

St. Mary's Café & Community

Yesterday, Teresa and I made 35 pies with the churches newly acquired pie makers. I was so tickled pink with the outcome that I feel my boys may be getting pies for lunch and dinner for the rest of the year! We sold 26, so if these sales keep going, we are hoping to have donated up to \$2000 to the Ararat Emergency Relief Team. Marilyn organised for us to have a separate account with the Team. This way, we can really see how our donations are working and being used for good within the Ararat Community. During this pandemic, it seems we are reaching more in our community than ever—how ironic.

- We post the bulletin to 14 parishioners, email to over 100 and deliver to over 80 every Friday with a team of 8 volunteers.
- Billy from One National has been donating the most wonderful magazines, Mick—the baker—from Bakers Delight has been donating loaves and rolls, Jenny Beales and the team from Rotary have been busy donating hand-made masks and parishioners have been donating groceries to get our café up and running.
- We have given temporary employment to 4 people.
- Marilyn and some of the Emergency Team have used St. Mary's donated funds to buy meal vouchers from the Ararat RSL, Blue Duck Hotel and other business vouchers to drop into the needy. Funds have also been put aside for emergency accommodation.
- All of this under the guidance and blessing of Fr Andrew! Lots of brainstorming going on in the office.
- Keep buying our pies—Please!! ;-)

"On behalf of a great many people who, for various reasons, have had a bit of a hard time just lately, I would like to express my gratitude to the group of generous parishioners who have made such an effort to reach out to us in many ways. Having had a few health issues throughout this lock-down, I have been made to feel that I matter, just through the Friday visits to bring the bulletin and a few treats to cheer me up. It has been a delight to be visited by Jo and Lily and Sr. Maree. As for Joyce, Teresa and Kellie and others, I'm sure, who have cooked such delicious scones, slices and biscuits I can only say a sincere 'thank you'. At the risk of plagiarising Monty Python, I think we could add a few more Beatitudes. How about "Blessed are the scone-makers" (and slice, quiche, pie and biscuit-makers)? In the end, it all adds up to being Church - a vibrant and living Christianity. Pat L."

MENU

Pie & Salad	\$12
Quiche & Salad	\$10
Apple Crumble (For 2)	\$8
Evening Meal (For 2)	\$10-15 (phone for our weekly specials)

Free Delivery to all schools—between 12 noon and 1.30pm every Thursday during Term 4!

Want to donate or pay for your meal via EFT—deposit into our charity account:

Westpac Bank Boundless Plains BSB 033-201 Acc: 208810

Finances

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



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Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time A

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

Fr. Andrew Hayes

Let Them Dance

This week I'm watching the budget on TV and not understanding most of it, but it speaks to me of there being a long long road ahead of us. Reminds me of post-war recovery. There's a nation to rebuild, one job at a time. So we get onto it. I long for the churches to be full again. I'm hearing the pain of the dance class community. Children can dance at school at 3pm, but not in a dance hall at 4pm?! I don't know.

For now we wash our hands and wear our masks and talk to the top half of people on zoom. Not the same as in the real, is it? Have you noticed that fancy fashion statement masks are now a thing? Masquerade balls might make a comeback. Oh to be the upper crust!

Let them dance indeed!

Sunday Mass

We're watching the weather and deciding mid-week whether outdoor Masses are on each weekend. Most weeks it won't be. We're not having Mass in wind and rain. Nice day? We'll phone ten people.

Phone Messages

I was asked recently about how to contact me when I'm out or away. When parishioners phone the parish offices in Stawell or Ararat you can be confident that I receive your message instantly regardless of where I am. Please leave your name and number and an indication of the reason for the call. It lets me prioritise. Some calls will wait until the staff are in the office.

Sovereign Hill

I liked this one. Sovereign Hill are hosting an online lecture in which historian Dr Nicola Cousen will talk about the campaign to find a vaccination against smallpox on the Ballarat goldfields in the 1850s and 1860s. Living history!

Horsham Parish

Fr Peter Hudson will retire at Christmas. Monsignor Glynn Murphy will become the Parish Priest of Horsham, Nhill, Warracknabeal and Hopetoun parishes, while living in Warracknabeal. Fr Jim McKay will become the assistant priest and will reside in Horsham.

Coming Home

In today's first reading the Israelites have landed themselves in Babylon. They're missing their temple and their prayers. In another text they cried "How can we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?" How they long to be home, in Jerusalem, in their church. "The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek" says Isaiah. I long to be back in the church, or at least for a nice day when we can celebrate Mass with dignity, even if it has to be in the carpark.

CWL

The CWL AGM for Oct 13th has been cancelled. Hopefully the Nov 10th Meeting at 1.30pm will go ahead. We shall keep you all posted!

Mass Online

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au has a number of helpful resources Some of the links are listed here:

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat: Mass livestreamed daily from the Cathedral at 10.00am can be viewed here or on facebook.

St Mary Mackillop Parish, Western Border: Mass celebrated on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays can be viewed here. Follow their facebook page

St Joseph's Parish, Warrnambool: Sunday Masses at 8.30am can be viewed here or follow the link on facebook.

St Patrick's Parish, Camperdown: Sunday Mass at 10.30am livestreamed here.

Phone Lines

Victorian Coronavirus Hotline — 1800 675 398

If you suspect you may have the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) call the dedicated hotline – open 24 hours, seven days.

