

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

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

A reading from the prophet Amos
The almighty Lord says this: Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria. Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all. That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 145:6-10. R. v.2](#)

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. (R.)
3. He upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading

[1 Tm 6:11-16](#)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy
As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

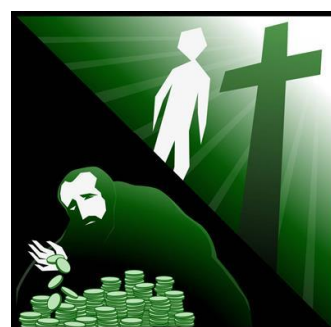
[2 Cor 8:9](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.
Alleluia!

Gospel

[Lk 16:19-31](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. 'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours." 'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead.'"



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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

October 2
Twenty Seventh Sunday Ordinary Time Year C
Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4 // 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14 // Lk 17:5-10

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: Tuesday 27th – there will be no Mass in Stawell

Recent Deaths: Rose Harrison

Anniversaries

Robert Milesi, Bill McKinnon, Alice Parker, Jack Parker, Joyce Henning, Mary Cawthorne 1961, Michael Shanahan 1984, Mary Rutter 1953, Ruby Seary 1969, Pascale Valente 2011, Edmund Gleeson, Margaret Johnson, Bruce Harrison, Nicholas Cosgrave 1952, Alice Tiddy 1952, Robert Prydderch, Alex Shields, Marjorie Stapleton, Robbert Prydderch 1957, Michael Walsh 1995, Frances Woolley 2019, Thomas Turvey 1963, B. Seary 1972, William Power 2009, Nancy Gibson 2010, Margaret Ryan, Joe Hayes, Mary Kelly, Kaz Grabowski, Judith Haberecht-Reid, Natasha Eastick, Theresa Healy 1952, Margaret Jess 2005, John Jess 2019, Tom Ryan, Seamus Hennessy, Elywn Lillis, Annie Larkan 1972

Golden Gate Roster

September 25 Teresa
October 2 Harry Anna // 9 Libby // 16 Teresa // 23 Jim Jan // 30 Harry Anna

Lake Bolac Roster

Sun Sept 25 Reader Rosemary Liston // Prayers of Faithful Phillip Meek // Cleaning Team Effort
Sat Oct 1 Reader Helen Smith // Prayers of Faithful Michael Phillips // Cleaning Jane Higgins

A Special Commemoration Service Marking the Death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Stawell, 5 pm Sunday 25th September 2022. Followed by a cuppa. All welcome

Food Drive - Ararat St Vincent de Paul

Ararat St Vincent de Paul Conference will be having a food drive over the next few weeks for Emergency Relief. We would appreciate any donations of non-perishable foods [eg tea, coffee, long life milk, soup, spaghetti, baked beans, pasta, cereal or anything else that you would like to give, would be helpful to us. There will be a box at the back of the Church for any donations. Many thanks for your support

Op Shop Volunteers Needed

St. Patrick's Op Shop is looking for volunteers. The operating hours are
Monday to Friday from 10am to 1pm and another shift from 1-4pm // Saturday morning 10am to 1pm.
If you have 3 hours a fortnight to help out at the shop please contact June on 0427 670 658.

Sing Assembly Sing – save the date

All are welcome to attend a day to explore the role of the Assembly in enriching the Mass. The Assembly will be held on Saturday, October 8, 2022 at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Ballarat from 10.00am – 4.00pm. Speakers include Paul Taylor, Fr Kevin Lenehan, Sophy Morley. Further information and booking details to come.

Season of Creation: September 1 – October 4

Welcome to the Season of Creation. “Listen to the voice of creation” is the theme and invitation of this year’s Season of Creation. The ecumenical phase begins on September 1 with the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and concludes on October 4 with the feast of Saint Francis. It is a special time for all Christians to pray and work together to care for our common home. If we learn how to listen, we can hear in the voice of creation a sweet song in praise of our Creator God; along with an anguished plea, lamenting our mistreatment of this, our common home. Our Earth weeps and implores us to put an end to our abuses and to her destruction. Our children plead with us to do everything possible to prevent, or at least limit, the collapse of our planet’s ecosystems and to preserve the ancestral lands of our first nations peoples. During this 2022 Season of Creation, let us pray that the human family can work effectively in confronting the double crises of climate change and the reduction of biodiversity. May we respond in prayer and action so that we and future generations can continue to rejoice in God’s creation. Resources: <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/catholic-earthcare-ballarat-diocese/season-of-creation-2022/>

Ballarat Diocesan Launch of the Social Justice Statement 2022-2023

Save the date for this free event - Saturday, October 1, 2022 from 10.00am – 12.00noon. This is a unique opportunity to learn about this year’s statement entitled “Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse.” Join a parish hub or attend online via zoom. There will be two guest speakers offering different understanding and viewpoints on this topic. Todd Sparkman, Senior Sergeant Victoria Police and Susan Muller, Family Safety Practitioner, Family Law Services, CatholicCare Victoria. Bookings are now open at trybooking <https://www.trybooking.com/CCSWQ>

Catholic Social Justice Statement

This year’s Social Justice Statement, Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse, invites us to engage with a complex and confronting social reality. It explores the roots of violence and abuse, honours the voices of victims, offers a social and theological exploration of the reality of violence, especially against women and children, and invites us to develop relationships in all parts of our lives ‘marked by equality and reciprocity rather than domination and violence, respect and freedom rather than coercion and control.’ We welcome this urgent call from our Church to deepen our faith through full and frank discussion and dialogue, advocacy and action. <https://bit.ly/SJS22-23>

Gospel Focus – Rising from the dead

At the end of the passage, Abraham says that if the people of Israel have not been convinced to change their ways by the great prophets throughout time, then ‘they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead’. This is obviously a reference to the fact that by the time of the writing of this gospel – some 50+ years after Jesus – most of the Jews remained unconvinced by the message of Jesus, despite his rising from the dead. It is an indication of the rising tension between Jews and Christians at the time of writing.

