



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



We acknowledge the Djap Wurrong 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 29, 2021 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading

[Dt 4:1-2. 6-8](#)

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy
Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1](#)

(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.
1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart. (R.)
2. He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. (R.)
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. (R.)

Second Reading

[Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27](#)

A reading from the letter of St James
It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created. Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves. Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

Gospel Acclamation

[Jas 1:18](#)

Alleluia, alleluia! The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation. Alleluia!

Gospel

[Mk 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture: This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'
He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'



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 (Covid allowing)

Stawell: Fri Sept 3 10am

Ararat: Fri Sept 3, 11am Mass and morning tea

Readings for Next Sunday Sept 5 (23rd Sunday Yr B)

Is 35:4-7 // Jas 2:1-5 // Mk 7:31-37

Recent Deaths

Anniversaries Stawell

Pauline Mornane 1984, Mary Presser 1998, Alexander McNeil 1961, Stephen Facey 1983, Baly Yanner 1960, Mary Doyle 1944, Wallace Constable 1954, Heather Guy 1980, Margaret Maloney 1984, Margaret Neville 2000, Patricia Anyon 1992, Brian Yanner 1988, Patrick O'Donnell 2002, Kathleen Healy 2007

Anniversaries Ararat

Cecelia Moran, Ivy Mullins, Claire Miles, Fr. Peter Wood, John Keogh, Lawrence Keogh, Dominic Keogh, Irene Hockley, Kathleen Kennedy, Leo Stevens Jnr, Fr John Shelley, Shirley Billet, Harriet O'Boyle, Vincent Kennedy, Belinda Hearn, Mary Canty, Daniel (Mick) Roche, Martin Downes, Karen Vann, Gayle Harris, Patrick Harrington, Lisa Van Der Spank, Anthony McMaster, Amy Dempsey, Arthur Clark, Frank Fitzpatrick, Kathleen Mulcahy, Norman Leggett, Neil Byrne, Kath Walker, Annie McNamara, John McMillan

Please pray for Terry Weeks, Kate Wilson, Sally Rook, Julie Neale and Margaret Hassall, Jenny Sharman, Anne-Marie Joyce

Golden Gate Roster

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

Lake Bolac Roster

Sat 4/9 Reader Damian Phillips // Prayers of Faithful Leanne Breen // Cleaning Helen Smith

Sat 18/9 Reader Jane Higgins // Prayers of Faithful Judy Aldous // Cleaning Rosemary Liston

Sick and Retired Priests Appeal – Next Sunday if Covid Allows

Ballarat Clergy Support Fund

Creating a secure retirement future for the priests of the diocese is a duty and care in which we can all participate. Seventeen retired priests are currently supported by this Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation. This annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy. A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.

CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US – THE CHURCH COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY



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.

Stawell Ecumenical Prayer at St Patrick's Moved to September 5, 5pm

The ecumenical prayer will clearly not be taking place this Sunday. It has been rescheduled for September 5. All welcome.

Special Days in the Coming Weeks

12 September Safeguarding Sunday // 26 September Migrant Refugee Sunday // 24 October World Mission Day

Major earthquake hits Haiti

Caritas Australia's thoughts and prayers are with the people of the Haiti who have been devastated by a 7.2 magnitude earthquake. Over 1,400 people have died and thousands more left injured. Homes, churches and schools have been damaged in the quake, and reports indicate that more than 30,000 families have been left homeless. The country also continues to grapple with COVID-19, poverty, and ongoing political instability and violence. There is immediate and urgent need for food, water, shelter, hygiene kits and first aid on the ground. To provide support, you can donate to Caritas Australia's Emergency Response Appeal. Donate today at www.caritas.org.au or by calling 1800 024 413 toll free.



Social Justice Sunday

This Sunday we celebrate Social Justice Sunday and take time to reflect on the Australian Catholic Bishops Social Justice Statement Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor.

Download the Statement from

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2021/06/24/social-justice-statement-2021-22/>

The social justice statement is too many pages to print, but I have included the link (above) for people to download and included (below) the Opening Prayer and Intercessions suggested for this Sunday and an upcoming climate change forum.

Opening Prayer

God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

For the church: That the Body of Christ listens attentively and responds with transformative practical action to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. Let us pray to the Lord: R. Lord hear our prayer

For our church and civic leaders: That all leaders respect and partner with the lived wisdom of First Nations people in actively caring for country and nurturing healthy, integrated communities. Let us pray to the Lord: R. Lord hear our prayer

For environmentally degraded parts of the earth, and for those living in poverty: That government, business, and community policies and practices at the local, national, and international level honour, reflect and protect the sacredness of all places, creatures, and people. Let us pray to the Lord: R. Lord hear our prayer

For all of us here: That we be trustworthy stewards, active protectors, and reverent carers of our earth and her people through conscious and just living. Let us pray to the Lord: R. Lord hear our prayer

Commission Climate Change Forum – Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission

On November 6, 2021 the Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission will host a Climate Change Forum in Ballarat. Through this forum, we celebrate the launch of the Bishops Conference Social Justice Statement 2021-2022 'Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor'. We are inviting you to share what you have for ecological justice. Do you market a product that is about sustainable practices and clean living? Maybe you know a thing or two about how to reduce carbon emissions. Do you have a particular skill in embracing nature and celebrating all things in the natural environment? We want to show the community what people are doing and this is an opportunity for you to share! It could be anything from how to make bees wax wraps, how to compost food scraps to how to recycle and make your own paper. Perhaps you have a wealth of gardening skills and can set up a stall to showcase them. Maybe you have information about how to save power and water. Get in touch with us and let us know what you've got! We would love to hear from you. Email social.justice@ballarat.catholic.org.au.

Plenary Council – Fan the Flame Prayer Campaign

Fan the Flame: Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021.

'The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.' John 6:60-69

Through appropriate faith formation, God can shape us into deepening our spirituality within the life of the Church, engaging with scripture, encountering God in worship and prayerfully developing our living relationship with Jesus Christ.

(Prayerful and Eucharistic – Discernment Paper p. 5) <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheblade/>

You are invited to join the national prayer campaign and in a special way support the ongoing journey of the Plenary Council. As the first Assembly in October 2021 draws nearer, all people are invited to become 'Prayer Partners' to accompany the Members and invoke the Holy Spirit on this historic gathering for the Church in Australia. The "Fan the Flame" resources have been designed so they can be used by individuals or by groups of any size and in any setting. They include material for each week, and as well as material that can be used at any time to support prayerful preparation for the Plenary Council. Resources can be accessed at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheblade/

"Mission: one heart many voices" Virtual Conference

Inspired by Jesus, this conference will focus on themes of encounter on the margins, inclusion, governance and synodality and challenge you to consider contemporary Mission in light of Pope Francis' teaching, witness and vision of liminal leadership in mission. The Conference is from September 1-3, 2021 and is being convened by Catholic Religious Australia in conjunction with Catholic Mission. Perhaps your parish may wish to host a forum and invite members of your community to attend and share this experience together. An opportunity not to be missed. Check it out at <https://2021.mohmv.com.au/>.

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
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	St Bernard's Church 76 Montgomery St Lake Bolac	St Francis of Assisi Church 76 McKinlay St Landsborough
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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
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