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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](http://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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**Ballarat Cathedral Office** 03 5331 2933

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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



## **Ararat Parish Sunday 7th March 2021**

### **Third Sunday of Lent - Year B**

As we celebrate, we acknowledge the Indigenous owners of the land on which The Church of The Immaculate Conception is built, the Tjapwuring people, and we respect the presence of the spirits of their ancestors among us.

### **First Reading Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17**

A reading from the book of Exodus  
God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it. 'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. 'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

### **Responsorial Psalm Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68**

**(R.) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.  
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)
2. The precepts of the Lord are right,  
they gladden the heart.  
The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. (R.)
3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. (R.)
4. They are more to be desired than gold,  
than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey,  
than honey from the comb. (R.)

### **Second Reading 1 Cor 1:22-25**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians  
While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

### **Gospel Acclamation Jn 3:16**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,  
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

### **Gospel Jn 2:13-25**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

### **Gospel Reflection**

The Temple in Jerusalem was (and still is) a powerful symbol of holiness and a symbol of the connection and relationship between God and the Hebrew people. It is often assumed that Jesus' anger was directed at the traders and moneychangers because their business had infringed on and desecrated the temple precinct. But the reality is a bit more complicated. The Temple was the holiest site for sacrifice to God. The tradition dictated that sacrifice made by a priest on the altar was the highest form of worship. The best animal to sacrifice was a healthy, properly formed creature. Rather than walking a lamb all the way from somewhere like Galilee to Jerusalem, the faithful would purchase their sacrifice animal at the Temple itself – thus the presence of the people selling cattle, sheep and doves. However, to further complicate matters, the Temple traders would not accept Roman coins to purchase the sacrificial animals as they bore the image of the deified emperor. Therefore, money changers were required to exchange Roman currency for acceptable coinage – so the money changers were also playing their part in the prayer life of the Temple.

Jesus' outrage is not so much with the traders and the money-changers as with the whole religious practice and hierarchical structure that has developed to a point where the only way a person can pray in a 'valid' way is to purchase an animal and hand it over to a priest who goes behind a screened wall to sacrifice the animal. The only way to seek God's forgiveness and mercy was to 'buy' it at the Temple. *This* was what outraged Jesus. He could not stomach the injustice nor the barriers that had been erected between the people and their God.

### 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>
<b>Saturday</b>			<b>6.30pm—Sat Vigil</b>	<b>6pm—Sat Vigil</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	of the 1st, 3rd, 5th Sun	of the 2nd & 4th Sun	<b>8.30am</b> (2nd & 4th Sun)

### Masses This Week

<b>Stawell</b>	<b>Tues to Fri</b>	10am
<b>Ararat</b>	<b>Wed 10th</b>	9.30am
<b>Hopkins</b>	<b>Thurs 11th</b>	3.30pm

### Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2021

My dear Christian brothers and sisters from [#Iraq](#), who have testified to your faith in Jesus amid harsh sufferings: I cannot wait to see you. I am honoured to encounter a Church of martyrs: thank you for your witness!

### Grandmother's Club

The GM Club meet on Wednesday 10th March @ 2pm  
Venue Bernadette Harrington's Home

### Readings Mar 14th 2021

First Reading [2 Chr 36:14-16. 19-23](#)  
Second Reading [Eph 2:4-10](#)

### A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus cleaned out the temple of money changers. He was angry; He was zealous; He was authoritative. He was doing what He had to do, even though it involved risk, danger, insult and wonder. Such is a vocation.

### Recent Deaths:

### Anniversaries: Mar 8th—14th

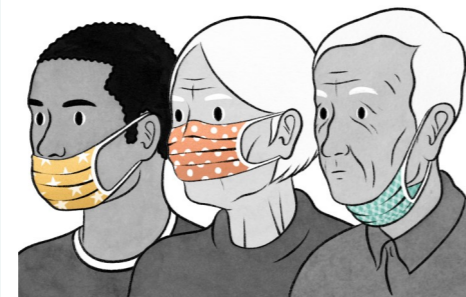
Zita Thomas, Phyllis Sertori, Leo Heenan  
George Edwards, Amy Sertori, Tony Guinan  
May Mercovich, Trevor Mast, Kieran Hennessy  
Irene Ferguson, James Hynes, Ken Haslett  
Fr Brian Murphy SJ, James Hennessy  
John Costello, Betty Stevens, Fr Leo Branagan CSsR  
Marino Renzeli, Des Fox, Betty McNamara

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

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



This is how to wear your mask **PROPERLY!**



This is how **NOT** to wear your mask!

### Saint of the Week St. John of God

**Feastday:** March 8 **Patron:** of Booksellers Birth: 1495 Death: 1550

From the [time](#) he was eight to the day he died, [John](#) followed every impulse of his heart. The challenge for him was to rush to follow the promptings of the [Holy Spirit](#) gave him, not his own human temptations. But unlike many who act impulsively, when [John](#) made a decision, no [matter](#) how quickly, he stuck with it, no [matter](#) what the hardship. Read more [www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org)

### Church Toilets

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



### Fr Andrew

Multi-Faith Call for Climate Action

Friday March 11, 11am, Uniting Church, Scallan St, Stawell

Mobilize for Sacred People, Sacred Earth - the biggest-ever grassroots, global, multi-faith, COVID-friendly climate action. We will sing and as people of faith call for climate action.

On Saturday, the 20th of March, the congregation of St Bernard's Lake Bolac, will remember the people of Vanuatu during 6.30 pm Mass. This is due to the fact that a World Day of Prayer service was unable to held at Lake Bolac this year. A giving Bowl for donations will be available and any donations will be forwarded to the World Day of Prayer Organisation for the people of Vanuatu.

### STAWELL NOTICES

**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.

**Parish St Patrick's Day Lunch.** The CWL is hosting a parish St Patrick's Day lunch on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March in Lillies and Lattes, Main St, at 12.30. Everyone welcome to lunch or just a cuppa and cake and a chat. If you have something green, wear it. RSVP by Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March to Mary Rita -0438 836 180 or [gmr@netspace.net.au](mailto:gmr@netspace.net.au)

### Schedule for Holy Week and Easter

#### Stawell

Tues 30<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 5.30pm Reconciliation (bring a plate)

Holy Thursday 7pm

Good Friday 3pm

Easter Sunday 8.30am

#### Lake Bolac

Holy Saturday 6.30pm Easter Vigil



Third Sunday of Lent

7th March 2021



Oliva, 22, didn't have the opportunity to go to school, and was embarrassed that she was unable to read, write or count. Her business was losing money because she couldn't add up. Then Oliva enrolled in Caritas Australia's literacy and numeracy classes. She also set up a home classroom to teach her neighbours for free, because they were too shy to attend larger classes.

Oliva has now graduated, attendance at her classes is growing, her kiosk is thriving and she is helping her children with their homework. She aims to become a pastor and run for leadership in the next local election - to help her community to 'Be More.'

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and support people like Oliva's gain access to education to build a brighter future and live in communities that upholds everyone's dignity.**

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://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