



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



We acknowledge the Djap Wurrung 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 April 17, 2022 Easter Sunday, Year C

First Reading

[Acts 10:34. 37-43](#)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: '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. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24](#)

(R.) This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' (R.)

2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. (R.)

3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

Second Reading

[Col 3:1-4](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians
Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Gospel Acclamation

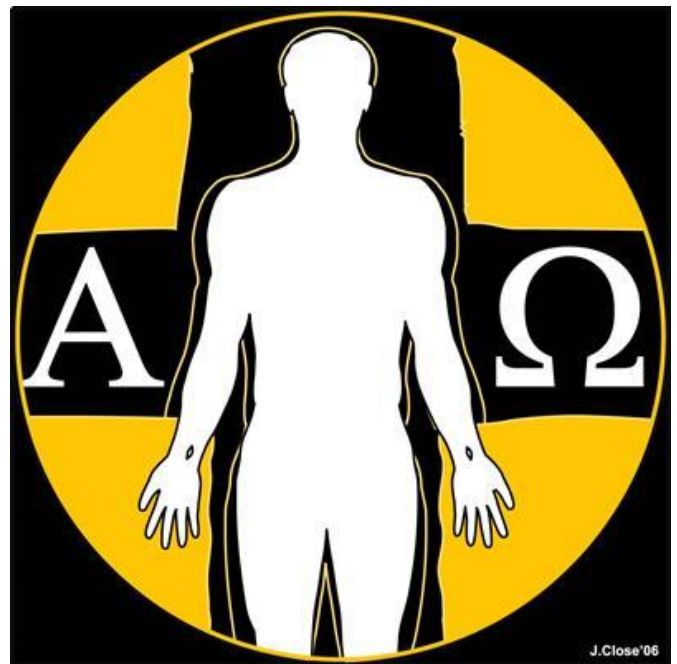
[1 Cor 5:7-8](#)

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel

[Jn 20:1-9](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.



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

Readings for next Sunday

April 24
2nd Sunday of Easter Year C
[Acts 5:12-16](#) // [Rv 1:9-13, 17-19](#) // [Jn 20:19-31](#)

Weekday Masses (usual schedule)

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

Changes to Mass this Week

Friday 22nd Ararat – Mass will be at 5pm prior to parish get-together in the Parish Centre

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries Stawell

Eileen Healy 1973, Ethel Phillips 1975, Edward Phelan 2017, Kevin Noone 2007, Ann Greenwood 1943, Gordon (Clive) Cawthorn 2008, Peter Raycroft 1958, Bernard Rathgeber 1967, Ronald Heal 1975, Ruby Killeen 1946, Mayarellen Barry 1963, Mary Crouch 1966, Ron Dwyer 2001, Ramond Jose 2009, Margaret Parry 2015, John Walters 1959, Thomas Healy 1994, Joan Byrne 1995

Anniversaries Ararat

Julia Lavery, Walter Doery, John Brown, Joan Gleeson, Shirley McKenzie-McHarg, Neil Albert, Frances Pola, Vin Smith, Margaret Clark, Bernard Murphy, Emanuel Jotn Penza-Vella, Ellen Hennessy, Edward Bulger, George Shea, Eric Carter, Jim Brennan, Colin Gleeson, Albert Stainsby, Jim Lavery, Ian Kirkham, Val Gemmola

Golden Gate Roster

April 17 Harry Anna // 24 Jim Jan
May 1 Teresa // 8 Libby // 15 Harry Anna // 22 Jim Jan // 29 Teresa

Lake Bolac Roster

Sat April 16 Reader team effort // Prayers of Faithful Denise Haslett // Cleaning team effort
Sat April 30 Reader Val Albert // Prayers of Faithful Damian Phillips // Cleaning Leanne Breen

Sr Brigid Arthur on Compass

Sr Brigid Arthur OSB and her tireless work of advocacy for all refugees will be featured on “Compass” tonight, Easter Sunday at 6.30pm on ABC.

Slavery Free Chocolate for Easter – A reminder to look for these brands: UTZ, Rainforest Alliance, Fair Trade ...

Ararat CWL Meeting – Tuesday May 3 Parish Centre – note different Tuesday of the month to usual

St Pat’s CWL Easter raffle – drawn today, Easter Sunday

2 Prizes – Wine and chocolates/a beautiful hand-made doll with carrier and a spare set of clothes.
Tickets - \$2 for 1 or 3 for \$5. Raffle drawn after Easter Sunday Mass

Ararat Parish Get Together - Friday April 22, 5pm Mass, 6pm Dinner

Meat provided. Please bring drinks for yourself and salad nibbles or dessert to share

Parish Question and Answer

Ararat – Sunday May 1, during 8.30am Mass

Parishioners will hear a brief presentation and have the opportunity to ask questions re: the upcoming parish merger

Stawell - Thursday April 28 7pm in St Patrick's Church

In Stawell we will discuss the merger and also discuss the proposed refurbishment of St Patrick's Church

Alive in the Spirit 2022 – Virtual Conference

“Alive in the Spirit” is for lay and clergy, staff, leadership teams, finance teams, pastoral councils, pastoral ministers and volunteers, those in education, counselling, pastoral care, youth ministry, family ministry, aged care and chaplaincies and anyone who wants to be “Alive in the Spirit”. For more information and to register go to <https://aliveinthespirit.com.au/>

Walking in the Spirit

The People of God are invited to make a prayerful journey towards the Second Assembly of the Plenary Council through the “Walking in the Spirit” prayer campaign. “Walking in the Spirit” begins on Easter Sunday, April 17, and runs until the Second Assembly, which opens on Sunday, July 3. Resources have been created for use by individuals, families, schools, parishes and other Catholic communities. Find out more at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit/

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting www.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.

