

National Refugee Week

14-21 JUNE 2020

Pope Francis' Message for World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2020 will be available here:

<http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/migration.index.html>

Here are some other useful websites where you will find resources:

Australian Catholic & Migrant Refugee Office www.acmro.catholic.org.au

Refugee Council of Australia www.refugeecouncil.org.au

Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum www.capsa.org.au

Also go to:

www.actionrefugeecouncil.org.au

Great digital events can be found here

Would you rather donate to the cafe?

If so, we would really appreciate donations of the following:

Sugar, butter, pastry sheets, tinned apples, flour, fruit, vegetables, herbs, spices or if anyone has a Food Processor??

Drop off at the presbytery during office hours – **Wed-Fri 10am to 3pm**

Many thanks for your support during this venture!

Humour

In a Catholic school cafeteria, a nun places a note in front of a pile of apples, "Only take one. God is watching." Further down the line is a pile of cookies. A little boy makes his own note, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."

Tough times never last, but tough people do.

What would you attempt to do if you knew you could not fail??

There is no chance unless you take one

Wise man talk because they have something to say, fools talk because they have to say something.

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12th Sunday of Ordinary Time

21st June 2020

As we celebrate, we acknowledge the Indigenous owners of the land on which our Churches are built, the Tjapwuring people, and we respect the presence of the spirits of their ancestors among us.

Fr. Andrew Hayes

Masses for Fifty People – Begins in Ararat and Stawell on **July 12**

Ararat and Stawell will welcome fifty people to Mass from July 12. Until then we'll continue to invite people by ballot.

Beginning on July 12 we'll divide parishioners into three groups by alphabet.

A-G Please come to Mass on July 12 and then August 2

H-M Please come to Mass on July 19 and then August 9

N-Z Please come to Mass on July 26 and then August 16

Lake Bolac and Landsborough can continue to just come along. It'll be an exciting day when you exceed fifty for Sunday Mass.



St Patrick's Op Shop – Volunteers Needed

The Op shop will be reopening in July and we are seeking some more volunteers. If you are able to help us out 4 hours per fortnight or more please contact Helen Potter on 0427590318. We would love to be able to open up on Saturdays but due to the lack of volunteers it has not been possible.

Fr Andrew Annual Leave

I will be taking annual leave for one weekend only, July 4/5. There will be no Masses on this weekend.

Pope Francis—Twitter

To pray means to intercede for the world, to remember that despite all its frailties, it always belongs to God. [#GeneralAudience](#) [#Prayer](#)
@Pontifex June 17th 2020

Covid 19 Arrangements

For all public liturgy we will require names and numbers and sanitising of hands, seats and door knobs.

Weekday Mass in Stawell – Everyone welcome

Usually Tues-Fri 10am but do consult the website and bulletin.

Funerals – We are able to have fifty people. We will not yet be catering for cuppas after funerals.

Mass on Friday 26th in Ararat

Parish Centre, 11am with a warm pasta dish!

Mass Times

Ararat 8.30am—see above

Stawell 10.30am— by ballot system

Landsborough 6pm Sat Vigil 2nd 4th Sundays

Lake Bolac 6.30pm Sat Vigil 1st 3rd 5th Sundays

(Glenthompson have Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sundays)

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Office Hours: Wed/Thurs/Fri 10am-3pm

(Closed Public Holidays)

Café Jams

After Mass, you can now buy some jams and pickles! All monies go back into the upkeep and running of the Parish Centre.

First Reading

Jer 20:10-13

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.

Jeremiah said:

'I hear so many disparaging me,
"Terror from every side!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All those who used to be my friends
watched for my downfall,
"Perhaps he will be seduced into error.
Then we will master him
and take our revenge!"
But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;
my opponents will stumble, mastered,
confounded by their failure;
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.
But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice,
who scrutinise the loins and heart,
let me see the vengeance you will take on them,
for I have committed my cause to you.
Sing to the Lord,
praise the Lord,
for he has delivered the soul of the needy
from the hands of evil men.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R. v.14

(R.) Lord, in your great love, answer me.

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,
an alien to my own mother's sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me. (R.)
2. This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. (R.)
3. The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures. (R.)

Second Reading

Rom 5:12-15

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 15:26. 27

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord,
and you also will be my witnesses.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 10:26-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Do not fear those who can kill the body.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

Gospel Reflection @Greg Sunter

'Do not be afraid' is one of the most commonly repeated sentences in the Bible. In one form or another, the command to 'be not afraid' or 'fear not' appears several hundred times throughout the Old and New Testaments. Today's gospel passage is part of the sending out of the Twelve that occupies all of Chapter 10 in the gospel. It follows a little later in the chapter from last week's reading in which Jesus called the Twelve and sent them out as Apostles. The remainder of the chapter provides an extended teaching on what it means and what it costs to take the message of Jesus out into the world. Jesus teaches the Twelve that the message they bear will not always be well received and there will be those who will seek to silence the Apostles through violent means. But then the teaching comes to the section of today's passage and Jesus commands the Twelve, 'Do not be afraid'.

The message to not be afraid is as much for the original intended audience of the gospel as it was for the apostles. The community for whom this gospel was written were on the verge of being 'squeezed out' and forced into secret. The passage reminds them to have courage and to have the courage of their convictions; to shout from the house-tops their message, not whisper it in darkness. It is a reminder of the abundant love of God who cares for them and sees all their efforts to continue to live out the message and ministry of Jesus.

It is equally a message for us, today. We are called to continue the spread of the gospel message; continuing the work of those early Christian communities, the Twelve and Jesus himself. © Greg Sunter

Next Week's Readings June 28th 2020

First Reading [2 Kgs 4:8-11. 14-16](#)

Second Reading [Mt 10:37-42](#)

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Please contact the office if you would like your name to be on the sick list. Names are kept on this list for one month—and be put on again.

Anyone in hospital wishing to have communion, please contact the office on 53525460

Sally Rook, Geraldine Mckendrick

Ministry to the Sick:

Please email Fr. Andrew during these difficult times to discuss Ministry to the sick on Andrew.hayes@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Or phone the office on 5352 5460

MASS *we are using planned giving numbers for a ballot system, as this is the easiest system for us to use. If your number comes up, you will be invited to MASS. 20 is the max. number. If you are not on the Planned Giving System but would like to go into the ballot, please phone Joyce at the office. In fact the list needs an update and we would like everyone to have a "Parish Number". Please complete the form below and pop it into the box just inside the screen door of the presbytery. Many thanks*

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PRAYERS OF FAITHFUL

Priest: My sisters and brothers, let us turn to our merciful and loving God who answers the prayers of those who seek him.

Reader: For all members of the church called to live as witnesses to Christ and heralds of good news. In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For nations seeking release from endless terror and violence. In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For peace and understanding between people of different races and cultures. In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For an end to violence in all its forms. In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For communities and nations that are still in the grip of the Covid-19 pandemic. In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For the poorest of the poor, that we will find ways to ensure their basic needs are met. In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For those who are suffering financial hardship because of the pandemic. In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For parish communities, unable to gather to celebrate the Mass. In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For those who have died and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: Just and gracious God, in you all things that are hidden are made clear. Hear our prayers and inspire us to proclaim your good news from the housetops. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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