



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

[Ex 17:8-13](#)

A reading from the book of Exodus
The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 120. R. v.2](#)

(R.) Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains from where shall come my help?

My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth. (R.)

2. May he never allow you to stumble! Let him sleep not, your guard. No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, Israel's guard. (R.)

3. The Lord is your guard and your shade; at your right side he stands. By day the sun shall not smite you nor the moon in the night. (R.)

4. The Lord will guard you from evil, he will guard your soul. The Lord will guard your going and coming both now and for ever. (R.)

Second Reading

[2 Tm 3:14 – 4:2](#)

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy
You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work. Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the

name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

Gospel Acclamation

[Heb 4:12](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!

Gospel

[Lk 18:1-8](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."'

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings today offer various aspects of prayer for our consideration. There is the spiritual discipline of prayer itself, which is essential to the life of the disciple: there is the communal dimension of prayer; and there is the ministerial commitment that is born of prayer. Our personal prayer must be persistent. Like Moses and the woman in the gospel reading, we must be ceaseless in our prayer, not discouraged by difficulties that we might have to face. Regardless of how strange the first reading may appear to be, it very strongly emphasises the communal dimension of prayer.

As minister of the word, Timothy is admonished to keep preaching the gospel, to keep spreading the good news, to allow the scriptures to continue to be a source of wisdom for himself and, through him, for all of the people who hear him.

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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 23
Thirtieth Sunday Ordinary Time Year C
[Sir35:12-14,16-18](#)// [2 Tm 4:6-8,16-18 – 4:2](#)// [Lk 18:9-14](#)

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

Fr Andrew is on Annual Leave. All Aged Care Masses and Ararat Friday Mass will be prayers. Stawell's Tuesday Masses will resume on Tuesday November 8.

Arrangements while Fr Andrew is Away

Fr Andrew will be on annual leave until November 5. During this time Fr Peter Hudson will be available for Sunday Masses and for funerals. The parish office will be open at the usual times and the parish phone (53525460) and emails will be monitored just the same. Please email the office (ararat@ballarat.catholic.org.au) as usual.

Recent Deaths: Catherine Nijhof and Lawrence Logan (Golden Gateway Lodge)

Anniversaries

Margaret Stapleton, Margaret O'Connor, Matthew Brennan, Annie Brennan, Margaret Smith, William Smith, Katherine Lesley, Maurice McNiece, Jack McNiece, James Caine, Mary Caine, James Donne, Mary Donne, Mary Ryan, Kate Masterman, Alice Dowling 1973, Hugh Prowd 1995, William Rathgeber 2005, Zoe Grainger 2005 Michael Hevey, William Rutter 1971, Ellen Oates 1977, Otto Schwab, Dot Schwab, Margaret Eason, Kevin Beamish, Alfred Taylor, Jessie Merrigan 1956, Helen Robinson 1997, Ronald Healy 2003 Honora O'Halloran, Margaret Stainsby, Betty Wallwork, James Lannen, Connie Rice, Renee Daniels, Desmond Kidd, William Rathgeber 1943, Barrie Mason 2011, Kit Tellefson, Edmund Joyce, Eileen Joyce, Jack Dowd, Lorna Clark, Gertrude Woods 1961, Jess Auld 1973, Margery Power 2001, Ann Hogan, Ruby Holland, Vincent McLeod, Dorothy Beble, Allan Sinnott, Patrick Rutter 1986, Mavis Sheedy 1996, William Ormesher 2000, Leslie Williams 2006, , Anthony Hucker, May Jaensch, Frances Mary Horsley, Sarah Oates 1979, Frank Kelly, Nancy Rutter 2018

Golden Gate Roster October 23 Jim Jan // 30 Harry Anna

Lake Bolac Roster Sat Oct 29 Reader Tricia Higgins.//Prayers of Faithful Irene Meek

Ararat Roster Sun Oct 23 Facil P Brady // Reader R Rodger // EMin M Mason
Sun Oct 30 Facil P McAloon// Reader J McAloon// EMin C McAdie

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.

St Bernard's, Lake Bolac

On Saturday evening, 29th October, there will be finger food tea after Mass. There will be a giving bowl to help raise funds to support our mission in India. Please bring a plate of finger food to share.

Australian Catholics

Every parent knows that point where it is easier to agree to your child's nagging than continuing to say 'no'. Or to put it another way, the child's persistence pays off. Persistence in prayer is a theme in this Sunday's readings, although as Fr Brendan Byrne SJ says in his homily notes, God is not 'worn down' by our prayers, but rather a trust in God enables us to persist in our prayers – 'even when the answer seems a long time coming'.

Let us pray this week for all those who have been affected by natural disasters, here in Australia and worldwide. We pray for them to have the resilience to cope with the problems of now, and the strength to look toward the future with hope. We pray that people find shelter, medical care and provisions. We pray nations come together to develop long-term solutions to the problems of climate change and the commitment to carry out those solutions.

