

St Marys Parish Ararat.

Time and talent sheet (Cut this sheet out)

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Please put a tick beside the relevant ministries and leave this in the brown box in the foyer of the church or email it to [ararat@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:ararat@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

I would like to help our parish community thrive by offering my time and talents in the following ministries –

**Sunday Eucharist Celebration**

Greeter/QR Code helper

Computer

Music/Choir

Reader

Collector

Offertory Procession

Eucharist Minister

**Parish Community Support and Outreach**

Altar Society (including Church Preparation or opening church each day)

Liturgy Group (including Funeral support or Communion to the housebound)

Offertory Counting Teams

Parish Council

Parish Finance Committee

Parish Op Shop volunteer (In Stawell but Ararat Volunteers very welcome)

St Vincent de Paul Society (monthly meeting)

Come and enjoy a delicious lunch for a small donation after our weekly Mass here in Ararat. Next lunch is Wednesday Feb 3rd. Let Joyce know if you'll be staying for lunch.



The Office will be **CLOSED**  
Friday Feb 5th

Sorry for any inconvenience

**St Bernard's Liturgy & Cleaning Roster 2021**

DATE	READER	PRAYERS of FAITHFUL	CLEANING
Wk 5 - Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Helen Smith	Michael Phillips	Jane Higgins
Wk 1 - Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Michael Phillips	Irene Meek	Helen Smith
Wk 3 - Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Irene Meek	Val Reid	Leanne Breen



St. Mary's Catholic Parish of Ararat Parish Sunday 31 Jan 2021

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time B

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.

**First Reading Dt 18:15-20**

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.9**

**(R.) If today, you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**
2. Come in, let us kneel and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **(R.)**

**Second Reading 1 Cor 7:32-35**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:16**

Alleluia, alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. Alleluia!

**Gospel Mk 1:21-28**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority. In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

**Gospel Reflection**

Although this week's gospel is a relatively short passage, there's a lot going on within it. Firstly, we are presented with Jesus going to the synagogue in Capernaum and teaching there. This immediately indicates that Jesus must have been quite well educated – he was obviously able to read from the Torah in Hebrew and then teach about it with an impressive level of authority. In fact at the end of the passage, the people seem more impressed with his teaching than with the act of casting out the unclean spirit! Secondly, in the interaction with the unclean spirit, it knows Jesus and identifies him as the 'Holy One of God'. Jesus sharply tells the spirit to 'Be quiet!' Jesus almost appears to want to silence the spirit before it says any more about who he really is. This is a feature of the gospel of Mark in which the identity of Jesus as the Messiah is kept under wraps but breaks out in unlikely places – known as the Messianic secret. Whenever an exorcism miracle occurs in the gospels the emphasis is on the reaction to the miracle much more than the action itself. Here, the casting out of the unclean spirit appears to confirm for the people the authority that they sensed in the teaching of Jesus. Liberating the possessed man from the unclean spirit is an illustration of the way in which the people themselves were liberated by Jesus' teaching. It is the message, the teaching, of Jesus that frees people. It is in this way that his understanding of Messiah is revealed. Jesus wants people to come to that knowledge through understanding his message, rather than being impressed by miraculous actions.

**Fr Andrew Hayes** Masses this week:

**Stawell:** Tues to Fri 10am

Every Sunday 10.30am

**Ararat:** Wed Feb 2nd 11am *with lunch*

Every Sunday 8.30am

**Landsborough:** 6pm Saturday Vigil of the 2nd, 4th Sundays

**Lake Bolac:** 6.30pm Saturday Vigil of the 1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays

**Glenthompson:** 8.30am Mass on the 2nd & 4th Sundays

**CWL Meeting February 9. Note change of time**

**11 am Mass with light lunch and meeting to follow.**

### **Combined Parish Council Meeting**

Parish council members from Stawell and Ararat got together yesterday evening with Fr. Andrew. The meeting took place in Great Western. It was a very positive affair but there is much to be done! It is likely to happen next year 2022. Apart from creating a mission statement for a combined parish—your church is calling on you to take part in anyway you can! There is a questionnaire to help create rosters on the back of the bulletin. Please complete this and pop in the brown box in the foyer or email. MANY THANKS!

