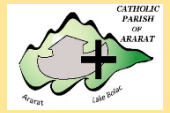




St Patrick's Parish Stawell and Landsborough St Mary's Parish Ararat and Lake Bolac



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 January 9, 2022 The Baptism of the Lord, Year C

First Reading

[Is 42:1-4. 6-7](#)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Thus says the Lord: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations. He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets. He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame. Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver, nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth, for the islands are awaiting his law. I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you; I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 28:1-4. 9-10. R. v.11](#)

(R.) The Lord will bless his people with peace.

1. O give the Lord you sons of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord in his holy court. (R.)
2. The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. (R.)
3. The God of glory thunders.
In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood:
the Lord sits as king for ever. (R.)

Second Reading

[Acts 10:34-38](#)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him. 'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

Gospel Acclamation

[See Mk 9:8](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Alleluia!

Gospel

[Lk 3:15-16. 21-22](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.' Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate - *Jesus' Baptism is Ours*

What did it mean for Jesus to come up out of the waters of the Jordan to experience the special presence of the Holy Spirit as though it were a dove, gently hovering over him? As a Jew, he would have been reminded both of the Divine Wind hovering over the void-become-creation, and of the dove bearing an olive twig as God restored humanity's life on earth after the Flood. The Holy Spirit was empowering Him for a re-creative role on behalf of humanity. His second experience was to sense God's delight and joy sounding, reverberating through every fibre of his body, every reach of his soul: 'You are my beloved Son, my favour rests on you.' Any baby, any adolescent, any adult who is baptised shares in these wonderful experiences. The dynamic power of the Holy Spirit hovers over the person as a gentle presence, preparing the one baptised for a mission on behalf of humanity. And every baptised person senses, below the range of hearing, the echo of the same marvellous words: "You are my beloved son or daughter, my favour rests on you." Is it any wonder that Our Lord adopted this water rite to incorporate his followers into such wonderful experiences as a power-full impetus to fulfil their mission to cooperate in God's saving plan for humanity? We could take a moment to pray in gratitude for the parent/s or other person/s who brought us into this tradition stretching over almost two millennia. May they be filled with all that flows from their being beloved sons and daughters of God.

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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

Readings for next Sunday

January 16
2nd Sunday Ordinary Time Year C
[Is 62:1-5](#) // [1 Cor 12:4-11](#) // [Jn 2:1-11](#)

Weekday Masses

Tuesday:	10am Stawell (Check bulletin for occasional changes)
Wednesday:	Aged Care
Thursday:	3.30pm Hopkins
Friday:	11am Ararat (Check bulletin for occasional changes)

Aged Care Roster

1st Wednesday 11.15am Eventide
2nd Wednesday 11am Lowe St
3rd Wednesday 10.30am Garden View
4th Wednesday 10am ARV

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries Stawell

Arthiur Baird 1970, John Scaletti 2001, Carol Naylor 1969, David Seary 1950, Ann Wood 1950, Stanley Matthews 1998, Barry Seary 1972, Joan Elliot (Maddocks) 2017, William Walsh 1970, Percival Bushby 1962, Joseph Looby 1991, Andrew Ritchie 2010

Anniversaries Ararat

Fr Jim Green CSsR, Fr Frank Honan CSsR, Anthony Gordon, Geoffrey Lewis, Jack Flynn, Michael Joyce, Fr Brian James, Stephen Barry, Bartolo Mercovich, Jack Donovan, Linda Hughes-Soden, Clara Thomas, Peter Pola, Evie Moloney, Brian O'Donnell, Kathleen Canty, Justin Henriksen, Peter Arandt, Imelda Gordan, Adorative McPhee, Bill Moloney, Bill Coster, Evelyn O'Neill, Brendan Moran, Rita Higgins, Stan Matthews, Fr John Kirby, Ian Pearce, John Shield, Mary Shield, Kathleen Lees, Percival Bushick, Fr. Frank Sexton CSsR, Francis Jaench, Stasia Matters, Norma Wilson

Golden Gate Roster

January 9 Libby // 16 Teresa // 23 Harry Anna // 30 Jim Jan
February 6 Libby // 13 Teresa // 20 Harry Anna // 27 Jim Jan

Lake Bolac Roster

Sat Jan 15 Reader Michael Phillips // Prayers of Faithful Tricia Higgins // Cleaning Leanne Breen
Sat Jan 29 Reader Tricia Higgins // Prayers of Faithful Helen Smith // Cleaning Irene Meek

Farewell Fr John Pothiyittel

Fr John will be leaving Stawell at the end of the month to take up a new appointment in Apollo Bay. There will be a farewell morning tea on Friday 14th January in St Pat's Hall at 10am.

Changes to Requirements for all Masses

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masks are now required



vaccination
no longer required
(but recommended)

