



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 June 12, 2022 The Most Holy Trinity, Year C

First Reading

[Prv 8:22-31](#)

A reading from the book of Proverbs
The Wisdom of God cries aloud: The Lord created me when his purpose first unfolded, before the oldest of his works. From everlasting I was firmly set, from the beginning, before earth came into being. The deep was not, when I was born, there were no springs to gush with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills, I came to birth; before he made the earth, the countryside, or the first grains of the world's dust. When he fixed the heavens firm, I was there, when he drew a ring on the surface of the deep, when he thickened the clouds above, when he fixed fast the springs of the deep, when he assigned the sea its boundaries – and the waters will not invade the shore – when he laid down the foundations of the earth, I was by his side, a master craftsman, delighting him day after day, ever at play in his presence, at play everywhere in his world, delighting to be with the sons of men.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 8:4-9. R. v.2](#)

(R.) O Lord, our God,
how wonderful your name in all the earth!
1. When I see the heavens, the work of your hands,
the moon and the stars which you arranged,
what is man that you should keep him in mind,
mortal man that you care for him? (R.)
2. Yet you have made him little less than a god;
with glory and honour you crowned him,
gave him power over the works of your hand,
put all things under his feet. (R.)
3. All of them, sheep and cattle,
yes, even the savage beasts,
birds of the air, and fish
that make their way through the waters. (R.)

Second Reading

[Rom 5:1-5](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. But that is not all we can boast about; we can boast about our sufferings. These sufferings bring patience, as we know, and patience brings perseverance, and perseverance brings hope, and this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.



Gospel Acclamation

[See Apoc 1:8](#)

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

Gospel [Jn 16:12-15](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
Jesus said to his disciples: 'I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Both the first reading and the psalm response celebrate the marvels of creation and the marvellous creator who brought them into being. Proverbs states that God created all of these things through Wisdom. While later theology will identify Wisdom with both the Word of God, the second person of the Trinity, and the Holy Spirit, the third person, the reading itself does not suggest this. Paul credits God with our justification through faith. Justification or salvation is accomplished by God through our Lord Jesus Christ. The love of God is poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Paul does not clearly state that the love of God that we receive through the Holy Spirit sanctifies us, but one could certainly understand it in this way. John's theology resembles very closely that of Paul. In it, Jesus reveals the intimate connection between himself and the Father as well as himself and the Spirit. The Spirit continues the mission of Jesus, neither adding anything to his teaching nor omitting anything from it. While this is a feast that glorifies the central mystery of our faith, a mystery that is based on the way the three divine persons relate to each other, the readings all address ways that God relates to us. If we concentrate, as the texts for today suggest that we do, on all of the ways that our Triune God has blessed us, we may be more inclined to cry out with the psalmist: 'O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!'

Parish Information – Parishes of Stawell and Ararat

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Mass Times

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| 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

June 19
The Most Holy Body and Blood Year C
[Gen 14:18-20](#)//[1 Cor 11:23-26](#) // [Lk 9:11-17](#)

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:

Tues 14th No Mass in Stawell today
Friday 17th 11am Prayers in Ararat followed by cuppa

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries Stawell

Harold Jackson 1985, Thomas Dunmore 1989, Nathaniel Lloyd 1961, George Treloar 1977, Sarah Ralph 1989, Francis Rowe 1998, Marjory Delahunty 2007, John Peters 1964, Laurence Brown 1998, Joseph Healy 1957, Bernard Kelly 2003, Peter Yanner 1962, Stanley Freeland 1949

Anniversaries Ararat

Michael Pashula, Kath Coughlin, Elizabeth Nichols, Don Reynolds, Kathie Hennessy, David Wilson, Elizabeth Donovan, John Peters, Frank Tellefson, Nola Walker, Fr Tom Russell, Fr Patrick Downes, Alma McLoughlin, Pat O'Neill, Laurie Higgins, John Smerdon