### **Ararat QR Code**



**Location Code A5W FTY**

You will need to have downloaded the APP onto your phone. It will not work if you just take a “photo” of the image above. There will be someone to help. But we would urge you to come 10 minutes earlier to Mass if you are unsure of what to do.

**A VOCATION VIEW:** Every person who has ever born a child, and every person who has freely vowed away this honour, helps in some mysterious way to bring Jesus Christ into this world again. Can you say: "Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord"?

### **ANNIVERSARIES: Feb 1st—Feb 7th**

Fr Frank Harney, Beverly Woods, Joan Abbott, Mark Hunt, Robert Thistlethwaite, Frank Thomas, Carmela Zammitt, Joseph Zammitt, Colleen Peacock, Fr John Kelly, Ann Pola, Sr Dorothy Molley, Stanley Hucker, Noel Peck, Glenda Sertori, Cec McOwan, John Kelly, Robin Wright, Petronella Van Keulin, Merna Dorothy McMaster

### **Recent Deaths**

Jan Young

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:**

*Fr. Hugh Thomas CSsR, Lorna & Peter Raeburn, Julie Neale and Margaret Hassall*

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)

### **Saint of the Week St. Brigid of Ireland**

**Feastday:** February 1 **Patron:** of Ireland, dairymaids, cattle, midwives, Irish nuns, and newborn babies Birth: 451, There is much debate over her birthparents, but it is widely believed her mother was Brocca, a Christian baptized by Saint Patrick, and her father was Dubthach, a Leinster chieftain. Brocca was a slave, therefore Brigid was born into slavery.

Death: 525 *Read more on—www.catholic.org/saints*

### **Readings Feb 7th 2021**

**First Reading** [Jb 7:1-4. 6-7](#)

**Second Reading** [1 Cor 9:16-19. 22-23](#)

### **Pope Francis—Twitter**

The words of the Sacred Scripture were not written to remain imprisoned on papyrus, parchment or paper, but to be received by a person who prays, making them blossom in his or her heart. [#Prayer](#)  
[#WordOfGod](#)

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

**(Closed Public Holidays)**

**Safe Guarding Officer: Emma Coburn**

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**Parish Council Chairperson:**

Charlie Reid

**Finance Committee Chairperson:**

Peter Gemmola

**Funeral Ministry:**

Joan Fitzpatrick, Sr. Maree, Harry Collins & Sioux Reid

**Catholic Women's League:**

Jan Crowe (President) & Anna Collins (Secretary)

**St. Vincent de Paul Society:**

Vinnies Shop 03 5352 5560

President: Peter Brady

Manager: Kathleen Leggett

**PRINCIPAL ST. MARY'S SCHOOL:** Roxanne Leed

Download newsletter: [www.smararat.catholic.edu.au](#)

Ph: 03 5352 1796

**PRINCIPAL MARIAN COLLEGE:** Mrs Carmel Barker

Download newsletter: [www.mcararat.catholic.edu.au](#)

Ph: 03 5352 3861

### **Parish Centre**

Our Parish Centre is used for various activities—from Graduate Teacher Professional Development Days, Family Celebrations, Formal Meetings to a gathering place after a funeral.

It is a space that can accommodate up to 100 people comfortably and has an industrial kitchen. If you would like more information—please contact the office (Joyce) on 03 5352 5460

### **Other Important Numbers**

**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](#)**

**Vinnies Ararat Welfare Phone: 0459 163 461**

**Salvation Army Australia — 13 SALVOS**

St Vincent de Paul, Stawell – 0437 344 323

Stawell Inter Church Council Welfare Cottage –  
0408 038 949

Ararat Vinnies: 03 5352 5560

**John Dunn Funerals** 03 5352 1047

[jdff@westnet.com.au](mailto:jdff@westnet.com.au)

**Ballarat Cathedral Office** 03 5331 2933

[www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

### **Finances**

If you would like to donate to a parish, 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

Presbytery Account **BSB** 013 815 **Acc:** 286326355