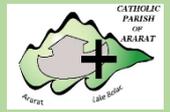




St Patrick's Parish Stawell and Landsborough St Mary's Parish Ararat and Lake Bolac



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 September 26, 2021 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading

[Nm 11:25-29](#)

A reading from the book of Numbers
The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again. Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9](#)

(R.) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.
1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)
2. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. (R.)
3. So in them your servant finds instructions; great reward is in their keeping. But who can detect all his errors? From hidden faults acquit me. (R.)
4. From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me.
Then shall I be blameless, clean from grave sin. (R.)

Second Reading

[Jas 5:1-6](#)

A reading from the letter of St James
An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

Gospel Acclamation

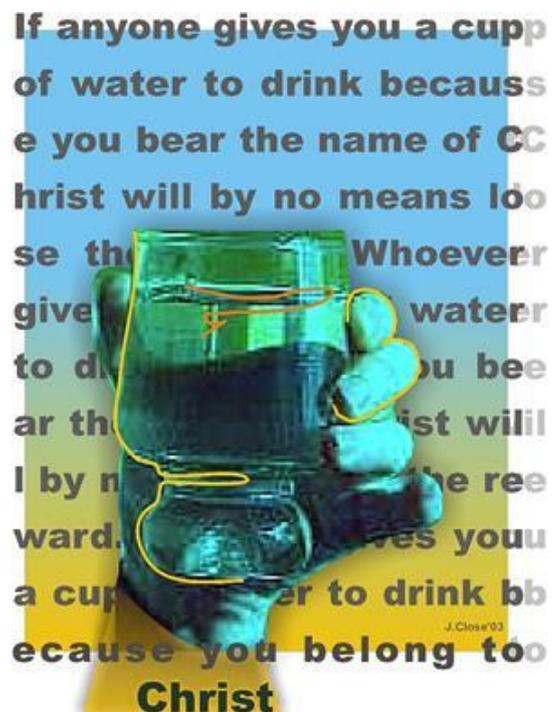
[See Jn 17:17](#)

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. Alleluia!

Gospel

[Mk 9:38-43. 45. 47-48](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us. 'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward. 'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'



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: Wed 29th 9.30am // Fri 1st 11am with morning tea

Readings for Next Sunday Sept 26 (26th Sunday Yr B)

[Nm 11:25-29](#) // [Jas 5:1-6](#) // [Mk 9:38-43. 45. 47-48](#)

Mass at Landsborough – in addition to the rostered Saturdays, Landsborough will have Mass at 6pm on Tuesday October 5

Recent Deaths

Anniversaries Stawell

Mary Rutter 1953, Ruby Seary 1969, Pascalle Valente 2011, Nicholas Cosgrave 1952, Alice Tiddy 1952, Robbert Prydderch 1957, Michael Walsh 1995, Frances Woolley 2019, Thomas Turvey 1963, B. Seary 1972, William Power 2009, Nancy Gibson 2010, Theresa Healy 1952, Margaret Jess 2005, John Jess 2019, Annie Larkan 1972, Daniel Francis O'Rourke 1955, Kathleen Monaghan 1961

Anniversaries Ararat

Edmund Gleeson, Margaret Johnson, Bruce Harrison, Robert Prydderch, Alex Shields, Marjorie Stapleton, Margaret Ryan, Joe Hayes, Mary Kelly, Kaz Grabowski, Judith Haberecht-Reid, Natasha Eastick, Tom Ryan, Seamus Hennessy, Elywn Lillis, Frederick Waring, Carmen Claridge, Bill Canty, Glen Lister

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 26 Jim & Jan

Lake Bolac Roster Sat 2/10 Reader Phillip Meek // Prayers of Faithful Damian Phillips // Cleaning Leanne Breen
Sat 16/10 Reader Leanne Breen // Prayers of Faithful Phillip Meek // Cleaning Irene Meek

20 Person Limit – Please book in for Mass

Thanks to everyone who has booked in for Mass to be among the twenty people.

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

There is no need to book for Landsborough and Lake Bolac

Good News! 150 people at Mass is coming!

The Government Roadmap for the opening up of churches to larger crowds (150 people in November) will depend on many factors including Covid case numbers and vaccination rates. We are hearing from the government and from Bishop Paul that proof of vaccination may be required when numbers increase to 150 people. More information will be provided when it is available including how this will be monitored. For now, the encouragement is to get ourselves vaccinated. It will be helpful if parishioners can speak to your friends as information comes to hand to ensure that everyone knows when the 150 happens.