We pray for peace in our hearts, families, communities and the world.

Blessings

Michele Frankeni

October is National Mental Health Month

National Mental Health Month is an initiative of the Mental Health Foundation Australia (MHFA) to advocate for and raise awareness of Australian mental health. It is an important time where the Australian community comes together to raise awareness and promote better mental health for all. The National Mental Health Month 2022 Awareness Campaign theme is: 'Building Resilience: Communities and Connections'. Mental Health Australia invites organisations to participate in the "Look after your mental health, Australia" campaign which will run throughout October

<https://lookafteryourmentalhealthaustralia.org.au/>

Prayer for Mental Health month: Lord God, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve those challenged by serious and chronic mental and emotional illnesses. Give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that they may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Diocesan Youth Booklet

The Ballarat Diocese has produced a booklet which outlines opportunities to assist young people on their faith journey. There is information about a variety of youth ministry and young adult activities, as well as details on faith formation, social justice and outreach initiatives. A range of social media networks and online forums offering choices for young people to connect with the wider Catholic community is also included. In addition, there are links to resources to support young people in prayer and spirituality. There is information about reflection days, festivals, immersions and pilgrimage experiences for them to take part in to grow in their faith, and qualifications available in theology, ministry formation, training and much more. With the support of Bishop Paul Bird CSsR, the booklet is being distributed to all secondary schools for Year 12 students and senior school leavers, as well as a small amount of copies for parishes across the Diocese. If you have any questions or would like more copies, please contact the Pastoral Ministry Office pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au

SAVE THE DATE: Liturgy Formation at South West Coast Parish – Sunday, November 13, 2022

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission is hosting a Liturgy Formation Session at St Joseph's Warrnambool on Sunday, November 13, 2022. Bishop Paul will celebrate Mass at 10.30am with the formation program beginning at 12.00noon on the topics of Sunday Assembly of Word & Communion and scripture reflection. All welcome to attend. More details and registration information to come.

National Carers Week Australia: October 16 – 22, 2022

National Carers Week is a time to recognise and celebrate the 2.65 million Australians who provide care and support to a family member or friend <https://carersweek.com.au/>.

We pray for all carers: Lord God, we pray for all who care for family members and friends. Surround them with the love, encouragement and the strength of others in all their works. Lord hear us.

Anti-Poverty Week Australia: October 16-22, 2022

Anti-Poverty Week will celebrate its 20th anniversary this year. Governments have been called upon to take action on two key things: To unlock poverty for individuals, families, and children; raise income support above the poverty line and invest in social housing <https://antipovertyweek.org.au/>

Prayer for anti-poverty week: Loving God, we pray for those who live in poverty. May we never be so comfortable that we are numbed to their discomfort. We pray for those who are in crisis. May we never be too busy to see pain in the face of a stranger. We pray for those who are marginalised. May we never be so privileged to forget those who have little. Amen.

Wisdom Workshop for young adults

FREE self-discovery workshops for young adults (16-25) in the Ballarat region. Over three sessions, participants will learn powerful skills to Clarify and align with personal values, Manage difficult thoughts and emotions, Create a life of meaning and purpose. Wed 12, 19 & 26 October from 7-8.15pm held at Lucas Community Hub. More info and bookings:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/wisdom-workshop-free-self-discovery-course-for-young-adults-in-ballarat-tickets-415691814407>

CTC "Engaging Your Faith" online series

Engaging Your Faith is a series of short online presentations that invite participants to reflect on what it means to be people of faith in the contemporary world. Experienced lecturers from Catholic Theological College present on a variety of topics including Theology, Spirituality, Biblical Studies, Pastoral Studies, *Laudato Si'*, Christian Meditation, *Lectio Divina*, Future Technology, and Science and Religion. Choose from 12 online sessions from October 10-28, 2022. Cost is \$25 per session or \$40 per session for teachers. More information available at <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=954030&>

ACU Public Lecture - Catholic Sacrament of Marriage

The ACU Centre for Liturgy is very pleased to host an upcoming public lecture on the future of the Catholic sacrament of Marriage on October 10, 2022 from 10.00am - 11.30am AEDT to be presented by Professor Julie Hanlon Rubio, an expert in marriage theology, from the Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University, Berkeley CA, USA. More information and booking details at <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/institutes-academies-and-centres/acu-centre-for-liturgy/news-events-and-resources>.

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>

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

St Pat's CWL

Monthly parish cuppa after this Sunday's Mass. Everyone welcome.

St Vincent.de.Paul

Next meeting of Stawell St Vincent de Paul will be on Monday 17th October at 2pm in the St Pat's church hall.

Ecumenical Service

The next 5th Sunday ecumenical service will be on Sunday 30th October at 5pm in the City Heart Church of Christ. Cuppa to follow. All welcome.

Ararat CWL AGM

Tuesday 18th October. Prayers 9.30am Followed by the AGM. Lunch at the Chalambar Golf Club. All Welcome.

