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#### Ararat QR Code



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#### 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  
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#### Finances

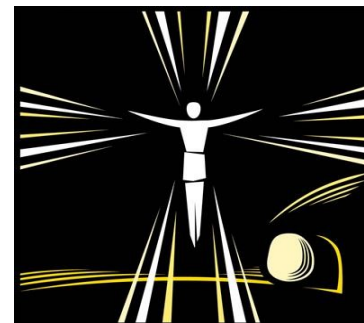
If you would like to donate to a parish, please see the details below. Many thanks

#### 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 4th April 2021

### Easter Sunday

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

#### First Reading Acts 10:34. 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles  
Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

#### Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

**(R.) This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad.**

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

#### Second Reading Col 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians  
Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

#### Gospel Acclamation 1 Cor 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;  
let us feast with joy in the Lord.  
Alleluia!

#### Gospel Jn 20:1-9

#### A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead. It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

#### Gospel Reflection

On this, the most important celebration in the Christian calendar, it is a shame that the reading chosen for the Lectionary is something of a let down. Certainly, within the gospel reading we have the discovery of the empty tomb by Mary of Magdala; the disbelieving disciples running to find things exactly as Mary had described; and the dawning realisation of what Jesus had meant when he so frequently spoke about rising from the dead. However, if the editors of the Lectionary had chosen to also include the next nine verses of the gospel we would have also heard the magnificent encounter between Mary and the risen Lord, confirming that it was a woman, Mary Magdala, who was the first witness to Christ's resurrection. As it is, we never hear this account as part of the cycle of Sunday readings.

The discovery of the empty tomb – although so simply told – is an astounding event that completes the Paschal Mystery: the passion, death AND resurrection of Jesus. Whilst Christ's willingness to go to his death on the cross was an extraordinary statement of God's love for humankind, it is his rising again from death that offers all Christian people hope. It is the second disciple – the one whom Jesus loved – who is the first to grasp the meaning of what has happened inside the tomb. The gospel tells us that upon entering the tomb and seeing Jesus' burial cloths lying there, 'he saw and he believed'. Unlike the later encounters with the risen Lord, this disciple recognised the truth and significance of what he saw in the empty tomb. He didn't need to see the risen Lord to believe. Perhaps it is he that we today can best identify with. Not in a position to physically encounter the risen Christ, we are capable of seeing the signs of his resurrection and continuing presence in the world and choose to believe.

### 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>	Tues to Fri	10am
<b>Hopkins</b>	Thurs 8th & 15th	3pm & 4pm
<b>Ararat</b>	Tues 6th	9.30am
<b>Ararat</b>	Fri 16th	11am PRAYERS & LUNCH



### OFFICE HOURS

Wed Apr 7th n– Fri 9th	CLOSED
Wed Apr 14th—Thurs 15th	CLOSED
Fri Apr 16th	OPEN
Closed Public Holidays	

### Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2021

Along the daily way of the cross, we meet the faces of so many brothers and sisters in difficulty: let us not pass by, let us allow our hearts to be moved with compassion, and let us draw near.

### A VOCATION VIEW

Christ has become our Paschal Sacrifice. Your ultimate purpose, to live and to breathe, is the eternal Jesus. Go forth to announce to the world - Christ, our hope, has risen, Alleluia!

### Readings Apr 11th 2021

First Reading	<u>Acts 4:32-35</u>
Second Reading	<u>1 Jn 5:1-6</u>

**Saint of the Week** St. Vincent Ferrer, Feastday: April 5 Patron: of Builders. St. Vincent Ferrer is the patron saint of builders because of his fame for "building up" and strengthening the Church: through his preaching, missionary work, in his teachings, as confessor and adviser. At Valencia in Spain, this illustrious son of St. Dominic came into the world on January 23, 1357. In the year 1374, he entered the Order of St. Dominic in a monastery near his native city. Soon after his profession he was commissioned to deliver lectures on philosophy.

Read more [www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org)

### 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

### Church Toilets

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



### Fr Andrew

Wishing everyone a very safe and restful, especially having missed out on celebrating together last year.

We have secured a return to celebrate Mass in all the care homes. We are currently working on a cohesive time slot. We shall let everyone know, once decided. As the office is closed next week, there will be no bulletin for the weekend of April 9/10. Joyce, however, has printed the readings for that weekend and shall leave them in the church. Please feel free to take them home and do take a bulletin home too. There is much information on there.

Perhaps we could all take some time over the next couple of weeks to think about a name for when our parishes join. You will have noticed the shared news from the Stawell and Ararat parishes on the bulletins. Sharing of our events and ventures is the way forward!

**Ararat CWL will meet on April 13 at 1.30pm at the parish centre all welcome.**

### Stawell Inter Church ecumenical services

**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 **ALSO on Sunday April 11th**

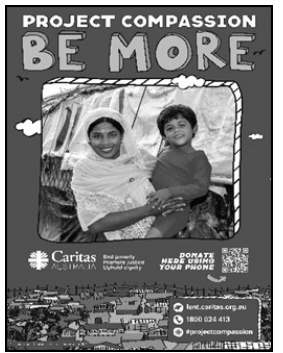
### OPEN GARDEN—EASTER WEEKEND

(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



**Easter Sunday**

**4th April 2021**

**Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!**

Thank you for supporting us this year as we demonstrate how love and compassion for our global community can transform lives. You have responded to St. Oscar Romero's invitation to "Be More," putting your compassion into action to support some of the world's most vulnerable communities. By aspiring to be more, you have helped change lives.

**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](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413

Ararat Parish has raised over \$1500 so far!

### 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

**April 11th readings will be printed and available for you to take home on the Easter weekend.**