

St Patrick's Stawell, Immaculate Conception Ararat, St Francis of Assisi Landsborough and St Bernard's Lake Bolac form Holy Spirit Parish, Gariwerd.

We acknowledge recognise and respect the elders and families of the Barengi Gadjin and Eastern Maar people, the traditional owners of the land on which our parish gathers. We commit ourselves to walking in unity with our First Nations people.

First Reading [Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23](#)

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes
Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity! For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1](#)

(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'

To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night. (R.)

2. You sweep men away like a dream,
like grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades. (R.)

3. Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. (R.)

4. In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

Second Reading [Col 3:1-5, 9-11](#)

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. That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image

there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.



Gospel Acclamation

[Mt 5:3](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;

the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Alleluia!

Gospel [Lk 12:13-21](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.' Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

Lectionary Art and Reflection

by Jenny Close

Reflection by Artist

Jesus warns against greed for wealth. If we spend our time hoarding material treasures and neglect the spiritual aspects of life then we are only half persons – two dimensional at best.



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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

August 7
Nineteenth Sunday Ordinary Time Year C
Wis 18:6-9 // Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 // Lk 12:32-48

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

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries

Keith McOwan, Dr Dan Meagher, Eileen Mairs 1963, Mary Molan 1966, Katherina Guelpa 1971, Bill Kenyon, Les Clark, Barbara Brossner, Martha Borella 1970, Francis O'Sullivan 1981, Carly Faloon 1987, Pasuline Coghlan 2002, Derek Peters 2004, Kevin (Mick) Rutter 2008, Denise Hourigan, Aileen Falvey, Sr Josephus Lannen, Peter Henderson, Gilbert Mairs 1963, Evelyn Gavin 1972, Aileen Falvey 1987, James Stapleton, Veronica Butler, Gennie Rickard 1967, Allen McSparron 1981, Margaret Egan 1996, Angela Maloney 1996, Eileen Monument 1998, Jessie Brady 2006, Bp Francis Thomas, Beverley Austin, Arthur Mark, Leila Spiller, Gina Galea, Irene Hunter, Ada Maconachie, Robert McKibbin, Jean English 1974, Mary Austin 1981, Stan Weeks, Robert Steer, Maureen Daly, Anthony Rathgeber 1979, Edward Maddocks 1992, Kenneth McAdie, Pat McDougall, Bruce Atkinson, Kevin Beer, Pat Liston, Maurice Stewart 1976, Edward Rutter 1978, Leo Ryan 1987

Golden Gate Roster

July 31 Libby August 7 Jim Jan // 14 Harry Anna // 21 Libby // 28 Jim Jan
September 4 Harry Anna // 11 Libby // 18 Jim Jan // 25 Harry Anna

Lake Bolac Roster

Sat July 30 Reader Rosemary Liston // Prayers of Faithful Michael Phillips // Cleaning L Breen
Sat Aug 6 Reader Mick Brennan // Prayers of Faithful Rosemary Liston // Cleaning R Liston

St Patrick's Church Closed on Weekdays for Now

While we have workers coming in and out St Patrick's will be closed on all but Sundays for the moment. We will have our Tuesday Masses in the hall. Sunday Masses will be in the church for now.

Stawell Ecumenical Service Today

There will be a combined churches ecumenical service in the Stawell Uniting Church Hall on Sunday 31st July at 5pm. Everyone is welcome.

Ararat - St Anne's Grandmothers

Next gathering at Bernadette Harrington's house on Tuesday August 2, at 2pm.

Anniversaries Books

The anniversary books are now in the churches. Please take a pen and add the names of loves one and to make corrections.

Our Diocesan Community - The Latest edition of the ODC is now available in the churches

Vinnies Winter Appeal – Ballarat City Brass Band Concert

The Ballarat City Brass Band presents, "A Golden Era Music" on Sunday, August 14, 2022 at 2.00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat. Entry by gold coin donation and all proceeds will be donated to the Vinnies Winter Appeal.

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

Either of the next two weekends will be the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. As our parish's social service agency, CatholicCare Victoria delivers over 60 programs and services including counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care in hospitals and prisons, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. Donations from our parish community help CatholicCare Victoria support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community and empower everyone to live life to the full. Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help provide caring support for people when they are at their most broken. You can donate using the appeal envelope available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

Pastoral Practitioner vacancy at St John of God Hospital, Ballarat

The hospital has an exciting opportunity available for a dedicated and committed Pastoral Practitioner to join the Pastoral Services team in promoting and providing holistic pastoral services to patients and clients. Position description and application details are available at <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/employment/>. Applications close August 17, 2022.

World Day Against Trafficking in Persons – July 30

This year the UNODC will focus on the role of technology as a tool that can both enable and stop human trafficking. Find out more at <http://endhht.org>. ACRATH needs to raise \$200,000 by July 30 to sustain its many programs and to continue supporting victim/survivors of human trafficking. This year ACRATH needs funds to advocate, educate, contribute to change and support the victim/survivors, building on work done through the pandemic. We ask you to help us to continue our important work and spread the message that 'PEOPLE ARE NOT FOR SALE!' by donating today via our website <https://acrath.org.au/donate/>. We receive NO government funding so your donation

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>

Ballarat Interfaith Network Forum – Sunday, July 31, 2022

The Ballarat Interfaith Network are hosting a forum, "Death, Sanctity of the Human Body and Organ Donation" to be held on Sunday, July 31, 2022 from 2.00pm - 4.00pm at St Patrick Cathedral Hall, Ballarat. To register your attendance please phone 0400 650 234. Masks are recommended. Organ donor registration is available - bring Medicare card to facilitate.

