

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

Saint of the Week _____ St Elizabeth of Hungary, **Feastday:** November 17
Patron: of bakers, beggars, brides, charities, death of children Birth: 1207 Death: 1231

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, also known as St. Elizabeth of Thuringia, was born in Hungary on July 7, 1207 to the Hungarian King Andrew II and Gertrude of Merania. As soon as her life began, she had responsibilities from being a royal pressed upon her. While Elizabeth was very young, her father arranged for her to be married to Ludwig IV of Thuringia, a German nobleman. Because of this plan, Elizabeth was sent away at the age of four for education at the court of the Landgrave of Thuringia. Continue reading www.catholic.org/saints

Thoughts of the Week

- I give compliments freely and generously. Compliments are a mood enhancer not only for the recipient, but also for me. And a small tip for the recipient of a compliment, never, NEVER turn it down, just say "Thank You".
- I have learned not to bother about a crease or a spot on my shirt. Personality speaks louder than appearances.
- I walk away from people who don't value me. They might not know my worth, but I do.
- I remain cool when someone plays dirty to outrun me in the rat race. I am not a rat and neither am I in any race.

Catholic Care Victoria

Victoria's bishops have announced the merging of CatholicCare Melbourne and Gippsland, Centacare Ballarat and CatholicCare Sandhurst, to form a new entity, CatholicCare Victoria from January 1, 2021. Statements and further information is available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/catholic-care-victoria/>

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

Information on the provisions for ceremonies and gatherings in places of worship for regional Victoria as at October 28, 2020 is available from the diocesan website "news" section www.ballarat.catholic.org.au.

On-line Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – Registrations now open

The Ballarat Diocese in partnership with Dayton University offer low-cost online study and formation. Subjects include Sacraments, Scripture, Youth Ministry, Liturgy, Leadership and more. There are a small number of subjects on offer in Cycle 8 which begins November 29. The first study cycle for 2021 begins January 3. Registration for both cycles is now open. More information at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or email djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7121.

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



Sunday 15th November 2020

33rd 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.

From the Parish Team

This week's Gospel gives us another image of the Kingdom. We have an outrageously generous God who lavishes us with gifts and only asks we use them to spread this spirit in the community. The spirit is evident of those returning to Masses, albeit the small numbers. There is also the generous spirit exuding from our Parish Kitchen and the shared spreading to the needy and isolated in our town. We have had special times catching up with friends over a cuppa or luncheon. Let's keep us this generous spirit! Working together generates energy and ideas.

Nothing is too big for us when we work together.

We would like to thank our team of volunteers who tirelessly met every Friday, with their list of parishioners to drop off to or visit over a fence/through a screen door. Some barriers went up because of Covid, and some came down. We swapped recipes, bagged up biscuits and wanted to keep in touch.

In two weeks time, the Covid rules for Mass will change again from November 23rd. We will be allowed to have 50 people in our church with the required space between us. The pews will have markings on them. The small pews can seat two people, the large one –3. This is indeed great news. But it has us suddenly going from 10kms per hour to 80!

The plan is the following:

Mass 8.30am in Ararat in the Church. We can fit **50** people with the 4sq metre spacing rule.

- Mass Sunday Nov 29th Parishioners with surnames **A-K**
- Mass Sunday Dec 6th Parishioners with surnames **L-Z**
- Mass Sunday Dec 13th Parishioners with surnames **A-K**
- Mass Sunday Dec 20th Parishioners with surnames **L-Z**
- Please come **10 minutes early** so you can sign the Mass Attendance sheet for Covid regulations. Unless you are a visitor, we will no longer need your telephone number. We have that on file now

Not sure what will happen for Christmas, but we may have further changes by then.

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Everyone is welcome for weekday Mass with the lunch. We just won't be making Beef Wellington for 50!

Now, we need to think about rejigging the Cleaning Roster and creating a Hospitality Roster. So many positive things have been created during Covid and we would like to continue our sharing of stories over a cup of tea and home-made scone!

Our parish kitchen can have 3 people in it at one time, so our Hospitality Ministry would require 2 people for a weekday Mass and one for a Sunday mass. We will continue to offer lunch after the weekday Mass and a cuppa and biscuit after the Sunday Mass.

If you would like to pop your name down, please, please do so on the GREY board in the foyer of the church. The description of the role will also be on the board.

Of course our Cleaning Roster will look a bit different too and we will be buying the local shops out of wipes! The seats will be wiped down straight after each Mass so the **weekly** cleaning duties will be detailed on the GREY board in the foyer. If it sounds like something you may be interested in helping out with, again PLEASE pop your name down on the list. Once a month or even once every 6 weeks would be great.

If anyone is still a little confused—join the club. Ring or book a time to come into the office and we will try to make it simpler.

