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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

John Dunn Funerals 03 5352 1047

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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 Sunday 21 March 2021

Fifth Sunday of Lent Ordinary Time B

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

First Reading Jer 31:31-34

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah
See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 50:3-4. 12-15. R. v.12

(R.) Create a clean heart in me, O God.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt. and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)
2. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)
3. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you. (R.)

Second Reading Heb 5:7-9

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 12:26

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, my servant will also be.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Jn 12:20-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: 'Now the hour has come

for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain;

but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life.

If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too.

If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.

Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour.

Father, glorify your name!' A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. 'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown.

And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.' By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

Gospel Reflection

This week's first reading from Jeremiah is a very powerful image and a foreshadowing of the message and ministry of Jesus. In the Jeremiah reading, the Lord announces that (yet again) a new covenant will be made between the people and their God. This time, however, the covenant will not be a collection of rules written in stone as was the case with the covenant of the Ten Commandments after the people had been led out of slavery in Egypt. The people have demonstrated that they are not able to uphold that covenant. This time, God declares that the covenant will be 'planted deep within them' and 'written on their hearts'. This is a wonderful image: I will write my covenant on your heart! It is the message that Jesus tried to convey over and over again – the Law of God is not to be found in a multitude of rules and regulations but it is a Law of the heart, calling for compassion and love.

This message is no better demonstrated than in this week's gospel passage. Jesus declares that, 'unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.' He is speaking of course about his own life, but he is speaking also to those around him and those of us who read the words today. Unless we are prepared to let go of our ego, our status, our 'reputation', for the sake of others and respond to them from the heart then we can never experience the breadth and depth of what it means to belong to a community. When we are prepared to let go of our hang-ups and reservations to make a difference in the lives of others then the 'harvest' that will be gathered from those actions will be great indeed!

MASS TIMES

	<u>Ararat</u> (Immaculate Conception)	<u>Stawell</u> (St. Patrick's)	<u>Lake Bolac</u> (St. Bernard's)	<u>Landsborough</u> (St. Francis)	<u>Glenthompson</u>
Saturday			6.30pm—Sat Vigil	6pm—Sat Vigil	
Sunday	8.30am	10.30am	of the 1st, 3rd, 5th Sun	of the 2nd & 4th Sun	8.30am (2nd & 4th Sun)

Masses This Week

Stawell	Tues to Fri	10am
Hopkins	Thurs 25th	5.15pm
Ararat	Fri 26th	11am and LUNCH

Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2021

To experience [#Lent](#) in hope means receiving the hope of Christ, who gave his life on the cross and was raised by God on the third day, and always being prepared to make a defence to anyone who calls us to account for our hope (1 Pt 3,15).

Readings Mar 28th 2021

First Reading	Is 50:4-7
Second Reading	Phil 2:6-11

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Mar 22nd—28th

Dave Dampsey, Fr John Henehan, Fr Bill O'Driscoll, Bea Kelly, Elizabeth Hustler, Benita Una Pieters, John Colwell, Barry Smith, Phillip Brown, Cliff Murray, John Kelly, Helen Kneebone, Betty Beer, Paz Navarro, Elizabeth Overington, Gwen Murray, Alma Brennan, Evelyn Gleeson, Dr. Pat Claridge, Anna Drewniak, Damien Rees, Ena Brady

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

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

A VOCATION VIEW

Unless a seed first dries out and dies, it cannot be planted in the earth to grow. Unless we first dry out and die to our selfish ways, we can never expect to be people who will 'lay down their lives for their friends.'

Saint of the Week St. Toribio Alfonso de Mogrovejo
Feastday: March 23 **Patron:** of Native rights; Latin American bishops; Peru Birth: 1538 Death: 1606 Bishop and defender of the rights of the native Indians in Peru, Born in Mayorga, Spain, he studied [law](#) and became a lawyer and then professor at Salamanca, receiving appointment-despite being a layman-as chief judge of the court of [Inquisition](#) at [Granada](#) under King [Philip II](#) of Spain. The king subsequently appointed him in 1580 to the post of [archbishop](#) of Lima, Peru. After receiving ordination and then consecration, he arrived in [Peru](#) in 1581
 Read more www.catholic.org



Joke of the Week

Fr Andrew

It's Nearly Finals Time

Just now the women of Australia are marching, demanding to be heard and not assaulted. Listening and not punching go together. Both require respect. This week I saw on TV and read in the paper, "the footy's back!" Footy isn't back. The men are starting. The women have been playing for a couple of months. It's nearly finals time.

Stawell PARISH NOTICES

Cuppa after Mass today. The CWL will host a cuppa after Mass today. The piety stall will be open. Everyone welcome.

Stawell Stations of the Cross during Lent. The CWL will be praying the Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent at 10.30am after the 10am Mass. Everyone welcome.

Stawell CWL meeting in the Church hall on Thursday 25th March at 1.30. Everyone welcome.

Schedule for Holy Week and Easter

Stawell

Tues 30th 7pm Reconciliation (bring a plate)

Holy Thursday 7pm (Fr John)

Good Friday 3pm (Fr John)

Easter Sunday 8.30am (Fr John) & 10.30am

Ararat

Tues 30th 5.30pm Reconciliation (bring a plate)

Holy Thursday 7pm

Good Friday 3pm

Easter Sunday 8.30am

Lake Bolac

Holy Saturday 6.30pm Easter Vigil

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



Fifth Sunday of Lent
21st March 2021



Halima is raising her two children in a refugee camp in Bangladesh while caring for her mother, who has a disability. Widowed at 21, Halima fled violence in Myanmar's Rakhine State and arrived at the camp with nothing. Caritas Australia, through Caritas Bangladesh, helped Halima out with a shelter, cooking equipment, hygiene and sanitation training. She took on the role of community trainer herself, organising the cleaning of washrooms, wells and toilets. Halima aspired to 'Be More'. She is proud that she is now able to earn a small income while maintaining the health of her family and the cleanliness of the camp community.

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.

Caritas Prayer

God of all peoples and nations as you accompany us on our Lenten journey,

May our fasting strengthen our commitment to live in solidarity,

Our almsgiving be an act of justice, and our prayers anchor us in love and compassion.

Through living simply and loving generously, may we care for our global family and our common home, As we aspire not to have more but to be more. We ask this in Jesus' name, Amen



Church Toilets

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