

Lake Bolac St Bernard's 150 years foundation stone / 60 years new church Sun Sept 25 11am Mass and lunch

Ministry Rosters in Ararat

We will be reinstating the ministry rosters in Ararat in the coming weeks. Please add your names to the list in the foyer to be added to the rosters for readers, leaders and ministers of the Eucharist and cleaning.

Volunteer Induction and Training

At the Ararat Parish Pastoral Council this week we studied the current requirements for child safety and other parish requirements. What is apparent is that we'll need lots of people to undertake some training. We'll do some of this during Sunday Masses. There are a number of parishioners who will be required to have children's checks and some who will need police checks. Most who need them will already have them. It's all part of keeping children and the parish safe, but also of protecting the parish volunteers. More to come.

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

Checking-in is no longer required. Face masks are no longer required in most indoor settings but they are still recommended. Carry a mask when leaving home. They are strongly recommended if you have any COVID-19 symptoms and are with people who may be vulnerable to COVID-19.

A Christian Prayer for Unity

One only Holy Spirit of Father and Son in whom all are baptised, one giver of many gifts, one tree of many fruits one speaker of every tongue, renew in our day the wonders of Pentecost, grant that people of every race and nation may understand one another, and as one, proclaim the praises of God. Grant that all may be one as you, Spirit, with the Father and the Son are one God, one Lord. Grant unity to the Body of Christ; grant unity to the human family. Sole breath of every living thing, may all be one who, in you, live and move and have their being. - Carl K. Moeddel, From Jesuit Resources

World Environment Day – Sunday, June 5, 2022

Celebrated every year since 1974, World Environment Day is a good time to focus on the environmental dimensions of the Sustainable Development Goals. This year the theme is celebrating "Only One Earth". This was the slogan for the 1972 Stockholm Conference; 50 years on, this truth still holds – this planet is our only home. With nature in emergency mode, the #OnlyOneEarth campaign for World Environment Day 2022, wants you to celebrate the planet through collective environmental action. #OnlyOneEarth advocates for transformative environmental change on a global scale. The campaign shines a spotlight on climate action, nature action and pollution action while encouraging everyone, everywhere to live sustainably. While our individual consumption choices do make a difference, it is collective action that will create the transformative environmental change we need, so we can advance to a more sustainable and just Earth, where everyone can flourish. https://www.worldenvironmentday.global/

A Prayer for Our Environment from Pope Francis' Laudato Si'

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it,

that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation,

to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. Amen.

Plenary Council conversations around the diocese

Leading up to the second Assembly of the Plenary Council (July 3 -9), there will be an opportunity to gather for a conversation around the diocese with the diocesan members to encourage and affirm their participation in the Council. The Motions Framework document has been published and is available from the diocesan website https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Motions-Framework-31a-May-2022.pdf and this will also be a focus for prayer and engagement. Details are:

Mildura/Merbein/Red Cliffs – June 16, 2022 OLSH Church, Merbein at 10.15am; Monaghan Centre, Mildura at 2.00pm; St Joseph's Church, Red Cliffs at 4.30pm

Horsham – June 22, 2022 at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall, Horsham

Ballarat – June 23, 2022 at 7.00pm in Mackillop/Glowrey Room, Cathedral Precinct

Warrnambool – June 29 at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall, Warrnambool

Walking in the Spirit

The People of God are invited to make a prayerful journey towards the Second Assembly of the Plenary Council through the "Walking in the Spirit" prayer campaign. "Walking in the Spirit" began on April 17 and runs until the Second Assembly, which opens on Sunday, July 3. Resources have been created for use by individuals, families, schools, parishes and other Catholic communities. Find out more at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit/

Refugee Week: June 19-25, 2022

You are invited to join the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office and the Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace for an online prayer service on World Refugee Day. Registration to attend the prayer service, which will be broadcast live on June 20 at 6.00pm (AEST) is now open. The two Offices have also combined to produce resources to encourage the celebration of Refugee Week 19-25 June. Register for the online prayer service at https://bit.ly/RefugeeWeek2022Prayers

St Vincent Pallotti Scholarships for Lay Ministry

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. Applications close on Friday, July 29, 2022. Details are available at https://pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincentpallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html

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

Hosted by the Australian Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry (BCELM), this national online conference will promote understanding of, and explore practices of evangelisation in Australia through encounters with Christ, formation in discipleship and mission in the world (BCELM mandate). Opening with a reflection on the Plenary Council and Australian reports to the General Synod on Synodality, the conference will progress to explore personal experiences and local strategies of evangelisation. More information is available from the conference website https://nce.catholic.org.au/bcelm-conference/events/bcelm-conference.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

We have been in the in-between time since the Ascension of the Lord. Today we celebrate the dramatic inbreaking of the time of fulfilment. We celebrate the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. The feast also brings the Easter season to its conclusion. Today's readings recapitulate many themes that appeared throughout the Easter season: Christology, Trinitarian theology, reign of God, repentance, salvation, mission, universality. All are brought together as we are brought together into the body of Christ. The plan of salvation has been brought to its conclusion. Christ is exalted next to God and has sent his Spirit to fill the earth with God's power. The world is charged with divine energy; it needs but a spark to ignite it with life and with excitement. This vitality explodes into the extraordinary: tongues are loosed and speech overflows its linguistic constraints; charismatic gifts flood the valleys of human habitation; barred doors are burst open and frightened hearts are calmed. The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world. We gather together to discover that God has gathered us for another. Strangers assemble to fulfil personal obligations and they experience a phenomenon that bonds them together for life. Individual religious devotion is swept up into communal divine revelation. Through the Spirit of God, we are reconciled to each other and then together we spend ourselves for the common good. The world is renewed; the community is revitalised; we come to know the mysterious yet all pervasive peace of Christ.

Parish Merger

This week we have settled on the likely logo and drafted the masthead for the parish bulletin as it might appear on the first Sunday of the new parish. The letterhead will be similar. What do you think? We list the anniversaries separately for Stawell and Ararat. Is this the time to merge the two lists or ought we keep them separate?



Holy Spirit Sunday July 3, 2022 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

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.



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