



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 May 8, 2022 Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year C

First Reading

[Acts 13:14, 43-52](#)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats. When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them. The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said: I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.' It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside. But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 99:1-3. 5. R. v.3](#)

(R.) We are his people, the sheep of his flock.
1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. (R.)
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. (R.)
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading

[Rv 7:9, 14-17](#)

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse
I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are

the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

Gospel Acclamation

[Jn 10:14](#)

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

Gospel

[Jn 10:27-30](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
Jesus said: 'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one.'



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

May 15
5th Sunday of Easter Year C
[Acts 14:21-27](#)// [Rv 21:1-5](#) // [Jn 13:31-35](#)

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 Masses this Week: Stawell's 10am Mass on Tuesday has been cancelled

Funeral for Les Brown - 11am Tuesday in Ararat

Funeral for Doreen Duffy - 1.30pm Tuesday in Stawell

Recent Deaths: Catherine Styles, Doreen Duffy, Les Brown

Anniversaries Stawell

Steven Pauling 1948, Mary Blake 1994, Patrick Gillespie 2017, Daisy Healy 1963, William Barry 1952, Sr Adrian Murphy 1999
Leslie Moore 1961, Suzanne Leithhead 1974, Ethel Phillips 1976, Charles Portelli 1991, Mary Monaghan 2010, Mary Ellen Atkinson 1953

Anniversaries Ararat

Harriett Jackson, Des Woods, Peg Ronald, Jack Ronald, Anthony Cain, Aileen Grinter, Terrance Coleman, Anna Homzova, Dolores Thomas, Cathleen Sertori, Ted Holt, Bill Overington, Linda Weinert, Patricia Mahoney, Marie Scanlon, Michael Joseph Moran, Frank Sanderson, Mary Waring, Tom Upton, Aileen Brennan, Monica Weddison, Tony Brady, Len Miller, Sr. Mary Antonia Thomas

Golden Gate Roster

May 8 Libby // 15 Harry Anna // 22 Jim Jan // 29 Teresa
June 5 Teresa // 12 Harry Anna // 19 Jim Jan / 26 Teresa

Lake Bolac Roster

Sat May 14 Reader Jane Higgins // Prayers of the Faithful Phillip Meek // Cleaning Irene Meek
Sat May 28 Reader Helen Smith // Prayers of Faithful Judy Aldous // Cleaning Rosemary Liston

Lake Bolac Anniversaries

St Bernard's community is this year celebrating 150 years since the laying of the foundation stone of our first church and 60 years of our new church. We will celebrate with 11am Mass with Bishop Paul on Sunday September 25. Lunch to follow. More information to follow.

Stawell – Cuppa after 10.30am Mass today in St Pat's parish hall hosted by the CWL. Everyone welcome.

“Discipleship in a changed world.”

The **CWL Diocesan Conference** will be held on Tuesday 24th May in the St Mary's Ararat Parish Centre from 10am – 3pm. Mass will be celebrated at 11:30am. Everyone is welcome to attend Mass and all or part of the day. We will be sharing our thoughts on the way forward for the CWL in our parishes in a prayerful and friendly setting. There will be morning and afternoon tea. Cost \$10. For catering purposes RSVP by 18th May. Contact Jan Crowe -0428 916 941, Anna Collins -0427 564 214, or Margaret Rowe -53582421.

Volunteer Induction and Training

The parishes received notification this week from the diocesan office that all existing and new parish volunteers (all people on committees, Sunday ministries, gardeners, Op Shop, CWL ... just about everybody) will be asked to receive induction training, designed to meet the requirements of Standard 7 of the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards. The aim is that "personnel are equipped with knowledge, skills and awareness to keep children safe through information, ongoing education and training". More information to come.

Prayers for Mother's Day

Loving God, we pray for our mothers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them reverence and love, and others who show us a mother's love. We pray for adoptive mothers and for the women who wish to give birth but experience challenges, that they know your care. We pray for mothers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them. We pray for those who wish to serve as mothers, but are not able to do so, that they know your comfort. We pray for mothers who have died, that God may bring them into the joy of his kingdom. Amen.

Two Original Prayers written by Andrea Dean

1. For Mothers to Pray

Consoling God, be a source of peace for me
when personal and family struggles and difficulties threaten to overwhelm me.
God of Goodness, hold me close to your heart
fill me with joy and delight in the role of mother.
God of Peace, be the centre of my life,
in the whirlwind of my life bless me and those I love with your strength and hope.

2. A Blessing Prayer for our Mothers

May you be loving-kindness to those who call you 'mother'.
May you delight in nurturing and relish the gift of children.
May your heart be open to friends and strangers in need of mothering and mentoring.
May you grow in wisdom as you experience the struggles and rewards of life.
May you go to sleep each evening aware of the protection and warmth of God's embrace.