Change to Office Days this Week

Open Tuesday and Wednesday June 14/15 – Closed Thursday and Friday June 16/17

Golden Gate Roster

June 12 Harry Anna // 19 Libby // 26 Jim Jan
July 3 Harry Anne // 10 Libby // 17 Jim Jan // 24 Harry Anna // 31 Libby

Lake Bolac Roster

Sat June 18 Reader Tricia Higgins // Prayers of Faithful Rosemary Liston // Cleaning Judy Upton
Sat July 2 Reader Damian Phillips // Prayers of Faithful Irene Meek // Cleaning Jane Higgins

Stawell Cuppa after Mass The Stawell CWL will host a cuppa after today's Mass. Everyone welcome.

Stawell St Vincent de Paul Meeting

The next Stawell St Vincent de Paul meeting will be in the church hall on Monday 20th June at 2pm. Our regional President, Chris Hogan, and our conference support officer, Kate O'Brien, will be attending and supervising the election of a new conference president.

St Bernard's Catholic Church Ladies Auxiliary AGM

Friday 17th June at 10.30am at the church. General meeting to follow

Lake Bolac St Bernard's 150 years foundation stone / 60 years new church Sun Sept 25 11am Mass and lunch

Plenary Council conversations around the diocese

Leading up to the second Assembly of the Plenary Council (July 3 -9), there will be an opportunity to gather for a conversation around the diocese with the diocesan members to encourage and affirm their participation in the Council. The Motions Framework document has been published and is available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Motions-Framework-31a-May-2022.pdf> and this will also be a focus for prayer and engagement. Details near us:
Horsham – June 22, 2022 at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall, Horsham
Ballarat – June 23, 2022 at 7.00pm in Mackillop/Glowrey Room, Cathedral Precinct
Warrnambool – June 29 at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall, Warrnambool

Refugee Week: June 19-25, 2022

You are invited to join the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office and the Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace for an online prayer service on World Refugee Day. Registration to attend the prayer service, which will be broadcast live on June 20 at 6.00pm (AEST) is now open. The two Offices have also combined to produce resources to encourage the celebration of Refugee Week 19-25 June. Register for the online prayer service at <https://bit.ly/RefugeeWeek2022Prayers>

St Vincent Pallotti Scholarships for Lay Ministry

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. Applications close on Friday, July 29, 2022. Details are available at <https://pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>

National Online Conference for Evangelisation: October 20-22, 2022

Hosted by the Australian Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry (BCELM), this national online conference will promote understanding of, and explore practices of evangelisation in Australia through encounters with Christ, formation in discipleship and mission in the world (BCELM mandate). Opening with a reflection on the Plenary Council and Australian reports to the General Synod on Synodality, the conference will progress to explore personal experiences and local strategies of evangelisation. More information is available from the conference website <https://nce.catholic.org.au/bcelm-conference/events/bcelm-conference>.

Vinnie's Winter Appeal

Domestic violence is the leading cause of homelessness for women and children. Your support of the 2022 Vinnie's Winter Appeal will help provide emergency accommodation, financial support, as well as material assistance. To donate go to <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/winter-appeal-vic>

Advance Notice: Ordinations to the Priesthood

Deacons Matt Restall and Bill Lowry will be ordained priests for the Diocese of Ballarat on Friday, July 22, 2022 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 7.00pm. All welcome to attend. For those not able to attend the Mass will be livestreamed at <https://youtu.be/gnpY6nMKz3M>

Celebrating Clergy Jubilees of Ordination

Mass to acknowledge priests celebrating a Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood this year will be held on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 5.15pm. Bishop Paul will be the main celebrant and con-celebrants will be priests of the diocese. All are welcome to attend. You are invited to join the Choir for this Mass, which will be downstairs. Practice prior to Mass at 4.30pm.

