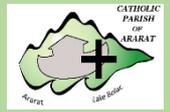




St Patrick's Parish Stawell and Landsborough St Mary's Parish Ararat and Lake Bolac



We acknowledge the Djab 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 September 12, 2021 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading

[Is 50:5-9](#)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 114:1-6. 8-9. R. v.9](#)

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
in the land of the living.

1. I love the Lord for he has heard
the cry of my appeal;
for he turned his ear to me
in the day when I called him. (R.)
2. They surrounded me, the snares of death,
with anguish of the tomb;
they caught me, sorrow and distress.
I called on the Lord's name.
O Lord my God, deliver me! (R.)
3. How gracious is the Lord, and just;
our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me. (R.)
4. He has kept my soul from death,
my eyes from tears
and my feet from stumbling.
I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living. (R.)



Second Reading

[Jas 2:14-18](#)

A reading from the letter of St James
Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

Gospel Acclamation

[Gal 6:14](#)

Alleluia, alleluia! My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. Alleluia!

Gospel

[Mk 8:27-35](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

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 to Fri 10am

Ararat: Tues 14th 9.30am // Fri 17th 11am with morning tea

Readings for Next Sunday Sept 19 (25th Sunday Yr B)

[Wis 2:12, 17-20](#) // [Jas 3:16 – 4:3](#) // [Mk 9:30-37](#)

Recent Deaths Jim Haslett, Sr Anne McMillan

Anniversaries Stawell

Mary Auld 1973, Mark Sladdin 1982, Margaret Kerin 1961, Stacey Falloon 1984, Kathleen Monaghan 1989, Stephen Gavin 1971, Donald McLean 1983, Leith Galway Thomas 2003, Maureen Rathgeber 2006, Patricia Vendy 2008, James Fleetwood Smith 1961, Anthony Delahunty 1967, Thomas Brown 1967, Mary Fallon 1988, Carmel D'Arcy 2001, Julia Sweeney 1962, Arthur Connell 1964

Anniversaries Ararat

Eileen Rees, John Seild, Fr Frank McLaughlin, Ross McCann, John Hennessy, Patricia Egan, Gertrude Brennan, Ronald Ryan, Vin Fitzpatrick, Fortunata Di Domenico, Molly O'Connor, Keith Young, Teresa Conroy, Geoffrey O'Brien, Ruth Molloy, John Molloy, Martin Creenaune, Maureen Rathgeber, Eileen Arnold, Hugh Waring, Judith Vos, Naomi Phillips, Jan Smith, George Tutton, Thomas O'Connor, Alice Parker, John Parker, Cyril Tour

Please pray for Fr Eric Bryant, Dylan Vernon, Terry Weeks, Kate Wilson, Sally Rook, Julie Neale, Margaret Hassall, Jenny Sharman, Anne-Marie Joyce

Golden Gate Roster September 12 Libby // 19 Harry & Anna // 26 Jim & Jan

Lake Bolac Roster

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

Sat 2/10 Reader Phillip Meek // Prayers of Faithful Damian Phillips // Cleaning Leanne Breen



Covid Rules - Twenty People - Booking for Mass Begins Sunday Sept 19

For both Ararat and Stawell, there will be a sheet for parishioners to book in for Sunday Masses.

The booking sheets will be near the lectern in Stawell and on the office door in Ararat.

Lake Bolac and Landsborough won't need to book in.

Combined Service Next Sunday at St Patrick's Stawell

There will be a combined service next Sunday September 19 at 5pm (20 person limit)

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.

Study and Mentoring (SAM) Program applications invited

The Sisters of the Good Samaritan Study and Mentoring (SAM) Program offers financial assistance for women undertaking tertiary studies at a recognised theological institution. Core components of the program include opportunities for spiritual direction, mentoring and dialogue with like-minded women. For more information go to

<https://www.goodsams.org.au/2021/08/17/study-and-mentoring-leadership-program-focuses-on-womens-gifts/>

No Interest Loans available for those doing it tough

Safe, fair and affordable credit is available for essential goods and services such as fridges, washing machines, car repairs and medical procedures for up to \$1,500. Repayments are set at an affordable amount over 12 to 18 months. To find out more about Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand's No Interest Loans, go to

https://goodshep.org.au/services/nils?fbclid=IwAR33rkal12LjFX9wvLIl5o3cHFFK4h-QOrmJcuquetRO4iUDq_zz-0y91Dwclick.

