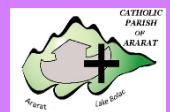




St Patrick's Parish Stawell and Landsborough

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 December 5, 2021 Second Sunday of Advent, Year C

First Reading

[Bar 5:1-9](#)

A reading from the prophet Baruch
Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'. Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

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

[Phil 1:3-6. 8-11](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

Gospel Acclamation

[Lk 3:4. 6](#)

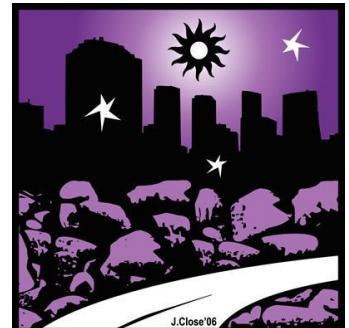
Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths: all people shall see
the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Gospel

[Lk 3:1-6](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness;
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley will be filled in,
every mountain and hill
be laid low,
winding ways
will be straightened
and rough roads
made smooth.
And all people
shall see the salvation of God.



Parish Information – Parishes of Stawell and Ararat

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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

Masses this Week

Stawell: Tues to Fri 10am

Ararat: Tues 7th 9.30am // Wed 8th Lowe St prayer 11am // Thurs 9th 11am with morning tea / Fri 10th 9am with Marian staff

Christmas Masses

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

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

Readings for Next Sunday Dec 12 (Advent 3, Yr C)

[Zep 3:14-18](#) // [Phil 4:4-7](#) // [Lk 3:10-18](#)

Recent Deaths:

Pat Anderson, Jenny Sharman

Christmas Morning: Landsborough 9am

Anniversaries Stawell

Lionel Delzotto 1990, Robert Radley 2015, Theresa Cashman 1959, Harry Connell 1970, Doreen Presser 1972, Cyril Peters 1997, Lawrence Phillips 1943, Allan Griffen 1963, Mary McSparron 1975, Kathleen Rutter 1974, Charles Fitzgerald 1974, Malcolm Brownw 1983, Elsie May O'Sullivan 2005, Kathleen Fitzgerald 1950, Rohan Laurie 1998, Mary Smith 1954

Anniversaries Ararat

Fr. Syd Morey, Maureen Dalgleish, Athol Howman, Fr. Martin Gleeson, James Moneghetti, Rudolf Schwab, Osmond Smith, Eric Hogan, Herman Krawczinski, Graeme Pora, Victims of Pearl Harbour Bombings 1941, Fr. John Monaghan, Josephine Neilson, Norma Lannen, Edmund Moran, Bishop Henry Cleary, Clare Rieniets, Florence Heenan, Daniel Ryan, Joan Boyle, Joan Ryan, Rodney Harvey, Margaret Mary Smith, Glenys Balchin

Golden Gate Roster	December 5 Jim Jan // 12 Libby // 19 Teresa // 26 Harry Anna
	January 2 Jim Jan // 9 Libby // 16 Teresa // 23 Harry Anna // 30 Jim Jan

Lake Bolac Roster	Sat Dec 4 Reader Michael Phillips // Prayers of Faithful Tricia Higgins // Cleaning Judy Upton
	Sat Dec 18 Reader Val Albert // Prayers of Faithful Irene Meek // Cleaning Helen Smith

Congratulations to Sr Maree

At 12 noon on Wednesday December 8 (Parish Feast of the Immaculate Conception) we will celebrate Sr Maree's 60 years as a Brigidine Sister. We will begin with Mass followed by lunch. CWL will host the lunch. Please also bring a plate to share.

Advent Discussion in Stawell - after Tuesday Masses during Advent (10.30am approx.)

This Advent discussion will include a hearing and reflection on the coming Sunday's readings. Everyone is welcome.

Christmas Cards and Columban Calendars – now available in both Ararat and Stawell after Mass

Ordination to the Diaconate

Seminarians Matthew Restall and William Lowry will be ordained Deacons for the Diocese of Ballarat on Friday, December 10, 2021 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 7.00pm. All are welcome to attend. Attendance requirements for the Cathedral is QR code or registration upon entry and full vaccination status needs to be provided to the COVID check-in Marshalls.