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Painting the Picture of God

The Feast of the Trinity of God comes about because Jesus painted a picture of the most intimate communion of Divine Life between Himself, the Father, and the Holy Spirit. This is a relationship and yet the most perfect unity. God is Divine pulsating, shimmering light dancing in threefold exchange of love. In fact, the best name for God is 'Being-in-Love'. What does this mean for us? How often have you heard: 'You are made in the image and likeness of God'? If God is threefold Being-in-Love, then you and I are made to live in relationship – not in solitary. We are totally on the wrong track if we think that the ultimate good is to be self-sufficient. It will turn out to be a Hellish choice. When we live as much self-giving as is possible, we are closest to Divine Life. In fact, we are Divine Life pulsating into a particular time and place through us. Each time we bless ourselves, a bit of a Catholic routine, we are invoking the threefold exchange of love and calling its power into our life. Be careful, there will be consequence! You could become more God-like! We could pause for a moment, slowly make the Sign of the Cross which recalls our baptism: 'In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit', and promise to image that Name in our lives.

New testament Commentary by Mary Coloe PBVM

The Spirit of truth will lead you.

Rom 5:1-5; John 16:12-15 *Desire – The heart of God.*

We do not find an explicit statement of the doctrine of the Trinity in the Gospels; it took centuries of discussion before the Council of Nicea came up with the language we profess in our creed about Father, Son, and Spirit. What we do find is a seminal faith and an experience of God present in the life of Jesus and the early Christians. As a Jew Jesus would have daily prayed the great Jewish proclamation of faith, 'Hear O Israel the Lord our God, the Lord is one.' Drawing on his Jewish traditions and Scriptures Jesus spoke to God as 'Abba', father. While the Greeks had the idea of God as a distant impersonal and immovable being, Jesus knew God as personal and loving. Jesus' experience of an intimate loving God continued in the experience of the early Christians who glimpsed that while the historical Jesus of Nazareth was no longer with them, Jesus as the Risen Christ was a powerful presence, still alive in their midst, and they experienced this as a powerful Spirit of love, courage, gratitude and peace, even in the midst of hostility and suffering. They knew with the certainty of experience God as Father, as Son and Spirit. How this could be so, remained mystery, as it still is, but the experience of love has its own certainty, as Paul writes with conviction: 'the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.' For this certainty, he will travel thousands of miles to share his experience, and ultimately will give his life. The section from John's Gospel continues Jesus' Final Discourse as he tries to console and encourage his disciples on the night of his arrest. He promises them that even in his absence they will still have an advocate, a teacher and guide; they will not be left orphaned. The understanding of God as Trinity can also help us understand our own life. The Trinity expresses the Christian faith that the essence of Divine life is a love that reaches out to another in desire to be in relationship. As this Gospel reveals, the Spirit is turned towards Jesus, the Son; all the Spirit expresses comes from the Risen Christ, just as all the Father has, is given over to the Son. Our own relationships and desires for love image the dynamic self-giving within the life of God. As Genesis states, 'in the image of God they were created, male and female.' In celebrating the Trinity, may we also celebrate and give thanks for our participation in this life of loving desire. May the patterns of our own loving mirror the generous self-giving of our God.

Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close

Reflection by Artist

Since the Trinity is one of the great mysteries of our faith, trying to design an image that touches on its meaning seems an impossible task. Three sources come to mind, however: colours, numbers and shapes.



Parish Merger

Bishop Paul will consult with the Council of Priests this week, the last piece in the puzzle from a Diocesan perspective.

Company and Tax Office things are progressing.

The Two Parish Councils meet this week and we will further discuss pastoral matters. On the agenda:

- Will we have one Parish Pastoral Council – how often will it meet?
- Will we have separate leadership groups to discuss local issues?
- Will the local leadership groups and parish council be the same people?
- Which bank accounts will merge and which will stay separate?
- Bishop Paul wishes that we have a new set of sacrament registers. Where will we archive the old ones?
- What are our Child-Safe and OHS requirements? Eg. Volunteers working in pairs
- With new laws taking effect in July, who will need police and working with children checks?
- Will we merge the anniversaries lists or keep them separate?

