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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

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.

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

Vinnies Stawell Welfare phone 0437 344 323

Salvation Army Australia — 13 SALVOS

Stawell Inter Church Council Welfare Cottage
– 0408 038 949

Fred Crouch & Sons (Stawell) 03 5358 1043

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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



St. Mary's Catholic Parish of Ararat, 28 March 2021

Palm Sunday—Year 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.

Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Gospel Mk 15:1-39

First thing in the morning, the chief priests together with the elders and the scribes, in short the whole Sanhedrin, had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate.

Pilate questioned him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' 'It is you who say it' he answered. And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again, 'Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!' But to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply. At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had committed murder during the uprising. When the crowd went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?' For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priests, however, had incited the crowd to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. The Pilate spoke again. 'But in that case,' he said to them 'what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?' They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' 'Why?' Pilate asked them 'What harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified. The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes. They led him out to crucify him. They enlisted a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They

brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull. They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription giving the charge against him read: 'The King of the Jews.' And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left. The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said, 'Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!' The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. 'He saved others,' they said 'he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.' Even those who were crucified with him taunted him. When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this they said, 'Listen, he is calling on Elijah'. Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink saying, 'Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.' But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

All kneel and pause a moment.

And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died, and he said, 'In truth this man was a son of God.'

MASS TIMES

Ararat

(Immaculate
Conception)

Saturday

Sunday 8.30am

Stawell

Lake Bolac
(St. Patrick's)

Landsborough

(St. Bernard's)

Glenthompson

(St. Francis)

6.30pm—Sat Vigil

10.30am of the 1st, 3rd, 5th Sun

6pm—Sat Vigil

of the 2nd & 4th Sun 8.30am (2nd & 4th Sun)

Schedule for Holy Week and Easter

Ararat

Tues 30th 11am & Cuppa after
5.30pm Reconciliation
(bring a plate)



Holy Thursday 7pm
Good Friday 3pm
Easter Sunday 8.30am

Stawell

Tues 30th 7pm Reconciliation (bring
a plate)

Holy Thursday 7pm (Fr John)

Good Friday 3pm (Fr John)

Easter Sunday 8.30am (Fr John) &

Lake Bolac

Holy Saturday 6.30pm Easter Vigil

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Mar 29th—Apr 4th

Annie Rowe, Maureen Davey, Ella Jeffries, Noel Stevens, Bill Laffan, Margaret Walsh, Leo Stevens, Maurice Brown, Joan Weeks, Edmund Abberton, Frank Liston, John Oliver, Frank Pola, Bowie Shevlin, Margaret Leigh, Tom Smith, Ben Patterson,

Fr Meredith Delahenty, Brian Young, Erin Hooper, Des Phillips, Jean Crebbin, Frank Kenny, Elaine Fuga-Hooper

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Fr. Hugh Thomas CSSR, Eloise Foo and Benjamin Wolfson, Julie Neale and Margaret Hassall

Readings

Apr 4th 2021

First Reading

[Acts 10:34, 37-43](#)

Second Reading

[Col 3:1-4](#)

A VOCATION VIEW

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is she who gives her life in the name of the Lord. Blessed are they who live their united life in the name of the Lord.

Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2021

Mary is not only the bridge joining us to God; she is more. She is the road that God travelled to reach us, and the road that we must travel in order to reach him. [#Annunciation-OfTheLord](#)

Fr Andrew

All in God's Kingdom

Last Sunday Fr Andrew and Bishop Paul attended an interfaith afternoon in Ballarat, attended by representatives of the Hindu, Islamic, Buddhist, Baha'i, Jewish, Uniting and Catholic Communities, forming a panel of seven for two hours of questions and answers and much good will. The [Ballarat Interfaith Network](#) can be followed on Facebook. It's not Easter yet, but it feels like Pentecost!

At the mosque here in Ararat, construction work has begun again post-covid. It won't be long now until we'll start to see a new holy place emerging from the ground.



Stawell Inter Church ecumenical services

Good Friday 11.30am "A walk through the Easter Story" Town Hall carpark garden. BYO chair. There is an option of ordering fish and chips before the service if you would like to stay afterwards have lunch together.

Easter Sunday 6.30am Dawn Service on Big Hill, followed by breakfast in the Uniting Church hall.

Easter Sunday-

The CWL will be hosting a cuppa after 10.30 Mass next Sunday. Everyone welcome. The piety stall will be open

OPEN GARDEN—EASTER WEEKEND (EXCEPT Good Friday)

Address: 39-47 Forest St., Glenorchy, VIC. Phone Linda to book (Covid rules apply) 0438581068 or 0432242753. NO EFTPOS available.

Art work, Metal Garden Art and Plants for sale

See flyer on church notice board

Saint of the Week—St. Richard of Wyche, Patron saint of Coachmen, Birth: 1197 Death: 1253

Richard of Wyche, also known as [Richard](#) of Chichester, was born at Wyche (Droitwich), Worcestershire, England. He was orphaned when he was quite young. He retrieved the fortunes of the mismanaged estate he inherited when he took it over, and then turned it over to his brother Robert. [Richard](#) refused marriage and went to Oxford, where he studied under Grosseteste and met and began a lifelong friendship with Edmund Rich. Read more [www.catholic.org/saints](#)



5th Sunday of Lent—

28th March 2021

For over half a century, generations of Australians have participated in Project Compassion, making it one of the nation's longest running charity campaigns.

Throughout five decades of natural disasters, conflicts and crises, Caritas Australia has worked alongside vulnerable communities with the generous support of Australians. Project Compassion has also helped with access to education, health services, agricultural training and through programs that reduce maternal and infant mortality.

This year, we have presented five stories from people striving to 'Be More' – just a few amongst the millions who have been helped through Project Compassion.

As we celebrate this Australian icon, we would like to thank generations of supporters nationwide for their generosity, which allows us to move forward with lifesaving strategies to tackle new challenges.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help improve health and wellbeing of communities in Indonesia so they can work towards eradicating poverty, providing a better future for all.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](#) or phoning 1800 024 413

Gospel Reflection

By the time the gospel accounts came to be written, it was more than 35 years after the death of Jesus. The Gospel of Mark is now very widely held to have been the first of the four gospels, written in about the year 70 CE. One of the reasons for the writing of the gospels was the fact that those who had walked and talked with Jesus were becoming old and dying. There was a sense of capturing the story before the last eye witnesses were gone. This is very evident in the Passion narrative from the gospel of Mark. One can almost hear an elderly voice dictating the events: 'then this happened ...; then he said ...; then we all thought ...' Like so much of this particular gospel, there is very little embellishment. It's like an old time detective show, 'Just give us the facts!' The gospel of Mark presents the story of the Passion as a sequence of events with little commentary or theological reflection. (That is partly why it lends itself so well to being read by several voices.) One of the best examples that the gospel is a straightforward recollection of events is the inclusion of the scene in Gethsemane when the young man ran away naked. No storyteller would create such a bizarre, unexplained event. There is no explanation of who the young man is, why he was wearing only a loincloth, nor why the armed men tried to seize hold of him. It is reported in exactly the same style as the rest of the story – very matter-of-fact. The presence of the young man – both in Gethsemane and in the gospel – has puzzled scholars for many years, yet if nothing else, it provides evidence of the way in which this Passion narrative was

Our Church Foyer was painted this week by
Ralph Harris Painters



Church Toilets

All children—Primary school age and under—must be accompanied by an adult. Thank you for your understanding.

