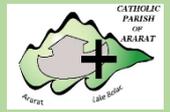




St Patrick's Parish Stawell and Landsborough St Mary's Parish Ararat and Lake Bolac



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 October 24, 2021 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading

[Jer 31:7-9](#)

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah
The Lord says this: Shout with joy for Jacob! Hail the chief of nations! Proclaim! Praise! Shout: The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel! See, I will bring them back from the land of the North and gather them from the far ends of earth; all of them: the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour: a great company returning here. They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble. For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 125. R. v.3](#)

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.
1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, It seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. (R.)
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. (R.)
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. (R.)
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. (R.)

Second Reading

[Heb 5:1-6](#)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

Gospel Acclamation

[See 2 Tim 1:10](#)

Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!

Gospel

[Mk 10:46-52](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.



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 26th 6pm // Wed 27th ARV 10am // Fri 29th 11am with morning tea

Readings for Next Sunday Oct 31 (31st Sunday Yr B)

[Dt 6:2-6](#)//[Heb 7:23-28](#) //[Mk 12:28-34](#)

Recent Deaths: Fr Denis Dennehy

Anniversaries Stawell

William Falvey 1966, Mary Atkinson 1993, Bridgit Whelan 1945, Peter Scarsi 1953, Emily Healy 1965, Mollie Rutter 1983, Elizabeth McSparron 1963, Robert Boag 1980, Peter Mornane 1999, Monica Morrissey 2005, Catherine Vendy 1972, Brian Monaghan 2006, Matt Pope 1944, William Byrne 1970, Mary Healy 1973, Elsa White 1991, Patricia O'Loughlin 2017, William Alfred Evans 2018, Anna Phelan 1985, Jack Naylor 2001, Nora Todd-Culph 2006, Leo Crawford 2017

Anniversaries Ararat

Molly Rutter, Mons. Frank McKenzie, Betty Bulger, John Hennessy, Bill Gleeson, Alfrid Hooper, Joyce Hockley, Jean Carey, John Kyatt, Patts Pratt, Patricia Kavanagh, William Radley, Kevin Westrup, Lino Fratin, Noel Kent, Noel Birrell, Irene O'Connor, Norman Hearn, Conception Unabia, Adrian Starkie

Golden Gate Roster

October 24 Libby // Harry Anna

November 7 Teresa // 14 Jim Jan // 21 Libby // Harry Anna

Lake Bolac Roster

Sat 30/10 Reader Irene Meek // Prayers of Faithful Denise Haslett // Cleaning Tricia Higgins

Sat 6/11 Reader Tricia Higgins// Prayers of Faithful Michael Phillips // Cleaning Judy Aldous

November 7 - Two Weeks to Go!

Principle: If everyone present is double vaxxed, we will be allowed to have 50 people in Stawell and Ararat. More than 50? The extras will be asked to go into the Hall in Stawell and the Parish Centre in Ararat. We will be able to have 35 in Landsborough and Lake Bolac. If we have unvaxxed people present, then that number (in all churches) drops to 20.

For those who are double vaccinated

From Sunday November 7, we will be able to have larger numbers of double vaccinated people at Mass.

To come to Mass parishioners will need:

- To be double vaccinated (1st jab received and the 2nd booked in will not be enough)
- To bring proof of vaccination (there will be no entry without proof which can be on your phone or on paper)
- We hope to keep a record of who is vaccinated to save having to bring certificates every time – stay tuned

How do I get proof of vaccination?

- Attend a Medicare office and ask for a printout
- Call the Australian Immunisation Register 1800 653 809 – they will post you a certificate
- Through MyGov / Service Victoria App / Medicare App

For those not yet double vaccinated

Government regulations will allow parishioners without vaccinations to come to Masses with fewer than 20 people.

You will be welcome at all of our weekday Masses and Masses in Landsborough.

Last weekend Lake Bolac had more than twenty, so they will be above twenty and proof of vaccination will be required.

In the Meantime – this week and next

Please book in to be among the twenty. The booking sheets are near the lectern in Stawell and on the office door in Ararat.

Combining the Parish Offices

A blessed, happy and fulfilling retirement Gloria!

Gloria Pickering retired this week after 15 years of service to the Stawell Parish. The Interim Parish Council shared lunch with Gloria and Greg on Thursday. Thankyou Gloria for your years of service.

The Stawell office has now closed and many of its tasks have moved to Ararat.

The phone number is: 03 5352 5460

The parish postal address is now PO Box 92 Ararat 3377

The office is staffed on Thursdays and Fridays by Jill Croxford.

Please call her on her office days rather than at home.

The Stawell email address will continue to operate.



For Sale: The Stawell presbytery (convent) is almost ready for paint and carpet. Quotes are coming in. We're nearly ready for tenants. A few items of furniture remain and these have been advertised on Buy Swap and Sell. The office printer is for sale. Please speak to Jill in Ararat by email or phone (Thursdays and Fridays.)

At the Interim Parish Council this week we determined that some things will remain in Stawell including the sacrament record books, parish archives and child-safety documents. We will work to find a place to store these securely.

The Sunday collections will be counted and banked in Ararat. In time we will close the post office box.

Introducing the staff in Ararat

These are the people who have been preparing bulletins, music and computers for Mass, deciphering the Covid rules and QR codes, keeping records, lots of tasks for both parishes. Now that Gloria has retired, many of her tasks will be done by these staff. When the time comes to merge the parishes we will be well ready.