Held Off Until Restrictions Allow

Sick and Retired Priests Appeal // Safeguarding Sunday

Special Days in the Coming Weeks - 26 September Migrant Refugee Sunday // 24 October World Mission Day

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – Online Study

Our partner, Dayton University, offers low-cost (\$50usd) online study and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parishes. Study cycles are over 3 or 5 weeks. Cycle 7, the last for 2021, begins October 10. Registrations are open now until October 1. The first Cycle for 2022 will begin on January 16. For more information go to www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or email djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7121.

An Introduction to Scripture

Offered by Anima Education, an Apostolate of the Catholic Women's League of Victoria and Wagga Wagga. This series, presented by David Schutz, seeks to introduce you to Scriptures, what kind of writings they are, how they came to us and how the Church reads them. Begins Monday, September 13, 2021, from 7.00pm - 9.00pm over five weekly sessions at Mary Glowrey House and via Zoom. Cost \$95.00 Bookings at <https://www.trybooking.com/BTEYP>. More information available at <http://animanetwork.org/anima-education>

Catholic Mission Month

Catholic Mission Australia has launched its annual World Mission Month Appeal, focusing on the work of the Good Shepherd Sisters in Thailand supporting children from vulnerable and disadvantaged backgrounds through the Kindergarten Centre. For more information go to <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/catholic-mission-launches-world-mission-month-appeal>

Volunteer in Australia and Overseas - The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for January 2022 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Australia. When it is possible and safe to do so, we will recommence sending volunteers to work with disadvantaged young people in Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste & the Solomon Islands. Applications close October 30th. Send us an inquiry - www.cagliero.org.au

Reflection on the Gospel-24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B (Mark 8:27-35) -Veronica M. Lawson RSM

Today's gospel reading leads us into a section of Mark's gospel that explores challenges confronting all disciples on their journey of faith. The first challenge is to clarify the nature of our commitment as disciples of Jesus. If we fail to understand who Jesus is, then we have little chance of understanding the nature of our own call to follow him. Two questions ("Who do *people* say that I am?" and "Who do *you* say that I am?") are addressed to our forebears in faith communities of the latter part of the first century and to Christians across the millennia. We are invited to hear these questions anew. Do we simply share what "the people" say about Jesus? Are we like Peter who has the right language but only partial insight? Or do we have the wisdom to seek a deeper understanding of the identity of Jesus? In response to Jesus' second question ("Who do you say that I am?"), Peter gets the words right: Jesus is the Messiah, the Christ, God's anointed messenger. It becomes clear, however, that Peter has a very different notion from Jesus of what it means to be the Messiah or the Christ. This is understandable since there were diverse messianic expectations within first-century Judaism. Many expected a royal militaristic figure who would drive out the Roman occupiers and restore Israel's status as an independent nation. Jesus, as God's Messiah, refuses the way of violent action. His way is to be true to his mission of bringing God's empire, even if it brings the most intense personal suffering. Peter refuses to accept a suffering Messiah. He is severely reprimanded for his refusal and instructed to get out of the way, to get back to where a disciple should be, namely behind Jesus, following him, and not in front obstructing the path to wisdom and life.

Our experience of global conflicts should make us wary of accepting militaristic messiahs. We have learnt from bitter experience that war does little to bring peace and justice. In our times, to know and follow Jesus as the Christos or Messiah is to seek and support more moderate and lasting responses to both perceived and real injustice. It is to listen to the wisdom of those with insight and experience, to calculate with the utmost care the consequences of violent reactions to the problems in our world, in contemporary society, and in our homes. That may well involve hard work, personal misunderstanding, physical and emotional trauma or, in other words, it may mean "losing one's life" for the sake of the gospel. It may call us to ensure that all have access to a more equitable share of earth resources. It certainly calls for profound trust in the saving power of God. In this Season of Creation, the gospel calls us into the ways of respect, of commitment, and of peaceful negotiation, to ever deeper insight into the ways of Jesus the Christ, the anointed agent of God's empire.

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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"

Presbytery Account "Presbytery Account"

Westpac Bank **BSB** 033 201 // Acc 810035

Westpac Bank **BSB** 033 201 //Acc 810043

Details for Stawell Parish

Parish Account **BSB** 013 815 **Acc:** 286326347

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