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Finances

If you would like to donate to a parish, or use for your planned giving 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 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.

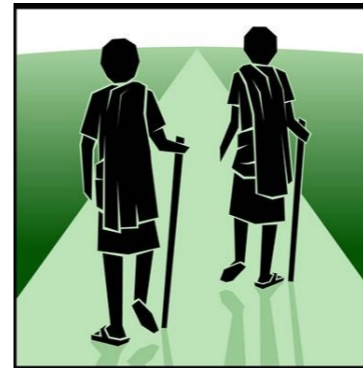


Sea Sunday

Sea Sunday is the day set by many Christian Churches to remember, celebrate, pray for seafarers and their families and give thanks for their lives and work. Seafarers work tirelessly, even through a pandemic, in the high seas throughout the year bringing us more than ninety percent of the goods we need that sustain our population and economy. In the Catholic Church, Sea Sunday is supported by Stella Maris around the world. Parishioners have the opportunity to support this Catholic ministry through the Sea Sunday appeal. Its Stella Maris centres support seafarers' welfare, and provide pastoral care and hospitality. Please visit the website: stellamarisaustralia.org and donate

Joke

The interviewer asked old man Murphy on his 99th birthday the secrets to his longevity. Murphy replied, "For better digestion I drink beer. In case of appetite loss I drink white wine. In case of low blood pressure I drink red wine. In the event of high blood pressure I drink whiskey. When I have a cold I drink scotch." The interviewer was amazed and inquired, "When do you drink water?" "I don't." responded Murphy, "I've never been that sick."



St. Mary's Catholic Parish of Ararat and Lake Bolac Sunday July 11th 2021 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr B 'Sea Sunday'

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

First Reading Am 7:12-15

Go, prophesy to my people.
Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets.' Amos replied to Amaziah, 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

Responsorial Psalm Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

- (R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.
1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people.
His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)
 2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. (R.)
 3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 1:3-10

Before the world was made, God chose us.
Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determined that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight. He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth.

Gospel Acclamation See Eph 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 6:7-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
He called the Twelve, and began to send them out.
Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals, but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.
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The Big Picture sets you free

As St Paul would have put it in terms of modern science, before the cosmos was big-banged into existence, before human creatures evolved over the aeons, before you were loved into existence through your parents, *God conceived of you*, 'God chose you in Christ'.
The universe was erupted into existence by Divine Ecstasy so that creatures might be drawn to evolve into human beings so that you, personally, might enjoy a wonderful destiny.
That destiny is to be an ensouled body totally transfigured by Divine Light, made radiant by Divine Energy, living through love in God's presence.
That is the Big Picture, the 'Very Big Picture'. Grasp that, or rather be grasped by that, and it will enable you to do things you would otherwise not risk doing. One way could be that portrayed in today's Gospel. Jesus could say to his missionary followers: "take no purse, no haversack" because they had an interior freedom from anxiety about the future, a freedom generated from knowing that they had been divinely loved even before time began.
You might take a moment to pray for the courage to make a generous response to the truth spoken directly to you by St Paul. 'Before the world was made, He chose you, chose you in Christ.'

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	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
 Wed 14th: Lowe St 11am
 Thurs 15th Hopkins
 Ararat: 11am Liturgy
 with morning cuppa

AGED CARE SCHEDULE

Eventide 1st Wednesdays 10am
Lowe St 2nd Wednesdays 11am
Garden View 3rd Wednesdays 10.30am
ARV 4th Wednesday 10am

Readings July 18th

First Reading
[Jer 23:1-6](#)
 2nd Reading
[Eph 2:13-18](#)
 Gospel
[Jn 10:27](#)

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: 11th – 18th July

Michael McRae, Vera McAloon, Maureen McMaster, Jean Thomas, Michael Rowe, Joseph Noonan, David O'Connor, Margaret Morris, Vince Gemmola, Robert Oliver, Laurie Walsh, Brian Molony, Norma Schwab, Rem Pezzutti, Heinz Helmich, Frances Miller, Fr Bill O'Connell, Helen Grano, Helen Stevens, George Driscoll, Russell McLean, William Smith, Fr Peter Elder, Lorna Weeding, Sr. Marie Feiss CSB, Sr Aileen Vear CSB

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Kate Wilson, Sally Rook, Eloise Foo, Benjamin Wolfson, Julie Neale and Margaret Hassall, Jenny Sharman, Anne-Marie Joyce

A VOCATION VIEW

In today's First Reading, Amos says he did not choose to be a prophet. God selected him. Maybe God is asking you to reconsider what you are doing and do His work instead.

