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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
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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 23rd May 2021

Pentecost Sunday

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 Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

**(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.**

1. Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches. **(R.)**
2. You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust
from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are
created; and you renew the face of the earth. **(R.)**
3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

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

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 20:19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'
After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain.

Gospel Reflection

The feast of Pentecost celebrates the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon the disciples and energising them to set about their mission of continuing the ministry of Jesus. The gospel reading is one of the post-resurrection appearances by Jesus when he breathed the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. The actual events of that first Pentecost are recorded in the book of Acts and are recalled in this week's first reading. The use of this post-resurrection gospel account is a reminder that Jesus had already imbued the disciples with the Spirit but, as so often throughout his ministry, they were a bit slow to catch on to the significance of what he had done. It seems that they needed a more tangible experience to jolt them into action and Acts records the very physical experience of the Spirit entering their midst as a roaring wind before settling upon them as tongues of flame. Jesus had breathed the Spirit upon them but it took the roaring wind to make a real impression on the disciples. There are frequent references in the gospels to Jesus being 'filled with the Spirit'. It is this Spirit with which he was filled that he breathed upon his disciples; it is that same Spirit that we receive sacramentally in Confirmation.

For the weeks following the death of Jesus the disciples had lived in fear and confusion, not fully understanding what had happened and not really knowing what to do. When they realised that the Spirit Jesus had breathed upon them was really present and urging them to action they finally had the courage to begin the mission that Jesus had entrusted to them: to spread the Good News of Jesus and continue to realise his message in the world.

MASS TIMES

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

Masses this Week

Stawell: Tues to Fri 10am
Ararat:
 Tues 25th 9.30am
 Wed 26th 10.30am Gorrin House (ARV)
 Thurs 27th 3.30pm Hopkins
 No Mass on Friday or Prayers

Caritas Total 2021

Ararat \$4700
 Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2021. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit www.caritas.org.au to make your donation online.

Readings May 30th 2021

First Reading
 Dt 4:32-34. 39-40
 Second Reading
 Rom 8:14-17

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: May 24th—30th

Theophilus Coker, Bertha Coker, Josephine Coker, Joseph Coker, Sabina Coker, Mick Schwab, Kathleene Creanaune, Redmond O'Halloran, Mary Lewer, Patsy Hinchey, Peter O'Rorke, Jennifer Laidlaw, Peggy McAdie, Gladys Lister, Fr Laurie Gallagher, Eva Neulist, Brian Carr, Harold Hockley, Erik Van Opstal, Josip Curak, Bridget Thistlethwaite, Phillip Shields, Thomas Eastick, Jane Howlett, Fr Mick Grady, Frank Sertori

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Kate Wilson, Sally Rook, Fr. Hugh Thomas CSsR, Eloise Foo and Benjamin Wolfson, Julie Neale and Margaret Hassall

A VOCATION VIEW

Be guided by the Holy Spirit, because with the Spirit comes, love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self control. With God's help, come forward to proclaim to those who are searching for meaning in life. As the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2021

Technology based on the use of highly polluting fossil fuels needs to be replaced without delay. There is reason to hope that humanity at the dawn of the 21st century will be remembered for having generously shouldered its grave responsibilities. [#LaudatoSiWeek](https://www.vatican.va/holy_father/francis/messages/audience_remarks/2021/05/20210527_01.html)

St Bernard's Liturgy & Cleaning Roster

Wk 5 - Saturday 29 th May	Leanne Breen	Damian Phillips	Helen Smith
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Ararat Notices

Information Technology (IT) Investment in the Parish

We have recently made some significant investment into the WIFI status in the Church, Parish Centre and Presbytery buildings. This is a much needed service and the current demand is there from schools, conference facilitators, local businesses and the like. We can now provide fast internet access in all three areas of our parish. **Name: Guest Wi-Fi** **Username: AP-Guest** **Password: PayTV2021**

Do Consider booking our Parish Centre for your conference needs or family celebrations.

Golden Gate Roster

June 6th Harry & Anna	13th Jim & Jan	20th Libby	27th Harry & Anna
July 4th Tim & Jan	11th Libby	18th Harry & Anna	25th Tim & Jan

Covid India Appeal Fundraising Dinner

The Ballarat Indian Association Inc. is holding a Fundraising Dinner on Saturday, May 29, 2021 at Albert Coates Complex, Federation University, Mount Helen. Go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=759476&> for bookings and information. Donations also accepted to account name: Ballarat Indian Assoc Inc. BSB 033-205 Acct No: 183147

Eathcare Game – small steps to save the planet

EARTHCARE game is a fun way to explore the many ways we can care for the earth, connect with nature and help conserve the planet's resources. Take small steps to save the planet and earn points. Make a mess, waste energy or water and lose points. I CARE cards help you do good things. EARTHCARE is inspired by the game CONSERVATION, invented by R. J. Reynolds in New Zealand in 1976. For more information go to <https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/earthcaregame/1338460967?ref=19yujk&token=d803ad58>

International drawing contest fort kids

The earth's climate is changing. Kids need to know what is happening, why, and how it will affect them in the future. This contest offers you a chance to take action to help slow climate change – because a tree will be planted for every kid that enters! Adults will also be encouraged to contribute to planting more trees too. The competition runs from May – June 2021 for kids aged 4-14. For more information go to <https://kidscareaboutclimate.org>

National Volunteer Week: May 17-23, 2021

National Volunteer Week (NVW) is Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteers. From May 17–23, 2021 NVW will celebrate the significant contribution of Australia's almost six million volunteers, which includes people in our parishes and agencies. Each year these volunteers dedicate over 600 million hours to help others. The theme for NVW 2021 is *Recognise. Reconnect. Reimagine.* which acknowledges that it is time to:

RECOGNISE, celebrate and thank volunteers for the vital role they play in our lives.

RECONNECT to what is important by giving our time to help others and ourselves.

REIMAGINE how we better support volunteers and communities they help.

For more information about National Volunteer Week 2021 go to <https://www.volunteeringaustralia.org/get-involved/nvw/>

Prayer for Volunteers

We pray for all those who volunteer in our parishes. May we value the many talents and gifts that God has given to these people. We thank them for generously offering their time to parish ministries. For all these gifts, given out of your love, we thank you, God of all goodness. Amen.

AGED CARE SCHEDULE

Eventide

1st Wednesdays 10am

Lowe St

2nd Wednesdays 11am

Garden View

3rd Wednesdays 10.30am

ARV

4th Wednesday 10am

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

There are changes to Victoria's COVIDSafe settings from 11.59pm on May 28, 2021 (see attached and refer to email from Andrew Jirik on May 11). More information available at <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/religion-and-ceremony>

An invitation to anyone who would like to learn about the Catholic faith or be updated :

Ring Parish Office 535205460

Bob ran out of gas, and a bee flew in his car window ... 'are you out of gas' said the bee. 'Yes' said Bob. 'Gimme a minute' said the bee, and flew away. Minutes later the bee returned with the entire hive of bees who all flew into his petrol tank. Moments later they emerged. 'Try it now' said a passing bee. Bob tried and the car started. Bob said 'wow, what did you put in the tank' ... wait for it ... wait for it ...

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... please dont delete me ... 

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