Divine Mercy Sunday – April 24, 2022

The Divine Mercy Picture travels to parishes to bring healing, hope and courage and will be at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat on April 24, 2022 from 1.00pm. Jesus says: “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” *Mt 11:28*. Eight first class relics: Pope St John Paul II; St Jadwiga Queen; St Faustina Kowalska, St Maximilian Kolbe; St Stanisław Papczyński; St Maria of Jesus Crucified from Bethlehem; Blessed Michał Sopoćko; and Blessed Jerzy Popiełuszko. Prayers for peace, merciful love for Ukraine, Russia, all nations, the Church and the world. All are welcome:

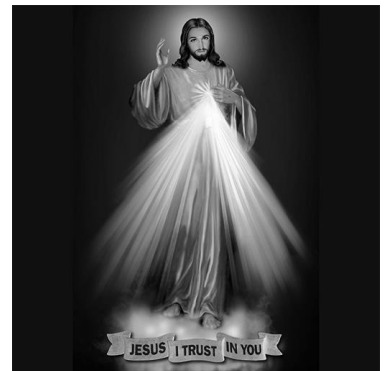
1.00pm – Viewing of Relics, talk

1.00pm – 4.00 pm Confession (Sacrament of Reconciliation), three Priests

1.30pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary

2.00pm - Hour of Mercy prayers, Benediction

3.00pm - Holy Mass, Blessing with Relics



Xavier Society for the Blind - New York City

Xavier Society for the Blind has been providing free braille and audio materials to blind and visually impaired Catholics worldwide since 1900. Although an overseas organisation, the society serves many people in Australia and hopes to reach many more people in need of accessible materials. There are hundreds of books available in braille and audio and serve clients of all ages worldwide. One of the biggest lines of service is the Mass Propers - the readings, prayers, and responses to the Mass on Sundays and special Feast days (basically the Missalette). These are available in braille, audio, and large print. For more information go to www.xaviersocietyfortheblind.org

“Engaging Your Faith” online sessions

Catholic Theological College presents, “Engaging Your Faith”, a series of online short sessions offering an opportunity to explore your faith through a variety of topics including: Theology, Spirituality, Biblical Studies, Vatican II, Pastoral Studies, *Laudato Si*, Christian Meditation, *Lectio Divina*, Interfaith Relations, and Science and Religion. All topics are presented by lecturers of Catholic Theological College and will begin in May. For more information go to <https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/engaging-your-faith/>



Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close Reflection by Artist

It was very early in the morning when Mary Magdalene went among the graves to find Jesus: 'it was still dark'. It must have been unnerving to find an empty space where a stone and a body should have been. The resurrection took everybody by surprise, even those who had heard Jesus say, 'Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up' (Jn 2:19).



The Bishop's Easter Message 2022

On the road again

Over the past couple of months, I have been on the road again, travelling around the diocese. This is in contrast to the last couple of years when travel has been limited because of the COVID-19 pandemic. While the virus is still having an impact, sometimes causing severe illness, we have been able to resume many of our usual activities. This includes moving around more freely. For this I am most grateful, because it has allowed me to resume visits to our parishes and schools.

It has been wonderful to celebrate Sunday Masses in churches in the Swan Hill parish and join the students and staff of St Joseph's College Mildura for Mass in their college gym. I have been able to join in a meeting in the parish office in Warmambool and prayer times with primary school students in Wendouree. These visits have brought home to me how much people all around our diocese have done to bring their communities through the pandemic and how much they are doing to help one another as we resume more normal activities in our parishes and schools and our lives as a whole.

I offer my thanks to you all for your patience during the pandemic and the kindness you have shown in supporting one another during this time. May that patience and kindness stay with us even as the pandemic subsides.

As we come to celebrate Easter this year, we are conscious of various trials that people are suffering around Australia and around the world – the ongoing effects of bushfires that have charred the lives of communities in the past couple of years, the recent devastation of floods, the terrible destruction of war in Ukraine. In the face of such sorrows, the joy of Easter might seem far away. Yet, our Christian faith can be a source of joy even in the midst of distress. The gospel assures us that God is close to us in times of struggle as well as in times of peace, that Christ has shared our pain, and that, just as God's love raised Jesus from the grave, so God's love can raise us to new life.

The Ukrainian word for "Easter" is "Velykden", meaning "Great Day". Easter does indeed celebrate a great day, the day of Christ's resurrection. The traditional Ukrainian greeting at Easter is "Christ is risen!" The response is "Christ is risen indeed!" Even as they endure much suffering, may this Easter be a great day for the people of Ukraine as they rejoice in the resurrection of Christ. May this Easter be a great day for us as well as we too rejoice in Christ's resurrection. May you have a blessed Holy Week and a Happy Easter.



Bishop Paul Bird CSsR

