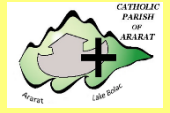




St Patrick's Parish Stawell and Landsborough St Mary's Parish Ararat and Lake Bolac



We acknowledge the Tjapwurrong people, the traditional custodians of our parish land.

We pay our respects to their elders past and present. We respect the presence of the spirits of their ancestors among us.

Sunday August 15, 2021

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

First Reading

[Rv 11:19; 12:1-6, 10](#)

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse
The sanctuary of God in heaven opened, and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it. Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready. Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.'

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 44:10-12. 16. R. v.10](#)

(R.) The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

1. The daughters of kings are among your loved ones. On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir. Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words: forget your own people and your father's house. (R.)
2. So will the king desire your beauty: He is your lord, pay homage to him. They are escorted amid gladness and joy; they pass within the palace of the king. (R.)

Second Reading

[1 Cor 15:20-26](#)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order; Christ as the first-fruits and then,

after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Mary is taken up to heaven, and the angels of God shout for joy. Alleluia!

Gospel [Lk 1:39-56](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.' And Mary said: 'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid. Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him. He has shown the power of his arm, he has routed the proud of heart. He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away. He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy – according to the promise he made to our ancestors – of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'
Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

Mass Times

Ararat	Sunday 8.30am
Stawell	Sunday 10.30am
Lake Bolac	1 st 3 rd 5 th Sundays 6.30pm Vigil Sat
Landsborough	2 nd 4 th Sundays 6pm Vigil Sat
Glenthompson	(Hamilton Parish) 2 nd 4 th Sundays 8.30am

Aged Care Schedule

Eventide	1 st Wednesdays 11.15am
Lowe St	2 nd Wednesdays 11am
Garden View	3 rd Wednesdays 10.30am
ARV	4 th Wednesday 10am

Masses this Week

Stawell: Tues - Fri 10am (Thursday with school children)

Ararat: Wed 18th 10.30am Garden View

Thurs 19th 3pm Hopkins

Fri 20th 11am Mass and morning tea (special intention Ena Harrison)

Readings for Next Sunday 22nd August (21st Sunday Yr B)

[Jos 24:1-2. 15-18](#) // [Eph 5:21-32](#) // [Jn 6:60-69](#)

Anniversaries Stawell

John Molan 1947, Joseph McGuan 1961, Paolo Ronchi 1971, Madeline Stephens 1996, Lurlene Delahunty 2006, Joan Pickering 2013, Keith Watson 1993, Mary Stephens 1974, Ronald Lewis 1975, Harriet Torney 1987, Bernadette Maddocks 1974, Christopher Tilley 1997, Eileen Gavin 2001, John Hozjan 2007, Barry McArthur 2018, Gladys Merrett 1983, John Fallon 1991, Berenice Rutter 1997, Melrose Naylor 1959, George Thompson 1992

Anniversaries Ararat

Irene Jenkinson, Thomas Mullins, Patrick Mullins, Mary-Anne McInnes, Agnes Declerq, Marjorie Carlson, Br. James Threadgold, Brain Pickering, Myrtle Leggett, Eileen Carroll, Jean Williams, Barry McArthur, Jeanette Ryan, Fr Rodger Shepherd, Barbara Caporn, May Harrington, Kevin Moore, Michele Di Domenico, John Harvey, Mary Colwell, Sergio Tognon

Recent Deaths: Pat Rathgeber

Please pray for

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

Golden Gate Roster

August 15 Jim & Jan // 22 Libby // 29 Harry & Anna

September 5 Jim & Jan // 12 Libby // 19 Harry & Anna // 26 Jim & Jan

Lake Bolac Roster

Sat 14/8 Reader Rosemary Liston // Prayers of Faithful Val Albert // Cleaning Jane Higgins

Sat 28/8 Reader Denise Haslett // Prayers of Faithful Helen Smith // Cleaning Judy Upton

Stawell Parish Unit Vacancy

A one-bedroom flat will soon be available to rent at the Parish units in Crudace St, Stawell. Rent is \$215 per fortnight. Interested persons should contact Nino on 53582258 for further information.

Covid Restrictions

Ararat and Stawell 50 people // Landsborough and Lake Bolac 35 people

Covid Marshall to ensure registration // Masks / Hands / Distancing // Catering (seated only) Ararat 45 people // Stawell 25

Ecumenical Prayer August 29 St Patrick's Stawell

On Sunday August 29 at 5pm we will host the people of Stawell for prayer followed by a cuppa. All welcome.

Miriam Rose

2pm Wed 18th Stawell Parish Hall

2pm Wed 25th Ararat Parish Centre

This promises to be a most insightful hour. Lesley Morgan will share her insights into the spirituality of Dr Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr Baumann AM. Miriam Rose is an Aboriginal activist, educator and artist and the 2021 Senior Australian of the Year. Of particular interest is Mariam Rose' telling of Dadirri, (Inner Deep Listening and Quiet Still Awareness.) "We cannot hurry the river. We have to move with its current and understand its ways."