Jill Croxford: Finance and Administration Sr Maree Holt: The Oracle

Joan Fitzpatrick: Liturgy and computers Linda Fearon: Looks after Fr Andrew

Next Ecumenical Service in Stawell – 5pm, November 14, Anglican Church

Stawell CWL Dates

Wed 10th Nov 10am - Mass for deceased members // Sun 14th Nov cuppa after Mass // Sun 12th Dec - cuppa after Mass.

Thurs 25th Nov 1.30pm - AGM // Thurs 2nd Dec - Parish Christmas lunch.

Upcoming Forum: Listening, learning...change

Cry of the Earth Cry of the Poor – a Ballarat response to the Australian Catholic Bishops Social Justice Statement will be held on Saturday, November 6, 2021 from 10.00am – 3.00pm. This free event can be attended via some parish hubs (COVID restrictions depending) or independently via the Zoom platform. Register through Eventbrite

[https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/listening-learningchange-tickets-](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/listening-learningchange-tickets-185567857457?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch&keep_tld=1)

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Spirituality and Disability Symposium

Next week is pastoral/spiritual care week for 2021. The theme of this year's week is 'Advancing Spiritual Care Through Research'. In response, Catholic Social Services Victoria (CSSV) and St John of God Accord are hosting an online panel discussion 'Spiritual Health and Wellbeing - its Presence and Impact in the Lives of People with Intellectual Disability' that will feature a presentation on research that is currently being undertaken to explore the impacts of pastoral care to clients with intellectual disability and their carers. Info: <https://css.org.au/events/spirituality-and-disability-symposium/>

"Streams of Light" – a collection of 2020 Easter Messages

"Streams of Light" is a collection of 2020 Easter messages from Australian bishops (including Bishop Paul) in the context of the pandemic. This collection of homilies and pastoral letters captures the moment of strangeness, deprivation and isolation, pierced by joyful good news and the faithfulness of the Church's pastors to their people. The book is available from St Pauls Publications for \$16.95 (plus postage costs) <https://secure.stpauls.com.au/strathfield/streams-of-light-easter-messages-from-australian-bishops-during-lockdown-2020.html>

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. Info: <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/catholic-mission-launches-world-mission-month-appeal>

Knox Public Lecture 2021

Presented by Professor Eleanor Bourke on “Truth Telling & the Yoo-rrook Justice Commission” on Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 7.00pm online. Professor Bourke is a Wergaia/Wamba Wamba Elder and is Chair of the Yoo-rrook Justice Commission. For more information and to register, go to <https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/knox-public-lecture/>

ACRATH Conversation Series

The final conversation topic for 2021 will be held on Wednesday, October 27 on “Placing the person at the centre of our Christmas shopping”. Conversation guests are Bonnie Graham, Ethical Fashion Coordinator with Baptist World Aid Australia and Nick Savaidis, founder of ETIKO and an early pioneer of ethical clothing in Australia. Hear how Nick and Bonnie are working to slavery-proof supply chains and influence buying practices and how this impacts workers around the world. You can join the Conversation at 11.15am (Melbourne time) for a cuppa and 15 minutes of informal chat. The Conversation with Nick and Bonnie will start at 11.30am sharp and finish at noon. Join the zoom meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88257740666?pwd=dC9XaDE4aFVFS3IMOUJIR0tvMUErUT09>

Synodality & Co-Responsibility – Online

Synodality & Co-Responsibility is the second online conversation in the Light from the Southern Cross - Catalyst for Conversation series, to be held on Monday, November 1, 2021. Speakers & Topics: Rev Associate Professor Orm Rush, Australian Catholic University - The Roots of ‘Synodality’ in the Vision of Vatican II; Most Rev Shane Mackinlay, Bishop of Sandhurst - Discovering Synodality by trying it out: Reflections on the First Assembly of the Plenary Council; Mrs Teresa Brierley, Director Pastoral Ministries, Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle - The Long and Winding Road: 30 years of discovery. For more information go to <https://www.catholicreligious.org.au/events/synodality-and-co-responsibility>

CatholicCare Victoria - Free Mental Health & Wellbeing Guide

CatholicCare Victoria has been supporting the Ballarat community for almost 45 years. To help in these tough times, we’ve developed a free guide to mental health and wellbeing, created by regional Victorians, for regional Victorians. Download your copy today at https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/campaign/13/mental-health-and-wellbeing-guide?utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&utm_campaign=mental-health&utm_content=ballarat&fbclid=IwAR26onSC87f6p89AM0li_Conf5W_cYPyRTwsDKzWwMk4xREnbkTGzUv07ec

Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF)

The Ballarat Diocese partnered with Dayton University offers online Faith Formation study. VLCFF is a growing initiative to offer adult religious education and faith formation anytime and anywhere. The goal is to support the church's professional ministry of religious education and faith formation in cyberspace. We encourage parish and diocesan staff to consider taking up the opportunity to enhance their faith formation by undertaking any of these courses on offer for a small fee of \$50usd. The 2022 Calendar of subjects is attached and more information is available on the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/pastoral-ministry/lay-pastoral-ministry-program/> as well as at <https://vlcff.udayton.edu/>

Synod of Bishops

Catholics across Australia are invited to participate in a period of local consultation for the next international Synod of Bishops, which has the theme: “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission”. The People of God are invited to use a guided, prayerful reflection method to consider a series of questions and make submissions via an online portal. Those submissions will help the Bishops develop a national report to support the global process leading to an international gathering in 2023. Find out more at <http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

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