



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



We acknowledge the Djap Wurrong 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 September 5, 2021 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading

[Is 35:4-7](#)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.
'Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;
for water gushes in the desert,
streams in the wasteland,
the scorched earth becomes a lake,
the parched land springs of water.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 145:7-10. R. v.1](#)

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!
1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bound down,
the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. (R.)
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading

[Jas 2:1-5](#)

A reading from the letter of St James
My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus
Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of
distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a
man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed
and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor
man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice
of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to
the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over
there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.'
Can't you see that you have used two different
standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into
judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor
according to the world that God chose, to be rich in
faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he
promised to those who love him.

Gospel Acclamation

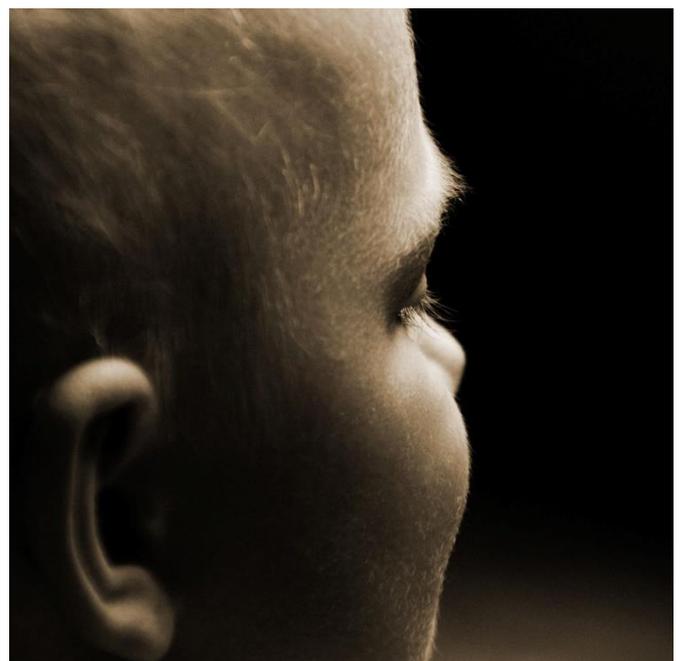
[cf. Mt 4:23](#)

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the
kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

Gospel

[Mk 7:31-37](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way
of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the
Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man
who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked
him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in
private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the
man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then
looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him,
'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were
opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened
and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell
no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more
widely they published it. Their admiration was
unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he
makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'



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

Wash your hands and wear your masks
And wait for restrictions to ease

Readings for Next Sunday Sept 12 (24th Sunday Yr B)

[Is 50:5-9](#) // [Jas 2:14-18](#) // [Mk 8:27-35](#)

Recent Deaths

Anniversaries Stawell

Ada McDonald 1949, Maxwell Perry 2003, Antonio Balsarine 1970, Frances Naylor 1999, Martin Hayes 1999, Alice Newman 1967, Alan Cullus 1971, Mary Potter 1975, Peter Power 1989, John Duggan 1974, Grace Irwin 1994, Johannah Molan 2001, Sarah Williamson 2009, Kathleen O'Kane 2019, Martha McGuan 1956, Mary Brown 1967

Anniversaries Ararat

Rose Kennedy, Kevin Cronin, Eileen Brown, John Goulter, Freda Ferguson, Rita Fernando, David Lardner, Jess O'Neill, Ken Robson, Barry Mulvihill, Herbert Mannix, Dominic DiDomenico, Jean Hennessy, Patricia Cronin, Irene Byrne, Hugh Nailon Snr, Graeme Pitcher, Margaret Smith, William Smith, Kath Ryan, Leslie McNiece, Laurence McNiece, Maurice McNiece, John McNiece, Sarah Williamson, Margaret Waring, Graham Carmichael, John Edward Thomas, Fr Aurelius Maschio SDB, Norma Sutton, Mary Davies, Norma Sutton, June McKinnis, Vess Davey, Ruth Brain, Mary Waring, Margaret Ridgewell (Peg), Fr Edward Jerram, Kathleen Edwards, Tups Brady, John Griffin

Please pray for Fr Eric Bryant, Dylan Vernon, Terry Weeks, Kate Wilson, Sally Rook, Julie Neale and Margaret Hassall, Jenny Sharman, Anne-Marie Joyce

Golden Gate Roster

September 5 Jim & Jan // 12 Libby // 19 Harry & Anna // 26 Jim & Jan

Lake Bolac Roster

Sat 18/9 Reader Jane Higgins // Prayers of Faithful Judy Aldous // Cleaning Rosemary Liston
Sat 2/10 Reader Phillip Meek // Prayers of Faithful Damian Phillips // Cleaning Leanne Breen

Sick and Retired Priests Appeal – Held off until restrictions allow

Stawell Ecumenical Prayer at St Patrick's – Held off until restrictions allow

Special Days in the Coming Weeks

12 September Safeguarding Sunday // 26 September Migrant Refugee Sunday // 24 October World Mission Day

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.