Pope Francis @Pontifex.com 2021

Let us allow ourselves to be filled with St Joseph's silence! In a world that is often too noisy, that encourages neither recollection nor listening to God's voice, we are in such deep need of it. — Benedict XVI

St Bernard's Liturgy & Cleaning Roster 3 July

Reader Michael Phillips **Cleaning: Irene Meek** **Prayers of the faithful Tricia Higgins**

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

Position Vacant

Finance Officer / Parish Administrative Assistant

The Catholic Parishes of Ararat and Stawell are looking to appoint one or two new members to our parish team. One person may apply for both roles.

Finance and Compliance Officer (15 hours)

Administrative Assistant (6 hours).

The Finance and Administrative Officer will require a good working knowledge of Reckon or similar accounting software and be responsible for BAS, ATO and other regulatory compliance. The Administrative Assistant will attend to receptionist and secretarial tasks and communication with parishioners such as weekly newsletters.

The position(s) will be based in Ararat and will require some visits to Stawell.

Please email your application to: ararat@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Ararat Parish Office

The Ararat office will be open on Friday Mornings.
 From 10am-12pm

If you have any notices for the bulletin please email:
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Covid Rules

From Thursday night – here's the deal – not much is new

Code in / wear a mask / 2 square metre each
 We are required to QR code in Stawell and Ararat and have "marshals" at the doors, which we do – so that we can have 100 people at 2sqm

Landsborough and Lake Bolac can hand write and still have 35 people at 4sqm

Funerals: 2sqm = 100 people in Stawell and Ararat with 75 people in the smaller churches

Catering: 2sqm = 75 in Ararat Parish Centre and too few to cater for a funeral cuppa in Stawell

For funeral cuppa's everyone must be seated at tables, with food and drinks served to the table, no gathering at the kitchen window. The CWL's in each parish can sort what you want to do there. Whether to cater or not and how to be compliant with the rules.

Discernment Seminar

via Zoom & in-person, 14 x Tuesdays, 9.15am-11am (AEST), 20 Jul - 16 Nov 2021. This seminar focuses on the movements of God's Spirit and spirits not-of-God in our lives and in our ministries. Discernment of spirits and discernment of God's will are explored. The series is led by Paul Beirne (MA, MDiv, DMin, PhD, Cert Spir Dir, Supervisor: Australasian Assoc of Supervision), Director of Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost \$450. Book and pay via <https://www.trybooking.com/BSUVX>, email secretary@heartoflife.melbourne, Or tel (03) 9890 1101.

St Anne's Grandmother Group

Meeting Wednesday 14th at Sr Maree residence

Year of St Joseph

Year of St Joseph Monthly Reflections

Each month during the year of St Joseph, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference will publish a reflection on the various aspects of St Joseph's life and character

<https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>

A new hymn in honour of St Joseph

Australian Marist Br Michael Herry has written a new hymn, *One Quiet Man*, inspired by Pope Francis' proclamation of the Year of St Joseph. To listen to the song, please visit the Marist Music website <http://www.maristmusic.org.au/one-quiet-man-a-new-hymn-to-st-joseph>.

Statue of Our Lady

We are still looking for A statue of Our Lady which has been missing for some time. It is a wooden statue that was carved at Oberammergau in the Bavarian Alps, the site of the famous Passion Play. It is a small blue case. Somebody must have it tucked away in a cupboard, spare room or under a bed. If you find it please return it to the Church. **Thank you**

A prophet is not welcome in their hometown

Try to find these words

Carpenter	disciples	faith	hands
miracles	prophets	Sabbath	sick
son	taught	unhappy	wisdom

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