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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

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

jdfs@westnet.com.au

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

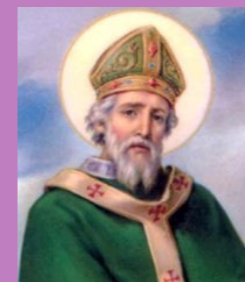
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Westpac Bank BSB 033 201 //Acc 810043

Details for Stawell Parish

Parish Account BSB 013 815 Acc: 286326347

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St Patrick's,
Stawell

St Patrick's Parish Newsletter Stawell and Landsborough

Sunday 23rd May 2021

Pentecost Sunday

St Francis of Assisi,
Landsborough



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> (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

Ararat:

Tues 25th 9.30am

Wed 26th 10.30am Gorrin House (ARV)

Thurs 27th 3.30pm Hopkins

Readings May 30th 2021

First Reading

Dt 4:32-34. 39-40

Second Reading

Rom 8:14-17

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: May 24th—30th

Francis Rogers 1946, Nicholas Hammond 1974, Honor O'Kane 1978, Honor Glenda Pulley 1990,

ElizaKate Rutter1951, John McGuan 1975, Ailsa Faye Molan 2017, Ellen Earle 1945, John Smith 1955,

James Walsh 1961, Frank McManus 1964, Maxwell Rogers 1995, Mary Hooper 1997

Francis Sheedy 1986, Julia Aubrey 1952, Hilda Cross 1989, David O'Brien 1946, John McGee 1964

Ezekiel Dineen 2002

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

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

Stawell Notices

The Catholic's Women's League is holding a DAY IN ST ARNAUD this Wednesday 26th May from 10am – 3pm. The day will include a presentation on Dean Glowrey, Mass, lunch, a talk by Fr Justin Driscoll and a discussion on Faith and Community in St Arnaud. Everyone is welcome. Contact Margaret Rowe 53582421.

Our Lady of Fatima statue is out of lockdown!

For many years the fondly named "Mary's statue" has been in the Stawell parish in the care of the CWL. Parishioners have been invited to have Mary's statue in their home for a week to promote prayer. We are encouraged to pray for our parish and any intentions we might have. Certainly the pandemic is one right now. Recently Pope Francis commenced a "marathon of rosaries" and asked the world to join with him to pray for the eradication of Covid 19. The feast of Our Lady of Fatima on 13th May was an appropriate time for us to have Mary's statue out and about again to encourage us to respond to the Pope's request.

Anyone who would like to have the statue in their home for a week is invited to put their name on the clipboard at the back or the front of the church or to contact Margaret Rowe -53582421.

The 5th Sunday of the month Stawell ecumenical services have resumed. On Sunday 30th May at 5pm in the Uniting Church, the Baptist congregation will host the first 5th Sunday ecumenical service since covid 19 hit us all. The service will be led by visiting Pastors Rob and Liz Bailey. There will be a cuppa after the service. Everyone is welcome.

AGED CARE SCHEDULE

Eventide 1st Wednesdays 10am

Lowe St 2nd Wednesdays 11am

Garden View 3rd Wednesdays 10.30am

ARV 4th Wednesday 10am

Stawell Parish Hall

Our Parish Hall 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 50 plus people (comfortably) and has a kitchen. If you would like more information —please contact the office (Gloria)

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>

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

There are changes to Victoria's COVIDSafe settings from 11.59pm on May 28, 2021. <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/religion-and-ceremony>. Further information is also available from the diocesan website "news" section www.ballarat.catholic.org.au



You are invited to celebrate
Catholic Education Week
with us at
St Patrick's Primary School



Open Classrooms

All classrooms will be open to visitors at the following times.

Monday 24th May

9-11am

Wednesday 26th May

2-3pm



Have you ever wondered what Religion looks like in our classrooms?

We welcome Christine Bulger from the Catholic Education Office in Ballarat to St Patrick's. Christine will be working with each class during their Religion lesson conducting a Godly Play session. Godly Play is a form of teaching which promotes Biblical knowledge, empathy and spiritual growth.

Tuesday 25th May

Learning walk Godly Play sessions open to public:
11:30am - 12:00pm (approx.) - Grade 1/2 Learning walk
12:30am - 1:00pm (approx.) Foundation Learning walk

Thursday 27th May

9:15am Junior Literacy Learning walks Grades 1/2
10:15am Middle Maths Grades 3/4
11:45am Senior Maths Grades 5/6
With Chris McAloon and Maryanne Comitti

If you would like to come on a Learning Walk please RSVP to the school office 5358 2493

Get vaccinated for the common good

Vaccination against COVID-19 is a morally good thing, providing protection for the person vaccinated and the wider community. Some COVID-19 vaccines are associated with ethically questionable production and research practices, but Pope Francis and the Australian Bishops have advised that it is morally permissible to receive any vaccine made available. More information is available at <https://www.catholic.org.au/coronavirus>. A media release and FAQ information from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is available from the diocesan website "news" section

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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