No Interest Loans available for those doing it tough

Safe, fair and affordable credit is available for essential goods and services such as fridges, washing machines, car repairs and medical procedures for up to \$1,500. Repayments are set at an affordable amount over 12 to 18 months. To find out more about Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand's No Interest Loans, go to https://goodshep.org.au/services/nils?fbclid=IwAR33rkal12LjFX9wvLlI5o3cHFFK4h-QOrmJcuquetRO4iUDq_zz-0y91Dwclick.

Bishops of Victoria stand in solidarity with our Afghani communities across Victoria

The Catholic Bishops of Victoria have expressed their solidarity and support for the local Afghan community and their families back home in a joint statement. Read the statement on the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/cssv-stands-in-solidarity-with-our-afghani-communities-across-victoria/>

Year of St Joseph Monthly Reflections

Each month during the year of St Joseph, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference will publish a reflection on the various aspects of St Joseph's life and character <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>

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. Cycle 7, the last for 2021, begins October 10. Registrations are open now until October 1. The first Cycle for 2022 will begin on January 16. For more information go to www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or email djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7121.

Interfaith Forum at Ballarat – Sunday, September 12

The Ballarat Interfaith Network are hosting a forum, “Death, Sanctity of the Human Body, and Organ Donation” to be held on Sunday, September 12, 2021 from 2.00pm - 4.00pm at St Patrick Cathedral’s Hall, Ballarat. Speaker topics are organ donation, blood donation and interfaith perspectives - Aboriginal, Baha'i, Christian, Hindu, Muslim, Sikh. Registration is essential, ph. 0400 650 234. This is a COVID compliant event – masks, QR check in, social distancing. Organ donor registration is available - bring Medicare card to facilitate.

His Ears Were Opened – Reflection by Fr Andrew

I’m a musician. Far from the best. But I like playing music. I was a full-time piano player back in the glory days a very long time ago. I was very lucky to get the job I thought. For some years I’ve been the ringmaster for the Sandford Bush Music Festival – look it up. Ringmaster (announcer) is the job they give to the person who isn’t good enough to be in the program as a performer. Hark! I’ve made the list! I’m in the program for 2022. Better get practising.

Sometimes people look at me, or proper musicians more likely, and see the magic fingers and say, “wow, how do you make your fingers do that?” The answer is always that being a musician is not about your fingers. It’s about your ears. You can train your fingers to do things. How good are your ears? Apart from Beethoven who got on alright, musicians need really good ears.

To the fellow in this Sunday’s gospel. I wonder what his name was. His disconnected ears disconnected him from the world around him. These days we have better helps for the hearing impaired, but in those days ... so the man’s friends brought him to Jesus and asked on his behalf. Interestingly, they didn’t ask Jesus to fix his ears. They asked Jesus to lay hands on him. And Jesus was very physical. Put his fingers in the man’s ears. Eew! Touched his tongue with spittle. Whose spittle? Eew! And restored the man to hearing. And restored the man to communion with the world. I hope after this the man used his ears to listen, to REALLY listen.

Sometimes we choose not to listen. Mothers are good at selective listening. Speaking of mothers, happy father’s day! Back to the Gospel and reconnecting the man with no name to his community. How’s your zooming going? It’s all faces isn’t it? Grandparents and children and teachers and ... all look like the Prime Ministers’ Walk in Ballarat. Just Heads. Won’t it be nice to be back together for real. To be able to do whatever it is you want to do when the zooming ends. Stone Age. Bronze Age. Industrial Age. The Zooming. What’s Next? What would we have it be once our bodies are reattached to our heads, once we’re given back our tickets to ride more than five kilometres. What world do we want? What world would God have us want?

Then looking up to heaven Jesus sighed; and he said to the man, ‘Ephphatha,’ that is, ‘Be opened.’

Father’s Day Blessing:

God, bless all the fathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, father figures and men who are special to us in the world. Guide them to be good role models and loving to all children. Help them to be a father like You are. Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way. We honour them and wish to say “may God’s blessings be with you in a special way today!”

Prayers of the Faithful for Father’s Day:

1. For our fathers and significant father figures, who have given us life and love, that we may show them respect and love.

We pray ... All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

2. For fathers, grand fathers and friends who have died, that God may bring them into joy of his kingdom.

We pray ... All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

3. We pray that we may find ways to show our appreciation of all the special men in our lives.

We pray ... All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

4. We pray for all fathers – may they be gentle and strong in their fatherhood.

We pray ... All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

5. For all members of our parish communities, especially our Fathers and Special Friends. Lord, we ask that they may be a sign of God’s love to others.

We pray ... All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

6. Knowing that our heavenly father is listening, in the silence of our hearts, let us share our own unspoken prayers for our fathers with him.

We pray ... All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Parish Directories

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Office Hours Office hours are changing. More information to come
Parish Bulletin www.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
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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
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