Mary Coloe PBVM

They won’t listen!

1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31

Parents will certainly understand the point of the parable in today’s Gospel. You can almost hear the exasperation in Jesus’ voice, ‘You’ve been told over and over again...’ But still people refuse to listen. In the parable, the rich man insists that if only the message was dramatic enough, if only Lazarus could return then surely his brothers would listen. ‘No,’ says Jesus, ‘they won’t listen, even if someone were to rise from the dead.’ And someone has risen from the dead, and has the listening improved? Is kindness a value for us? Generosity? Are we willing to share with others? Or like the rich man, do we block our ears and close our eyes to the needy at our gates, to the refugees on our doorsteps. As I write this reflection, men, women and children are locked up in ‘Detention’ centres, their crime being a desire to live, and see their families live, with some hope. They want a chance for their children to be educated, a chance to live without fear of arrest and torture, a chance to live alongside us and be given a fair go. Apart from these asylum seekers, there are other examples you can think of where Lazarus lies starving on our doorsteps. What more will it take for us to listen, really listen to the words of Jesus? If you look carefully at the parable and the description of the rich man, it does not describe him as a thief, or a swindler; it is not as if he is the one who caused Lazarus to become poor; in this sense he has done nothing wrong. But this is the point. He has done nothing! Lazarus has been at his gate and he has not reached out to him; he has not seen that he has any responsibility for him – it’s not his fault – it’s just the way it is. But Jesus holds him accountable for doing nothing. The letter to Timothy speaks of the person dedicated to God, calling this person to be holy and religious. My question is, how can anyone know she/he is holy or religious? What are the signs to look for? Within Christianity, holiness is not measured in the number of prayers, or our life-choices, but is measured in how we act. Remember when the young man came to Jesus asking about the greatest commandment? Jesus’ response was to tell a story about a Priest, a Levite and a Samaritan, with the last one being upheld as the one who truly kept the commandment because he acted to care for the stranger. It was not his fault that the Jewish man was battered and robbed and lying by the side of the road. No one would have been surprised if he, like the Priest and Levite, had just walked past. But the Samaritan saw a fellow human in need; not one of his own race, but one with him in his neediness. So he acted. Perhaps he thought that it could have been himself by the side of the road – we don’t really know his motives, but he did act. Which is what the rich man in the parable did not do. May our ears and hearts be opened to feel the discomfort of the Gospel; may the Risen One in our midst goad us to act in his name for those like Lazarus in our midst.

St Bernard's, Lake Bolac

Today is a very special day for St Bernard's, Lake Bolac. We celebrate 150 years of the first Catholic Church in Lake Bolac and 60 years of the present St Bernard's Church. The Catholic community had gathered for Mass for some years before the building of the first church, so it's closer to 160 years of gathering as a Catholic community. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Paul Bird at 11am and we are pleased to have former parish priests able to be with us. Lunch will follow at the Lake Bolac Memorial Hall.

We are pleased to now have at St Bernard's the oil lamp used in the first church. This we will place with our Book of Anniversaries on a new table built specially for the purpose. The new table has a cross that echoes the cross on the front of our altar. The Book of Anniversaries holds names and memories of people who prayed under the light of this lamp. These people built a church and then another. All the while they built a community of faithful people. They taught their faith to their children, and they to theirs. They celebrated good times in faith, marriages and the births of children. They commended loved ones home to God, deaths that were sometimes expected and celebrated, and sometimes sudden and tragic. They gathered through the seasons of Australian life, through fires and floods and droughts, and glorious weather and beautiful days to be farming.

We recall the disgraceful behaviour of some priests and the pain that endures for individuals and for families. We remember those who lost their lives in this pain. Never again.

In 2022, we continue to live our Christian lives. As well as remembering the past, today is also about us, the St Bernard's community who gather in these times. Something that marks the times in which we live as Church is the closure of neighbouring churches and the movement of parishes. We can travel further now, and so we gather with faithful people from Willaura and Streatham, and from Glenthompson when they don't have Mass at St Thomas'. We have moved from Terang Parish to Mortlake to Ararat and now to Holy Spirit. We are two dozen faithful people who live our Christian lives in the Catholic Tradition. We think we're doing a good job, and that God would be pleased.



Andrew Chinn Concert

St Patrick's Primary School would like to extend an invitation to our Andrew Chinn Concert

Who is Andrew Chinn: Andrew worked as a classroom teacher in Catholic Primary Schools in Sydney, Australia for nearly twenty years before moving into his full time music ministry. Andrew has visited more than 1000 Catholic primary schools, performing in 2000 concerts across Australia, New Zealand, the USA and Canada sharing his music and his faith with children, teachers and parents.

Concert details:

When: Wednesday 19th October, 2022

Where: St Patrick's Primary School, School Hall

Time: All required to be seated by 5:45pm Concert to start at 6:00pm

Dinner: To be served at approx: 7:00pm

Dinner: Valhalla BBQ; American style BBQ, low and slow cooked beef brisket, pulled pork, chicken Maryland.

Salads - Tossed green salad, coleslaw,

Cost: Adults: \$15ph Children: 2yr-15yrs \$ 10ph (pre-payment required)

RSVP: 10th October, 2022 to St Patrick's Primary school office.