We are delighted to confirm that the leak in the slate roof of the church has been fixed and we have the cleaning of the damaged area of carpet, booked in. We are also getting a quote to have the foyer painted. Many great things are afoot. We are using our gifts but we promise not to loose the run of ourselves.



Mass this Week

Stawell: Tues to Fri 10am (no booking required)

Ararat: Thurs 19th 11am followed by lunch (book via the office door)

First Reading Prv 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

Give her a share in what she has worked for.
A perfect wife – who can find her?
She is far beyond the price of pearls.
Her husband’s heart has confidence in her,
from her he will derive no little profit.
Advantage and not hurt she brings him
all the days of her life.
She is always busy with wool and with flax,
she does her work with eager hands.
She sets her hands to the distaff,
her fingers grasp the spindle.
She holds out her hand to the poor,
she opens her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.
Give her a share in what her hands have worked for,
and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.

- O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. (R.)
- Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. (R.)
- Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Thes 5:1-6

The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.
You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about ‘times and seasons’, since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, ‘How quiet and peaceful it is’ that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.
But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 15:4. 5

Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 25:14-15. 19-21

Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. “Sir”, he said “you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master’s happiness.”’

Gospel Reflection

This week’s gospel is a very familiar parable and one that is often used with students and young people. It is generally used as an encouragement to make the most of the gifts and skills that the listeners possess. It is rarely, however, placed in its context as part of the full Chapter 25 lesson about the time of waiting and preparation for the coming of the Lord and the Christian life.

Again, the story is presented as a parable of the Kingdom – a glimpse into the right order of things in the realised Kingdom. A very wealthy master entrusts his considerable assets to his servants to manage in his absence. The three servants were allocated money, ‘each in proportion to his ability’. The emphasis of the parable is on what each servant did with the funds they were allotted. They were charged with managing the money in the place of their master; acting in their master’s place to further develop his wealth.

Like all of Jesus’ parables, this one has a sting in the tail. Although the third servant has done nothing illegal or corrupt, he is very harshly dealt with. His crime is laziness! He was given a great opportunity to demonstrate his abilities and yet he shied away and returned to his master exactly what had been entrusted to him, unimproved. The author of Matthew’s gospel uses this parable to shock the audience out of complacency. They cannot rely solely on the promised return of the Lord, they must continue to act on Jesus’ message and work to bring about the Kingdom in their own lives. Those who fail to act, leaving everything to the work of God, are as bad as the lazy servant who failed to grasp an extraordinary opportunity.

ANNIVERSARIES: Nov 16th—Nov 22nd

Ray Gellie, Tom O’Neill, Elma Upton, Mervyn Sherring, Irene Prydderch, Jean Cunningham, Arthur Morrison, Janine Shalders, Brian Clothier, Peter Carter, Margaret Brady, Margaret Darcy, Fr Mick Kehoe, Dorothy Woodford-Lillian Marshall, Bill Gordon, Michael Parker, Tim Joyce, Bryan Coffey, Colin Stewart, Hugh McKenzie-McHarg, Mary Gee, Joseph Zammit, Margaret Harrison, Arthur Sinnott, Margaret Stone, James Cochrane, Olive Carter-Helen Vernon

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Jean Rolfe, Sally Rook and Margaret Hassle

Pray For The Intentions Of:

Elizabeth Shea



Recent Death: Wayne Jerram

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)

Pope Francis—Twitter

Generosity that supports the weak, consoles the afflicted, relieves suffering and restores dignity to those stripped of it, is a condition for a fully human life.

[#WorldDayOfThePoor](#)

Readings Nov 22nd 2020

First Reading [Ez 34:11-12. 15-17](#)

Second Reading [1 Cor 15:20-26. 28](#)

Sunday 15 Nov 2020

Priest: Brothers and sisters, alert to our needs and the needs of the world let us bring our prayer before the God of all.

Reader: That those who use their gifts and talents for others will be abundantly blessed.

Hear us, we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That all those who have died in war will be honoured by their nations and will be received into God’s eternal kingdom.

Here us, we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That warring groups and nations will put down their arms and instead collaborate on building a just and safe world.

Here us, we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That we will continue to adhere to health precautions, being ever mindful of those who are especially vulnerable to the coronavirus.

Here us, we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the ancient culture and heritage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders will be honoured as we celebrate NAIDOC Week.

Here us, we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That students preparing for exams will remain calm and focused and not be overwhelmed by fear or anxiety. Here us, we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That students who are completing their studies will find meaningful opportunities in the next phase of their lives.

Here us, we pray:

Reader: For those who have died including Wayne Jerrum and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time, will be rewarded for their goodness, Hear us, we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: Generous God, you lavish us with gifts so that we may work for the coming of your reign. Hear these prayers and help us to remain faithful to your word. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen. © Creative Ministry Resources Pty Ltd