National Family Week: May 15-21, 2022

CatholicCare Victoria believes that building strong family relationships is the key to building healthy, resilient communities. Strong families give children the foundation they need to grow and the support they need to face challenges and setbacks not only now, but into the future. So how can parents and families build strong family relationships? Family Relationship Practitioners in Bendigo, Julia Feiss and Lisa Castles, share five important elements for creating strong families at <https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/news/247/a-blessing-for-families>. There is also, "A Blessing for Families" on this webpage.

Laudato Si' Week: May 16-24, 2022

As part of Catholic Earthcare's celebration of Laudato Si' Week, they are hosting an online screening of the newly released 'Regenerating Australia' short film - a fictitious news segment set on New Year's Eve 2029, examining the decade that 'could be'. The film challenges people to consider how to respond to the Cry of the Earth. Participants will be joined by Bishop Ken Howell and a range of guest speakers to share in this celebration. After the film, there will be a panel discussion and question time regarding how we can take the teachings of the film and respond as Catholics here in Australia. You are welcome to join by yourself or register a parish group for the viewing (please note if registering for a group, only 1 person need register via Trybooking). The video will be streamed via zoom so you can watch together on a large screen at a suitable venue like a parish hall. The online event will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 from 6.00pm – 8.00pm AEST, 4.00pm – 6.00pm AWST. Bookings at: <https://www.trybooking.com/BZADT>.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity for 2022: May 29 – June 5

The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2022 was chosen by the Middle East Council of Churches "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship" (cf Matthew 2:2). Resources for use in prayer services in your parishes, local ministers associations or inter-church Councils are available at <https://www.ncca.org.au/faith-and-unity-resources/wopcu22>

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Election Statement 2022

In the ACBC election statement, bishops call for 'a better kind of politics' and a shakeup that focuses the country's politics on the common good of all, including – and especially – those who struggle to participate in the community. Access the election statement at https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wz1WhlUdU_UviG5-Vhp4Jtl0v9Gs4YVo/view



Our Diocesan Community

The latest edition of ODC is now available in the churches.

The ODC is also available online. Go to www.ballarat.catholic.org.au and follow the link to ODC

St Augustine's Church Creswick 150th Anniversary

On the weekend of September 17-18, 2022 celebrations will be held for the 150th anniversary of St Augustine's Church, Creswick. If anyone has any old photographs, stories, memorabilia or anything which you believe may be of interest, please contact Leonie in the parish office, ph. 0488220685 or email creswick@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Refurbishment of St Patrick's Church

The first stage of the project will be to remove the most recent platform that no longer meets modern standards of accessibility and safety. Expect this to happen in the coming weeks. We will then use the church for a couple of months or so with the altar and lectern sitting on the floor until we are ready to put in a new (one step high) sanctuary. This photo is interesting. It shows the first platform that was built forward of the marble altar rails. It is prior to the present carpet. It is before the electrical cabling and timber pelmets cluttered the archway above the crucifix and above Our Lady. The marble dome above the tabernacle was covered in dust even then. What was the occasion do you think? Were you there?



St Vincent de Paul Conference Support Administration Assistant

Position available for a Support Administration Assistant in Ballarat with the North Western Central Council. Part time – 30 hours per fortnight. Position description and information on how to apply available from the St Vincent de Paul website <https://svdpvic.applynow.net.au/jobs/SVDP6130-conference-support-administration-assistant>. Applications close May 22, 2022.

Study Teaching Meditation and Prayer online

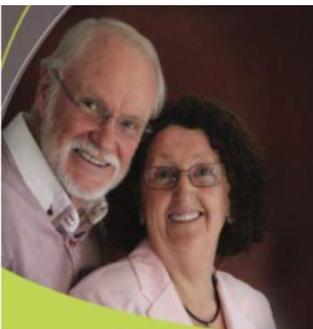
This unit develops the skills to teach meditation and prayer in a variety of contexts. It will consider the spiritual life across the lifespan and meditation methods appropriate for various age groups including children, teenagers and adults in contemporary context. Sessions will be online via zoom over four Saturdays from 10.00am – 4.30pm: June 18 & 25 and October 8 & 15. Contact the Academic Records Office for more information and enrolment appointments, ph. 03 9412 3314 or email jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au or go to <https://units.divinity.edu.au/scheduled-unit/DS9611C-6304>



Invitation to Synod Mass

Invitation to the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat Pre-Synodal Celebration
Synod of Bishops 2021 – 2023

Bishop Paul Bird will celebrate Mass to acknowledge the conclusion of the first phase of the Synodal process on Sunday May 15 at 10.30am in St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat. All people of the diocese are welcome to attend.



Stawell Baptist Church - Visit of Rob and Liz Bailey

Friday May 27 5pm

Come & join Rob and Liz Bailey for a Family 'Open' Night

Meal Provided at Stawell Uniting Church Hall 11-13 Scallan Street.

To book in please Contact Pastor Irene G. 0433 050 343 or stawellpastor@gmail.com

Sunday May 29 5pm

Ecumenical Gathering with Rob and Liz Bailey Stawell Baptist Church 17 Scallan Street
All Welcome Refreshments after the service