- September – 20 people. Bookings required.
- October – Numbers may increase to 30 if conditions allow. Bookings will be required.
- November – The Government Roadmap anticipates that during November our allowed numbers will increase to 150 people. This is more than we usually have in our churches for Sunday Mass, so there will be no need to book. QR coding will be required, and we may need to show proof of vaccination to enter.

2022 Part Time Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) program

Are you interested in gaining recognised education in the provision of pastoral care in the context of parish, aged care or health care? A part time program is available online and face to face (when covid safe) for successful applicants. The program offers education, formation and experience through approved and mutually negotiated placement hours and group days. CPE is recognised by the University of Divinity as 48 points towards theological studies.

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Season of Creation by Nick Brodie

Twice in today's Gospel Jesus refers to the everlasting fire of hell. Better to lose a hand or an eye than endure that, he says, making some dramatic points about sin and sacrifice. At this moment in human history Jesus' choice of imagery and his message about dramatic action are especially pertinent. As Pope Francis declares in his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, climate change is an imminent threat to our world. For Christians, this raises two issues directly relevant to this passage from Mark. On the one hand, we have a duty to protect ourselves and each other from catastrophe by checking our own sinful behaviours and habits. We should seriously consider what we can do to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels through personal usage, investment options, and political choices. We cannot dodge responsibility on this issue. Our faith demands action. On the other hand, we also have a duty to find common cause with everyone else who shares this concern. Pope Francis encourages us to work with people of other religions 'for the sake of protecting nature, defending the poor, and building networks of respect and fraternity'. When it comes to protecting our common home, 'Anyone who is not against us is for us.' © Nick Brodie

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The question of legitimacy of ministry is not a new one. There is a certain amount of tension between the institutional and the charismatic aspects of the church. To say that one is Spirit-driven and the other is not is to misunderstand Jesus' promise to remain with the church until the end of time. God normally calls ministers through the structures of the community. The authorities of the church are usually the ones who make the ultimate decisions about the needs of the church, how these needs are to be met, and who is to meet them. That is one of the responsibilities of their office. However, God calls in other ways as well. A solid biblical tradition maintains that the Spirit is not confined to human structure or custom. We see this in the judges, the prophets, and even the early kings. The Pentecost story describes the coming of the Spirit upon all people – sons and daughters, young and old, slaves and free. When God calls it is up to us to recognise that call and to test its spirit. Perhaps the primary criterion we have for judging is the biblical measure: By their fruits you shall know them. Today we also see that those who benefit from exploitation of the vulnerable will reap the fruits of their sin. This warning stems from the belief in the justice of God. Just as we believe that God will not allow the righteous to go unrewarded, so we are confident that neither will the wicked escape punishment.

Ballarat Clergy Support Fund - Collection for Sick and Retired Priests



The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund provides for retired priests who have spent a lifetime selflessly caring for others, and who deserve a happy and peaceful retirement. The Fund is currently supporting and caring for seventeen retired priests. Over the next few years a number of priests currently in parish ministry will be moving into retirement, and will also need to be supported by the fund. This annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy. Please give as generously as you can, and help us continue 'caring for those who cared for us'. Special envelopes are available for this collection, which will be taken up today. You may also return your envelope next week. A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible. Envelopes available in the churches.

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

Australian Catholic Bishops Social Justice Statement

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

The cover features a photograph of a lush green forest with a waterfall cascading into a stream. The title 'CRY OF THE EARTH, CRY OF THE POOR' is written in large, white, sans-serif capital letters across the top. Below the image, there is a quote and contact information for the Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace.

By listening with an open heart to those who are most affected, we can begin, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to discern the signs of the times.

**Social Justice Statement 2021-22:
Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor**

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Updated: Steve Blinger

The text is presented in a clean, white font against a dark blue background with a wavy, water-like pattern at the top.

Lord, when we listen with your ears we hear:
the bush grown more silent,
the birdsong less vibrant,
the stream's sluggish ripple.
Have mercy and open our ears.

Lord, when we look with your eyes we see:
the soil depleted,
the sky smudged,
the oceans rubbished and the great currents slowed.
Have mercy and help us to see.

Lord, when we look with your eyes we see:
the workers who struggle to get by,
the women subjected to violence,
the people who are excluded.
Have mercy and help us to see.

Lord, when we listen with your ears we hear:
the sound of hungry children,
the distress of the mentally ill,
the silent pain of homeless women and men.
Have mercy and open our ears.

Send your Spirit upon us Lord to renew our sight,
to restore our hearing,
and to reclaim your reign of justice for all people
and peace for creation.

AMEN

There are a number of prayer cards supporting this year's Social Justice Statement. If room allows we will include them in the coming weeks' bulletins. They can be found at the link above.

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Details for Stawell Parish

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