Year of St Joseph Monthly Reflection

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. Lara Kirk, Marriage, Family and Relationships Co-ordinator for the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn, reflects on "The Holy Family" <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

In the Western church this feast celebrates the assumption of Mary into heaven; in the East it commemorates her dormition or her falling asleep. The readings invite us to reflect on the role that she plays in the mystery of our redemption. Whatever we honour in Mary in some way points to her son. Over the centuries devotion to Mary has been expressed in forms taken from the culture out of which it developed. Sometimes she is pictured as a humble peasant girl. At other times she is depicted as a queen robed in gold of Ophir who rules from heaven. Probably the most familiar pose is that of a mother with her child. Perhaps the most dramatic of these themes is that of the celestial woman from the vision found in the Book of Revelation. It is because of the cosmic significance of Jesus that this tradition has been applied to Mary.

Though the first reading depicts a cosmic woman, the gospel reading characterises Mary as a simple peasant woman intent on offering service to another. However, the words that are placed in her mouth are words of prophetic challenge. She announces the great reversals of God's good news. The greatness of Mary is a reflection of the greatness of the Son of God whom she bore. He was the first fruits of salvation. He was the victor who won the kingdom. Her part in this victory was to bring him to birth and into maturity. [Artwork by Jenny Close]

Our Diocesan Community - The latest edition of ODC is now available in the churches

Special Days in the Coming Weeks

18 August Stawell & 25 August Ararat Lesley Morgan – Miriam Rose

29 August Social Justice Sunday // 26 September Migrant Refugee Sunday // 24 October World Mission Day

A Jobs Victoria message to all Victorian Jobseekers

Have you found yourself out of work due to the impact of Covid-19?

We appreciate your job search can be extra challenging. We are here to work with eligible jobseekers to develop your skills, get you job ready and navigate a path to meaningful employment.

Your local Jobs Victoria Mentor is: Joyce Clery PH: 0437 957 212

Contact her today Email: jclery@westvic.org.au

Eligible Criteria eg; long-term unemployed, women over the age of 45



CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

Last weekend was the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. CatholicCare Victoria delivers counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, support for separating families, homelessness support and pastoral care. CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities, to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential. Please donate to CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help the vulnerable and marginalised in our community and empower everyone to reach their full potential. You can donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

Natural Fertility Awareness Week August 23-29 Tracking Fertility: Tracking Health

Would you like to discover a way of tracking your cycles and understand a method of family planning in which both members of the couple share this awesome responsibility? This knowledge is something every woman should have and every man can learn! The Billings Ovulation Method® is based on sound science and has been proven an effective Method to achieve or postpone a pregnancy and to monitor reproductive health. Info: <https://billings.life/en/>

National Day of Prayer – The Church Together: Sunday, August 22, 2021

- Every day from Monday 16 – Sunday, August 22 a Daily Devotion will be sent out to those who register. Each Daily Devotion will include a prayer from a different Church leader.
- Every night from 8.00pm AEST, Monday 16 – Sunday, August 22 a nightly Prayer Call will take place with input from a different church leader each night.
- On Sunday, August 22 from 9.00am – 9.00pm the National Day of Prayer & Fasting team will host a Zoom Prayer call featuring Church leaders and Indigenous Christian Leaders. Come for a short while or come for a long while. Let us join in prayer for our nation.
- Register at <http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org.au/LordHaveMercy/>

Parish Directories

Parish Priest Fr. Andrew Hayes andrew.hayes@ballarat.catholic.org.au
Office Hours Office hours are changing. More information to come
Parish Bulletin www.ballarat.catholic.org.au
To submit bulletin notices for both parishes please email ararat@ballarat.catholic.org.au

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Parish Secretary	Jill Croxford	Gloria Pickering
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Parish Office	03 5352 5460 PO BOX 92, Ararat, VIC 3377	03 5352 5460 PO BOX 87, Stawell, VIC 3380
Office Hours	Thursday Friday 9am – 3pm	Closed for Now - contact Ararat
Churches	St Mary's Church 304 Barkly St Ararat	St Patrick's Church 27 Patrick St Stawell
	St Bernard's Church 76 Montgomery St Lake Bolac	St Francis of Assisi Church 76 McKinlay St Landsborough
Safe Guarding Officer	Emma Coburn	Helen Potter
Funeral Ministry	Joan Fitzpatrick, Sr. Maree Harry Collins & Sioux Reid	Kevin Dallinger, Mary-Rita Thomas
CWL`	Jan Crowe (President) Anna Collins (Secretary)	Margaret Rowe (President)
St. Vincent de Paul Society:	03 5352 5560 Peter Brady (President) Kathleen Leggett (Manager)	0437 344 323 Kay Dalton (President) Di O'Donnell (Secretary)
Parish Pastoral Councils	Parish Pastoral Council Charlie Reid (chair) Peter Brady Leanne Breen Harry Collins Teresa Gemmola Sr Maree Holt	Interim Parish Pastoral Council Kevin Dallinger Michael Habbin John Launder Gloria Pickering Helen Potter June Raeburn Mary-Rita Thomas

Schools

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Marian College Ararat

Principal Carmel Barker
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Parish 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