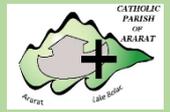




St Patrick's Parish Stawell and Landsborough St Mary's Parish Ararat and Lake Bolac



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 November 7, 2021 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading

[1 Kgs 17:10-16](#)

A reading from the first book of the Kings
Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives', she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,
jug of oil shall not be emptied,
before the day when the Lord sends
rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 145:7-10. R.v.2](#)

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord who sets prisoners free. (R.)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord who protects the stranger. (R.)
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading

[Heb 9:24-28](#)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to

suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

Gospel Acclamation

[Mt 5:3](#)

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs. Alleluia!

Gospel

[Mk 12:38-44](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front



seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.' He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small

coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

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 9th 1.30pm (with CWL), Wed 10th 11am Lowe St, Fri 12 11am with morning tea

Readings for Next Sunday Nov 14 (33rd Sunday Yr B)

[Dn 12:1-3](#)// [Heb 10:11-14, 18](#) // [Mk 13:24-32](#)

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve: Stawell 6pm, Ararat 7.30pm, Lake Bolac 9.15pm

Christmas Morning: Landsborough 9am

Recent Deaths

Anniversaries Stawell

Denis McKey 1982, Audrey Nicholson 1997, Arthur (Stan) Anyon 2009, Betty Leonard 2005, Ivan Bates 1964, Hugh Monaghan 1957

Anniversaries Ararat

David Grinter, Hazel Jewell, Patricia Smith, Fr Frank Crowe, Peter Van Opstal, Jacob Weeks, Majorie Holt, Hugh Fitzpatrick, Norma McGrath, John Evans, Frances Kearney, Margaret McRae, Gerard Mercovich, Leo Green, Keith Jerram, Albert Thomas, Moira Flynn, Paddy Brennan, Hilda Cowell, Rodolfo Auxilio, Julian McKenzie-McHarg, Enid Dower, Allan Hewitt, Evelyn Moloney

Golden Gate Roster

November 7 Teresa // 14 Jim Jan // 21 Libby // 28 Harry Anna

Lake Bolac Roster

Sat Nov 6 Reader Tricia Higgins // Prayers of Faithful Michael Phillips // Cleaning Judy Aldous
Sat Nov 20 Reader Helen Smith // Prayers of Faithful Rosemary Liston // Cleaning Jane Higgins

Advent Discussion in Stawell

To prepare ourselves for Christmas we're offering a weekly Advent Discussion after our Tuesday Masses during Advent, (10.30am approx.) beginning on Tuesday November 30. This will include a hearing and reflection on the coming Sunday's readings. Everyone is welcome.

Advent: Online Learning

Our online learning partner, Dayton University, is offering two new Advent classes beginning November 28. *Advent: A Holy Waiting* is designed as an e-retreat experience. Participants will find enrichment for the season through scripture, spiritual reading and listening, group discussion, prayer, and sacred music; and *Let This Be the Time: Spiritual Essentials for Life's Second Act* explores the needs of people in their later lives: what is happening and how to maximize these times for the deepening of our spirituality. Registration is open until November 25. Info: <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/pastoral-ministry/lay-pastoral-ministry-program/>

Lake Bolac Appeal for Sister Gottfrieda's Indian Mission - Our annual appeal will take place this weekend, November 6.

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.

Ecumenical Service Stawell

Anglican Church Sunday 14th Nov at 5pm. Followed by a cuppa. Double vaccination required.

Inter Church Council Stawell

Stawell Inter Church Council will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Thursday 18th November in the St Pat's church hall at 7pm. This meeting will be immediately followed by our usual meeting so we are aiming to start the AGM promptly at 7pm. We really need as many of you as possible to attend.

CWL Ararat Meeting on Tuesday November 9th, Mass at 1.30pm in church, followed by Annual Meeting and afternoon tea.

Stawell Inter Church Council Welfare Cottage

You may know someone who is doing it tough. The Stawell Inter Church Council Welfare Cottage, 20 Sloane St, is open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Owing to covid 19 there will be no children's toys or books available this year.

- For after-hours emergencies ring 0408 038 949
- To request a Christmas grocery shopping voucher from the Cottage ring 0408 877 021 on Tuesdays and Thursdays in November between 10.30am and 12.30pm.

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

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The willingness to give all that one has is the central theme of today's readings. They offer us three models. Jesus is the ultimate example of heroic generosity. He first offered himself as expiation for our sin. Now, as the eternal high priest, he stands before God as our mediator, pleading on our behalf, bringing salvation to those who eagerly await him. It is interesting to note that the other two models of selfless giving are widows, individuals who are doubly disadvantaged by the patriarchal societies of which they are members. Their generosity is religiously inspired, and it comes from women who had the least material possessions to give. This kind of giving requires that we reach deep into ourselves and almost strip ourselves of our hold on life, and that we do this for religious reasons. The giving that is pictured in today's readings is nothing less than heroic generosity. God will not be outdone in generosity. Sometimes we become the beneficiaries of obvious blessing, as was the case in the story of the woman of Zarephath who was granted a year's supply of flour and oil. At other times, we simply continue living life as usual, like the woman in the temple who was unaware of the commendation that Jesus had given her. The truly generous do not look for reward. They carry out their responsibilities and place the rest in God's hands.



**Sometimes you just
have to pick yourself up
and carry on**



Two Steps for Entry to Mass

**1 Scan your QR Code
(or have someone help you)**



**2 Show your Vaccination
Certificate to the Covid Marshal**



Parish Information – Parishes of Stawell and Ararat

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What's Happening in the Presbytery (Convent) in Stawell?

New carpet will be laid on November 9. Painting will begin on November 15

Proposed Merger of the Parishes of Stawell and Ararat - Tasks to be completed

Establish one Parish Pastoral Council ##

Establish one Parish Office ✓

Establish one Parish Finance Committee ✓

Consultation including:

A name for the new parish

What is important to us as church?

How would we like our parish to be?

How will we manage and communicate the finances to ensure fairness and transparency?

Ratification by Bishop Paul Bird

The Stawell Interim Parish Council and the Ararat Parish Pastoral Council have been meeting to discuss these and other issues. At some stage the Stawell Interim Council will cease to be interim. We think we'll have separate committees in Ararat and Stawell who will meet mostly to discuss local issues, and then meet together on other occasions to discuss common issues.

Name for the New Parish

We thought we'd receive ideas for this next

You are welcome to make more than one suggestion

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Name for the New Merged Parish

The parish will comprise St Patrick's Stawell, St Francis of Assisi Landsborough, St Mary's Ararat and St Bernard's Lake Bolac

It is likely that St John the Baptist Beaufort will be included by 2025

The Combined Parish Councils will meet on November 24 to discuss your ideas. More consultation will follow

My suggested religious or patronal name for the new parish is: _____

My suggested name for our geographical area is _____

Explanation for my suggestions: