

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 [Wis 9:13-18](#)

A reading from the book of Wisdom
What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

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 [Phlm 9-10, 12-17](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon
This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you

have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

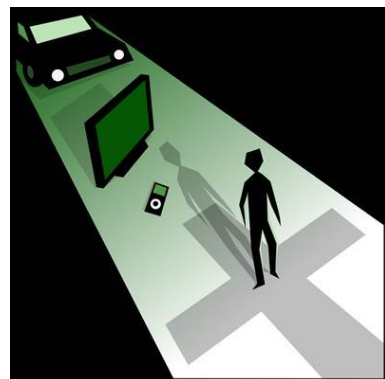
Gospel Acclamation [Ps 118:135](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws. Alleluia!

Gospel [Lk 14:25-33](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'



Parish Information – Holy Spirit Parish, Gariwerd

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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

September 11
Twenty Fourth Sunday Ordinary Time Year C
[Ex 32:7-11. 13-14](#)// [1 Tm 1:12-17](#) // [Lk 15:1-32](#)

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

1 st Wednesday	11.15am Eventide
2 nd Wednesday	11am Lowe St
3 rd Wednesday	10.30am Garden View
4 th Wednesday	10am ARV

Masses in Stawell for the next few weeks:

Sunday Masses will be at school.

Tuesday Masses will be in the parish hall.

The Stawell Anglican Parish have very generously made us welcome at Holy Trinity for funerals should the need arise.

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries

Norman Leggett, Neil Byrne, Kath Walker, Annie McNamara, John McMillan, Patrick O'Donnell 2002, Kathleen Healy 2007, Rose Kennedy, Kevin Cronin, Eileen Brown, John Goulter, Freda Ferguson, Rita Fernando, Ada McDonald 1949, Maxwell Perry 2003, David Lardner, Jess O'Neill, Ken Robson, Barry Mulvihill, Herbert Mannix, James Andrew Haslett, Antonio Balsarine 1970, Frances Naylor 1999, Martin Hayes 1999, James Haslett, Dominic DiDomenico, Jean Hennessy, Patricia Cronin, Irene Byrne, Alice Newman 1967, Alan Cullus 1971, Mary Potter 1975, Peter Power 1989, Hugh Nailon Snr, Graeme Pitcher, Margaret Smith, William Smith, Kath Ryan, Leslie McNiece, Laurence McNiece, Maurice McNiece, John McNiece, Sarah Williamson, Margaret Waring, Graham Carmichael, John Duggan 1974, Grace Irwin 1994, Johannah Molan 2001, Sarah Williamson 2009, Kathleen O'Kane 2019, John Edward Thomas, Fr Aurelius Maschio SDB, Norma Sutton, Mary Davies, Norma Sutton, June McKinnis, Vess Davey, Ruth Brain, Rita Seebus 2012, Mary Waring, Margaret Ridgewell (Peg)

Golden Gate Roster

September 4 Harry Anna // 11 Libby // 18 Jim Jan // 25 Harry Anna

Lake Bolac Roster

Sat Sept 3 Reader Damian Phillips // Prayers of Faithful Helen Smith // Cleaning Tricia Higgins
Sat Sept 17 Reader Leanne Breen // Prayers of Faithful Jane Higgins

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.

Ballarat Clergy Support Fund

The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund provides for retired priests who have spent a lifetime selflessly caring for others, and who deserve a happy and peaceful retirement. The Fund is currently supporting and caring for seventeen retired priests. Over the next few years a number of priests currently in parish ministry will be moving into retirement, and will also need to be supported by the fund. This annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy. Please give as generously as you can, and help us continue 'caring for those who cared for us'. Special envelopes are available for this collection, which will be taken up today.

You may also return your envelope next week.

CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US – THE CHURCH COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY



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

Africa Food Crisis

Drought and conflict in the Horn of Africa have left over 18 million people facing severe hunger. Four consecutive failed rainy seasons have devastated the crops of millions across the region. We must act now and "Make Hunger History." Your generous donation means our partners in countries like Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan and Eritrea can respond quickly to support vulnerable communities during this crisis. Visit www.caritas.org.au/food-crisis or call 1800 024 413 toll free to donate now.

CRA National Justice Seminar, "Now is the Time!"

Registrations are now open for Catholic Religious Australia's National Justice Seminar 2022 titled 'Now is the Time!'. The seminar will be held on Wednesday, October 19, 2022 from 9.30am – 3.30pm at The Treacy Centre, 126 The Avenue Parkville, Melbourne. Speakers are Cathy McGowan AO, Geraldine Atkinson, and Brigid Arthur CSB AO. This seminar for justice animators and colleagues of religious congregations will engage you in conversations on advocacy and action and applying these to contemporary justice issues. There will be opportunities for sharing with your peers and reflecting on the speakers' inputs. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. Register at <https://bit.ly/3T8WWkQ>

Sisters of the Good Samaritan – Study and Mentoring Program

Applications are now invited for the Good Samaritan Study and Mentoring (SAM) Program for 2023. This program offers financial assistance for tertiary theological study to a maximum of \$8000 per year. The grant can be spent on tuition or other expenses associated with the completion of the qualification. For more information or to request an application pack, please contact samleadership@goodsams.org.au. Applications close on September 16, 2022.

Remembering the Martyrs of Papua New Guinea

Am sending you an invitation to a special church service we're having in Holy Trinity on 4th September at 3 p.m. We're having an Evensong with the choir from the Ballarat Cathedral and the Dean of the Cathedral, The Very Rev'd Michael Davies will be preaching. It will be followed by afternoon tea. This service is to remember our Martyrs of Papua New Guinea - a group of clergy, teachers and nurses who gave their lives in World War 2 when the area in which they were serving was invaded by the Japanese. We have a special link here in Ararat as one of the clergy, Henry Matthews, was a relative of the Clugston family from Moyston. Would love to have you, your family, and members of your congregation join us. If possible, for catering RSVP: 0438 274 136 Regards. Cheryl Haines, Anglican Parish, Ararat

Aid to the Church in Need Australia

ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church. In areas of crisis, churches are often destroyed by violence. Where the faith is growing new churches are needed. ACN supports the reconstruction in these areas because a church is the centre of the life of faith and even the smallest chapel provides people with hope and a spiritual home. Can you help? www.aidtochurch.org/construction

'Interludes of Your Making - Spiritual Journalling' (via Zoom), Saturday 10 September 2022, 10am-3pm (AEST).

You are invited to step aside for a personal interlude - a day to be supported as you quietly listen to your heart and allow the Spirit within to lead you gently forward. Through intervals of creative expression and private reflection, individuals can foster new ways of attuning, sensing and articulating inner experiences. Playful use of mixed media expands the contemplative attentiveness. A focused process facilitates a gentle unfolding of self-understanding and meaning. Spiritual journalling will enable participants to notice emerging possibilities, capture otherwise fleeting insights and ponder a path of growth and change. This is a private, companioned journey with no necessity to share. You can enter into your process at your own pace. No art experience is necessary. The outcome will be fresh awareness of your inner self. Led by Margaret Trainor, qualified in spiritual direction and art therapy. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost \$60. Book and pay via www.heartoflife.melbourne, email secretary@heartoflife.melbourne, or tel (03) 9890 1101.

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>

Embrace the Call to Global Mission

American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Zambia are requesting Australian Catholics to live in and share their skills with parish communities. Embrace one of these Mission opportunities abroad and mentor those with little other opportunity. You will be well prepared and supported by Palms Australia who have engaged Australian Catholics in this mission since 1961. Enquire online or Ph: 0422 742 567 and Register for a Webinar on Saturday September 24th at 11:30am where you can talk directly with Veronica Lawson who is mentoring teachers in Pago Pago, American Samoa now. Or visit others already engaged in Mission with Palms on our 13-day Encounter Tour to Timor-Leste from October 16th to 28th.



Freddy is doing well

Parishioners might recall that some weeks ago we prayed for Freddy. Freddy's family report that he is home from hospital and doing very well. They wish to thank everyone for your prayerful support.

Renovation: What's Happening at St Patrick's?

The painting is finished other than some minor patching. The pot holes in the carpark have been filled. The electrical work will begin next.

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. More details in coming weeks.



Prayer for Father's Day

God our Father, we give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old. We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; may they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice. We pray for our own fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; may they know that the god of compassion walks with them in their sorrow. We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice. We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen. Taken from <https://www.thecatholictelegraph.com/a-fathers-day-prayer-2/67183>

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 for the celebration of the Season of Creation 2022 are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/catholic-earthcare-ballarat-diocese/season-of-creation-2022/>

Reunion of past students of Sacred Heart College Ballarat (Class of 1965+)

Reunion will be held on Sunday, October 9, 2022. The event will commence with a campus tour of Damascus College, to be followed lunch at the Golden City Hotel. The campus tour commences at 10.00am and lunch at 11.30am. To attend, please contact Lois Knights, email loisknights345@hotmail.com or phone 0419 902 538.

Palms Australia Timor-Leste Encounter: Sunday, October 16 – Friday, October 28, 2022

Join a small, guided group to experience Timor-Leste including its bustling capital of Dili, the beautiful Atauro Island and regional communities such as Maliana, Atabae and Balibo. Palms Australia recruits, prepares, sends and supports qualified and experienced Australians sought by grass roots communities overseas as mentors to assist sustainable solutions to poverty. Meet Palms personnel who are working with our overseas partners and engage directly with local Timorese people through project site visits. Stay overnight with a local Timorese family for an authentic, personal experience of cultural exchange. More information available at <https://palms.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Timor-Leste-Challenge-Encounter-2022-INFO-PACK-2.pdf>