Our Diocesan Community (ODC) Latest edition now available in the churches

CatholicCare Victoria Giving Tree Appeal

This pandemic has been hard on us all. But as with every disaster, COVID-19 is making the already vulnerable more vulnerable still. Your generous donation to this year's Giving Tree Appeal will provide practical and financial support for struggling Victorian families - from three square meals a day to help with utility bills... every gift you choose helps. To donate go to <https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/campaign/donate/14/giving-tree-appeal>

Vinnies Christmas Kindness Appeal

This Christmas donate to Vinnies. Your gift can change a life. There are families who are experiencing poverty and homelessness this Christmas and your help can provide them with much needed essentials like food, clothing and a place to call home. To donate go to <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/christmas-kindness>

Stawell Inter Church Council

Last Christmas Stawell Inter Church Council welfare and Stawell St Vincent de Paul helped 71 households, made up of 116 adults and 141 children, 13 years old and younger. They distributed Christmas grocery shopping vouchers totalling \$6,705. This year they expect the demand to be even greater. Owing to Covid 19 there will be no distribution of toys and children's books but if you would like to donate money towards helping those in need in our community this Christmas could you please give it to Mary Rita Thomas – 0438 836 180

St John of God Healthcare Ballarat - Pastoral Associate Role

The hospital has exciting opportunities available for dedicated and committed Pastoral Associates to join the Pastoral Services team in promoting the Mission and Values of St John of God Health Care. To view the job description and/or to apply, go to the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/employment/>

Making a Scene at Christmas

A display of over 500 Christmas nativities from more than 60 countries will be held in the Bridge Mall Ballarat on December 4 & 5, 11-20, 2021. Entry by gold coin donation. All welcome. More information available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/making-a-scene-at-christmas/>

Prayer for Matthew Restall and William Lowry who will be ordained as deacons this week

We pray for Matthew Restall and William Lowry who have been called to serve in Holy Orders. As ministers of God's Word, may they believe what they read, preach what they believe and practice what they preach.

A Climate that Reflects Justice – prayer suggestions in Advent. Caritas Australia Sent from Catholic Earthcare Ballarat

- Advent Week 1 God of Creation, You created night and day. You separated the sea from the sky. You gave life to all living creatures and saw that it was good. Help us to reconnect with the majesty of your creation.
- Advent Week 2 God of Love, Fill us with your love for all creation. Empty us of apathy, selfishness and fear. Inspire us to live simply and in harmony with creation. Help us to be good stewards, caring for all creation With self-sacrificing and nurturing love.
- Advent Week 3 God of Compassion Breathe into us solidarity with all who suffer now and the future generations who will suffer because of our environment irresponsibility. Help us to put people before profit and being before having.
- Advent Week 4 God of Justice Empower us to work together as one global community To find creative and just solutions to protect those Most vulnerable in our world And all of creation for future generations. Move us into action for climate justice and to restore your creation. Amen

Prayer for the 2021 International Day of People with Disability

- God of all people, You have made us in your image, delighting in your creation. Help us to see and receive each person as a beloved and unique part of your body. We are all part of the Body of Christ.
- You desire all people to use their gifts to enrich the world around them. Help us to celebrate and support the participation and leadership of people with disability in our communities. We are all part of the Body of Christ.
- You give and sustain life, opening ways of thinking and doing that allow all to grow. Help us to be inclusive in welcoming people with disability as a vital part of "us". We are all part of the Body of Christ. We ask this through Christ, who lives within us and calls us all to fullness of life. Amen.



Vaccination Certificates

If you have your proof of vaccination certificate (12 years+) you can come to any Mass - We have no limits on numbers.

If you do NOT have a proof of vaccination certificate

you will be welcome to attend smaller Masses eg. Lake Bolac and Landsborough and on weekdays

Christmas in Lake Bolac - Lake Bolac will exceed your non-vaxxed number (50) at Christmas.

You will need your vaccination certificates to attend Christmas Mass

Two Steps for Entry to Mass

Scan your QR Code

(or have someone help you)



2 Show your Vaccination Certificate
to the Covid Marshal



Name for the New Parish

Thanks everyone. New ideas are welcome. These are the suggestions so far. Three from this week are included in full.

- Our Lady of the Grampians
- Holy Spirit of the Grampians, Gariwerd-Mitchell
There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; [1Cor 12:3-7, 12-13]
- Noah / Mount Ararat – I like the idea of new life and hope emerging from our parish
- Good Shepherd
- Holy Family
- Grampians / Grampians Gariwerd / Grampians Pyrenees / South East Grampians / Gariwerd-Mitchell
- Djap Wurrong Country / Lakes District Parish / Hopkins Parish
- Scullin Parish (Born in Trawalla, James Scullin was Australia's ninth prime minister and first Catholic prime minister)
- St Joseph the Worker Parish / All Saints Parish / Holy Communion Parish / Lumen Christi (Light of Christ),
- Exodus Parish, Gariwerd “Moses brought the people out to the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain.” [Exodus 19:17]
- The Parish of the Prophet Isaiah, Gariwerd
“How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news [Isaiah 52:7]
- The Parish of Isaiah 61, Gariwerd “The Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor ...



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

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

My suggested name for our geographical area is _____

Explanation for my suggestions: