

## 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

### Joke of the Week



FOR THOSE THAT HAVE NEVER SEEN A CATFISH !!



### Caritas Australia Asia Emergency Appeal

Typhoon Vamco has caused devastating unprecedented flooding in the regions of the Philippines, Vietnam and Cambodia, followed only weeks after being hit by Super Typhoon Goni. Severe flooding has submerged towns up to 12 metres deep across the Cagayan region of the Philippines leaving tens of thousands of families without electricity, clean water or road access. People who have lost their homes and livelihoods are fleeing to evacuation centres, where the risk of COVID-19 spreading is high. If you are able to assist, donations are being accepted at [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au) or by calling toll free 1800 024 413. Flyer on the foyer notice board.

### Plenary Council Update

The journey to the Plenary Council 2020 continues. While it is in a context more different than we could have ever expected, the need to pray, discern and listen to the Holy Spirit and each other is more important than ever.

**Discernment Papers:** The six discernment papers have been released and are available to read at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/continuing-the-journey-of-discernment/ead>. The National Plenary Facilitation Team have released a resource to assist parishes and communities to explore each of the papers (attached). Here in the diocese, we will endeavour to look at one paper for a month. **For the month of November we will look at HOW IS GOD CALLING US TO BE A CHRIST-CENTRED CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA THAT IS A joyful, hope-filled and servant community?** *This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a yearning for the Church to be a sign of God's kingdom for all people in Australia – to be able to see the Catholic Church in action and to recognise Jesus. There was an expression of faith-filled hope in the capacity of the Catholic community to celebrate together, to show what it is to be a follower of Christ and to be loved unconditionally by God. There was a call to contemplate the Gospel call to be a servant Church for the good of all people in Australia – particularly for refugees and asylum seekers and other people who are vulnerable or at risk. Many responses called for greater sharing of the story of the good works done by so many people and organisations of the Church. Some responses expressed a hunger for strong witness of faith, especially by priests, young people and female leaders in parish and school ministries. Have a read of the discernment paper, think about your parish and the diocese in general. We welcome any comments. Please send through to [jane.collins@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:jane.collins@ballarat.catholic.org.au)*

**Read the discernment paper:** <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/PC2020-thematic-papers-5.pdf>

**Visit the thematic page:** <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/themes/servant/>

**Plenary Council Discernment papers now available in audio format:** The Diocese of Bathurst has taken the discernment papers to another format, recording audio versions to help with the reception of the documents. All six discernment papers have now been recorded and can be accessed on the Plenary Council website <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/continuing-the-journey-of-discernment/>

**Reflections on the papers from the Ballarat Diocese:** Can be read at <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/listen-to-what-the-spirit-is-saying/>

**Next step on Plenary Council journey:** As part of the ongoing journey for the Plenary Council, work has commenced on the preparation of the *instrumentum laboris*, or working document, for the Council. Fr Kevin Lenehan is part of the *instrumentum laboris* writing team <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/next-step-on-plenary-council-journey/>



## Sunday 22nd November 2020 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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

#### Masses this Week

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Stawell (note earlier time)  
11am Mass and Lunch Ararat

#### Fr John Away from Stawell this Week

Fr John will be away this week, so there will be no Masses Tuesday to Thursday. Fr Andrew will celebrate Mass at St Patrick's on Friday morning at 9.30am – note the earlier time.

#### Change to Ararat Mass next Sunday November 29

With apologies for the confusion, we have a change of arrangements for Ararat for one week only (next Sunday, November 29). After we announced the A-K and L-Z arrangements for alternate Sundays we had a request for a group of 25 young men from Solomon Islands to attend Mass together next Sunday. Of course! They will be most welcome! So, for one more week, parishioners will still need to book in for Sunday Mass, to a maximum of 25 people. The sign in sheet is on the office door. After that, things will be as planned.

#### Sunday Dec 29 (book in at the office-door)

#### Sunday Dec 6 L-Z

#### Sunday Dec 13 A-K

#### Sunday Dec 20 L-Z

#### Sunday December 26 A-K

#### A-K and L-Z

Dividing the alphabet is simply an easy way to divide parishioners in half for both Stawell and Ararat. It's not designed to keep people out! I've been asked a couple of questions and the answer is the same. People are very welcome to choose the other half of the alphabet if it means you can come to Mass with your family. I've had a lady comment that her work roster has her working alternate Sundays, on exactly the weeks she's not in the right alphabet group. That's fine. Choose the other end of the alphabet and come to Mass. It's simply about ensuring people come fortnightly, and hopefully that will keep us under fifty people. If we get sixty we'll have to divide into three.

#### Mass Online

[www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://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 there or on Facebook

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

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

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

#### 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](http://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**

#### To put in your diary for the week after....

Thursday 3rd Dec Mass at 11am with lunch after in the Parish centre



## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe A

### First Reading Ez 34:11-12. 15-17

You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 22:1-3. 5-6. R. v.1

**(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. **(R.)**
2. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. **(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 1 Cor 15:20-26. 28

He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all. Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

### Gospel Acclamation Mk 11:9-10

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!  
Alleluia!

### Gospel Mt 25:31-46

He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

### Gospel Reflection

This week's gospel is the final passage in Matthew's gospel before the passion narrative – the death and resurrection of Jesus. As such, it provides a powerful end point to the teaching ministry section of the gospel. In many ways this passage can be seen as a summary of Jesus' vision for the Kingdom – a world in which the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked and the imprisoned are treated with respect and dignity as a child of God. This is exactly what Jesus himself did throughout his ministry and it is what all Christian people are called to do. Like the virtuous people of the passage, there are many times when we do not know the good work that we do. There are many times when our positive interaction with another person can be the difference between hope and despair for that person – and we may never know the difference we have made in their life. The challenge presented by Jesus is that whenever we see a person in need our response to them should be as if we were responding to Jesus himself. But what of the times we fail to respond to the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked and the imprisoned? Who are they for us? ... That irritating person who we've never been able to get along with? ... That person who's just arrived in the country and can't speak the language properly? ... That kid who always looks dirty and nobody talks to? ... That girl who's no good at relating to other people and everyone avoids her? ... The homeless man in the street who asks for money? ... The asylum seeker fleeing their country who didn't go through all the right channels to immigrate? ... Lord, when did we see you, and not come to your help?

### ANNIVERSARIES: Nov 23rd—Nov 29th

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

*Julie Neale, Jean Rolfe and Margaret Hassle*

**Sally Rook** would like to extend her thanks to all those for their prayers and well wishes. She is doing well at the moment.

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](mailto:andrew.hayes@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

Or phone the office on 5358 1119 Stawell (Thursdays)

### Pope Francis—Twitter

Even a smile that we can share with the poor is a source of love. An outstretched hand can always be enriched by the smile of those who quietly and unassumingly offer to help, inspired only by the joy of living as one of Christ's disciples.

#### Readings Nov 29th 2020

**First Reading** [Is 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8](#)

**Second Reading** [1 Cor 1:3-9](#)

### St. Mary's Café

Our café is still operating. As mentioned, we have suspended deliveries as we are concentrating on the lunch after the weekday Mass. However, should you wish to order some pies, please do not hesitate to email or phone Joyce at the office.

Phone/email by Tuesday evening for a delivery or collection on Thursday!

Pie & Salad \$10



### Sunday 22 Nov 2020

**Priest:** Brothers and sisters, encouraged by the word of God we pray for our needs and those of all humanity.

**Reader:** That developments in science and technology will serve all humanity.

We pray as one:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader:** That governments, communities and individuals will work together to curb the spread of the coronavirus.

We pray as one:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader:** That all those who work in healthcare will be blessed and encouraged in their commitment to those they serve.

We pray as one:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader:** That public health officials will be supported in their work to protect their communities.

We pray as one:

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.

We pray as one:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

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

We pray as one:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader:** That this community will recognise the needs of those who are hungry, those who are thirsty and those who are sick.

We pray as one:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader:** That those who have gone before us and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time, will be with Christ for eternity,

We pray as one:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

**Priest:** God, our creator, you raised up Jesus as King of all creation. Hear our prayers and help us to be ready for the day when Jesus comes again in glory. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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