Older persons COVID-19 Support line — 1800 171 866

Translations for Victorian Government coronavirus website -
www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/translations

1800RESPECT

Confidential information, counselling and support service for people affected by or experiencing sexual assault, domestic or family violence and abuse.

Relationships Australia — 1300 364 277

Support services for individuals, families and communities.

Australian Red Cross — 1800 RED CROSS

Vinnies Ararat Phone: (03) 5352 5560

Salvation Army Australia — 13 SALVOS

First Reading Is 25:6-10

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.

On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22. R. v.6

(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of Darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading Phil 4:12-14. 19-20

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation See Jn 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!
I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 21:33-43

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?'

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

Gospel Reflection

Who you ate with in Jesus' time was very important – it reflected your own status. To share table with people who were regarded as 'lesser' by nature of their lifestyle or illness was seen to lessen the status of other participants. Sharing table was as much a political action as it was a social one. This week's gospel is an important one for understanding Jesus' message of an inclusive kingdom. The king invites all the 'right' people to attend his son's wedding banquet but they shame him by refusing his invitation and murdering his messengers. This would have been an extraordinary action in Jesus' time. An invitation to the table of your social superior would not be rejected lightly. To try to save face and regain some honour, the king sends his servants to bring in people off the street – the poorest and least socially acceptable people. The invitation to the people off the street, 'bad and good alike', is a reflection of Jesus' own attitude to sharing table. Jesus ate with those who were regarded as unworthy: tax collectors, prostitutes and sinners. It was one of the harshest criticisms of Jesus made by the Pharisees and Scribes: 'He eats with tax collectors and sinners!' One of Jesus' strongest messages was about the inclusive nature of the kingdom and he lived it day to day. His inclusive table fellowship was a powerful statement about the fact that the kingdom is an invitation to all – rich and poor alike, regardless of status in this world. This parable highlights the invitation to join in the kingdom of God that has been rejected by the Jewish leaders but taken up by the 'lesser' people of society. The wedding banquet is a metaphor for the kingdom of God.

ANNIVERSARIES: Oct 12th—Oct 18th

Otto Schwab, Dot Schwab, Margaret Eason, Kevin Beamish, Alfred Taylor, Honora O'Halloran, Margaret Stainsby, Betty Wallwork, James Lannen, Connie Rice, Renee Daniels, Desmond Kidd, Kit Tellefson, Edmund Joyce, Eileen Joyce, Jack Dowd, Lorna Clark, Ann Hogan, Ruby Holland, Vincent McLeod, Dorothy Beble, Allan Sinnott, Frank Kelly, Anthony Hucker, May Jaensc, Frances Mary Horsley, Margaret Oliver, Anne Brown, Mick Chamings, Bob Waring, Fr Gavin Fitzpatrick, My Ha and David Thomson

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.

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 5358 1119 Stawell (Thursdays) Or Ararat on 5352 5460

Pope Francis—Twitter

Belief in God, and the worship of God are not enough to ensure that we actually live in a way pleasing to God. The guarantee of an authentic openness to God is a way of practising the faith that helps open our hearts to our brothers and sisters. #FratelliTutti

Prayer for the Moment

We Bring Your Love. *Loving God, Help us to focus on what we have not on what is removed or changed. Strengthen us when we feel discouraged or overwhelmed. Embrace us so that we know your loving presence within us and among us. Walk with us as we bring your love, and carry your light, into our world. Amen.* Sandra Lucas, MDiv., BCC

Readings Oct 18th 2020

First Reading [Is 45:1.4-6](#)

Second Reading [1 Thes 1:1-5](#)

10th October World Mental Health Day

The words we use matter when speaking about people who are often stigmatised by society through inappropriate or thoughtless use of language. For people with mental illness, the stigmas surrounding the illness, rooted in misconceptions and erroneous beliefs, is compounded by the language and descriptions we use. As people of compassion, we should never use stigmatising, demeaning language that refers to people as "crazy" or "mental", "psycho" or "lunatic".

We should use appropriate language to describe diseases of the brain, and be careful not to misuse terms. For example, schizophrenia is an illness that has symptoms of delusions and hearing voices. It is not having a split personality. Careful use of language is more than being "politically correct". It is a way of communicating that people with mental illness, as Pope John Paul 11 said, "have the inalienable right not only be considered as an image of God and therefore as a person, but also be treated as such."

www.catholic.or.au/do-not-be-afraid/what-do-I-say-how-do-i-talk-about-mental-illness

"This year's World Mental Health Day, on 10 October, comes at a time when our daily lives have changed considerably as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The past months have brought many challenges: for health-care workers, providing care in difficult circumstances, going to work fearful of bringing COVID-19 home with them; for students, adapting to taking classes from home, with little contact with teachers and friends, and anxious about their futures; for workers whose livelihoods are threatened; for the vast number of people caught in poverty or in fragile humanitarian settings with extremely limited protection from COVID-19; and for people with mental health conditions, many experiencing even greater social isolation than before. And this is to say nothing of managing the grief of losing a loved one, sometimes without being able to say goodbye."

World Health Organisation, mental Health Day 2020

Pope Francis' Prayer for Protection from Coronavirus

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that,

as you did at Cana of Galilee,

joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love,

to conform ourselves to the Father's will

and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.