Working with Children and Police Checks

All parishes in the diocese now have new rules regarding:

1. Online child-safety training
2. Working with Children Checks
3. Police checks

Online Training

All parishioners on these lists will now be required to do some online training regarding child safety. Parishioners are asked to provide the parish with your email address and then the diocese will send you a link to access the online training. Please email ararat@ballarat.catholic.org.au with your name and email address

Who needs only a Working with Children Check?

- Ministers of the Eucharist // Cleaners and Gardeners // Caterers including CWL // Sacrament Program Leaders

Who needs both Children's and Police Checks?

- Visitors to people's private homes, aged care and hospital on parish behalf - eg with communion
- Parish Office Staff // Parish Finance Committee // Parish Pastoral Council // All Op Shop Volunteers

How much will it cost?

- ❖ Children checks are free for volunteers
 - ❖ Police Checks have a cost that can be reimbursed by the parish
 - ❖ Police checks are cheaper by using church's CVF code (Community Volunteer Fee) which is CVF4574
 - ❖ Registered teachers only need to show your VIT – it covers your children's check
- You will still need to do the online training

Palms Australia – Celebrating a Return to Global Mission

Once again Australian Catholics are being offered deep re-engagement with our sisters and brothers globally. Covid challenged our ability to reach beyond but now you can again consider Mission opportunities abroad. If you respond to the call to share your skills; to mentor those with little other opportunity, you will be prepared and supported by Palms Australia who have engaged Australian Catholics in this mission since 1961. Enquire online or Ph: 0422 742 567 about a placement to engage your skills and Register for a Webinar on Monday August 1st at 7:00 pm for the chance to talk directly with Palms' partner communities abroad and two Australian program participants recently posted to work with them. Invite your friends. The stories will inspire.



Palms Australia



Diocese of Broome - Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service Needed Urgently – Volunteer Workers

The Diocese of Broome, WA, urgently requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church on Aboriginal Missions. There are various important voluntary tasks: administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc. Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months plus. In return for being part of the team, we offer accommodation, living expenses and an allowance. For further details, and an application form, please contact: Volunteer Coordinator, Janet Ryan: 08 9192 1060 Email: volunteers@broomedioocese.org Web: www.broomedioocese.org Mail: PO Box 76, BROOME WA 6725

Masks are Recommended in the State of Victoria

This from the vic.gov.au website this week:

Where face masks are recommended: **if you are in an indoor setting**



Parish Planned Giving and Expenditure

Stawell's and Landsborough's Planned Giving Envelopes are now available in the churches. We envisage that this time next year we will merge Ararat's envelopes with Stawell's. Stawell's program is more recent and comprehensive so we'll use that program as the base and add Ararat's in. For this year we'll use the old envelopes in Ararat as we have been. Why? The envelopes cost us about \$1000 per year for each of Stawell and Ararat. Using the old envelopes for three years in Ararat will have saved us \$3,000.

I wanted to write this note to thank everyone for your contributions. Covid has thrown us a difficult couple of years. People without jobs. Parishes closed for Masses. Even this week we have lockdowns at Eventide and at Hopkins. Keep safe and well everyone.

With regards to the parish finances, I express my gratitude to parishioners for giving what you are able. At present we're spending on health and safety requirements. We've had electricians in all four churches tag and testing electrical equipment, fixing exit signs, those sorts of things. We've taken away some tripping hazards and painted others with the required yellow safety markings. Lake Bolac has had new handrails welded and installed. The sanctuary platform has been pulled out in Stawell. Ararat's Parish Centre has a new inlaid mat that people won't trip over. All things that needed to be done.

The big items just now of course are in the renovations at St Patrick's Church. This week we pulled out the existing sanctuary platform. That meant pulling out the electrical cables that were attached to it. We've taken down the heaters and will strip away as many wires, conduits and gas pipes as we can. The heaters will be replaced with split systems for both heating and cooling. These will sit on the floor, leaving the stations of the cross to feature more prominently. The church will be cleaner and less cluttered. Today, Friday, the organ is being moved to its new position.

Where will the money come from?

In recent years the parish has sold three blocks of land at Hall's Gap for a total of \$360,000. This money cannot be used for running costs, eg. paying the power bills and wages. Money from the sale of land can only be used to buy or build or undertake major projects. That's church law. We received permission from Bishop Paul to use some of the Hall's Gap money to renovate the church. So this renovation is being paid for out of the Hall's Gap money, rather than from the Sunday collections. This Sunday we will talk about what to do with the sanctuary now that the platform has been removed. Will we build another platform or will we simply carpet where the bare boards are, and sit the altar, lectern and chair on the floor? What do you think?

