

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**      **Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7**

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So, she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So, they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

**Responsorial Psalm**      **Ps 50:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. see v.3**

**(R.)** Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.  
In your compassion blot out my offence.

O wash me more and more from my guilt  
and cleanse me from my sin. **(R.)**

My offences truly I know them; my sin is always  
before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in  
our sight I have done. **(R.)**

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast  
spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your  
presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **(R.)**

Give me again the joy of your help, with a spirit of  
fervour sustain me.

O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare our  
praise. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** **Rom 5:12, 17-19**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

**Gospel Acclamation**      **Mt 4:4**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of  
God.

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**Gospel**      **Mt 4:1-11**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:  
You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

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## Mass Times

<b>Ararat</b>	Sunday 8.30am
<b>Stawell</b>	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Lake Bolac</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sundays 6.30pm Vigil Sat
<b>Landsborough</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays 12.30pm
<b>Glenthompson</b>	(Hamilton Parish) 2 <sup>nd</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays 8.30am

## Readings for next Sunday

March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Second Sunday of Lent Year A  
Gen 12:1-4//2 Tm 1:8-10//Mt 17:1-9

## Weekday Masses (usual schedule)

**Tuesday:** 10am Stawell (Check bulletin for occasional changes)  
**Wednesday:** Aged Care  
**Thursday:** 2.30pm Hopkins  
**Friday:** 11am Ararat (Check bulletin for occasional changes)

## Aged Care Roster

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 11.15am Eventide  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 11am Lowe St  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 10.30am Garden View  
4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 10am ARVillage

## Changes to Masses this Week

This week Fr Andrew will be on retreat. There will be Mass as usual on Tuesday in Stawell and Friday in Ararat. Wednesday at Eventide will be cancelled and Thursday at Hopkins will be prayers

## Anniversaries

Betty White, Edward O'Boyle, Antonia Sultana, Bob Mahony, Vera Ruzic, Anthony Nolan, Jackson Hunt, Thelma Day, Noel Hooper, Peter Monaghan 1986, Sr Ursula Hayes, Wal Davis, Margaret Forster 1987, Geoffrey Dalton 2002, Edna Wells 2010, Norman Juegan 2014, Edward Arnold, Harold Bryant, Kaz Sobczak, Mons James Brophy, Julieta Formentera, Lorna Martin, Michael Scherger, Joyce Pola 1953, William Coughlan 1959, Margaret Borella 1974, Michael Stapleton, Mary Lugg, Brian Coffey, Hazel Gleeson, Mabel Connell 1966, Catherine Doery, Mary Dalziel 1963, Therese (Dinny) O'Driscoll, Elizabeth Phillips 1943, Patrick Walsh 1944, Hendricus Simons 1990.

## Recent Deaths

Mrs Lyn Marks, Mr Frank Dempsey Mrs Maureen Crawford.

## Golden Gate Roster

Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Feb Harry & Anna  
Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Mar Elizabeth/12<sup>th</sup> Mar Jim & Jan/19<sup>th</sup> Mar Elizabeth/26<sup>th</sup> Mar Teresa  
Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr Harry & Anna/ 9<sup>th</sup> Apr Jim & Jan/ 16<sup>th</sup> Apr Margaret/ 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr Teresa/30<sup>th</sup> Apr Harry & Anna  
Sun May 7<sup>th</sup> Jim & Jan/14<sup>th</sup> May Elizabeth

## Lake Bolac Roster

Sat Mar 4<sup>th</sup> Reader Helen Smith// Prayers of Faithful Judy Aldous //Cleaning Jane Higgins  
Sat Mar 18<sup>th</sup> Reader Tricia Higgins// Prayers of Faithful Val Albert  
Sat Apr 1<sup>st</sup> Reader Phillip Meek//Prayers of Faithful Denise Haslett//Cleaning Judy Upton

## Ararat Roster

Sun Feb 26<sup>th</sup> Welcomer Rosalie N // Facilitator Harry // Reader Charlie R // Euch Min Anna C  
Sun Mar 5<sup>th</sup> Welcomer Gwen M//Facilitator Teresa G// Reader Sr John//Euch Min Marg M  
Sun Mar 12<sup>th</sup> Welcomer Mateo//Facilitator P Brennan//Reader Kath L//Euch Min Anna C

## Stawell Roster

Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Feb S/Minister Mary Rita Thomas// Reader Di O'Donnell// Offertory Heenan Family

## **Lenten Stations of the Cross**

There will be Stations of The Cross prayed each Friday at 10am in St Pat's Church Stawell. Everyone invited.

## **Lenten Discussion Groups**

Stawell - Tuesdays after 10am Mass in the hall

Ararat - Thursdays 10am in the Office Meeting Room

## **Easter Schedule**

Holy Thursday Ararat 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday Stawell 3pm Passion

Holy Saturday Lake Bolac Easter Vigil 6.30pm

Easter Sunday Ararat 8.30am // Stawell 10.30am // Landsborough 12.30pm

## **Other Prayers on Good Friday**

Stawell 11.30am "A walk through the Easter Story" in the Stawell Town hall carpark garden. BYO chair optional.

Ararat 11am (time to be confirmed) - Anglican Stations of the Cross Alexander Gardens, Ararat

Ararat 3pm Anglican Church Passion

## **Holy Saturday 6.30pm Easter Vigil Lake Bolac**

**Easter Sunday** - 9th April. Dawn Service on Stawell's Big Hill. Beginning at 6.30am, followed by a breakfast in the Uniting Church hall.

8.30am Ararat

10.30am Stawell

12.30pm Landsborough

## **Door Opener for Stawell**

Wanted - a parishioner to open and shut St Pat's church on Thursdays. If you can help please ring Mary Rita Thomas 0438 836 180.

## **Mosque Open Day**

Sunday March 5 More information to come.

**A Contemplative Space** (monthly via Zoom with two in-person sessions), 2nd Friday of month starting March-November from 10 am – 12pm (AEDT) with Leslie Hanger.

An invitation to take time out and nurture your soul in a contemplative space. These monthly gatherings offer opportunities for meditation, personal reflection and time for sharing. The sessions will be held online except for May and November when the group will meet in-person at Heart of Life. This is a great opportunity to develop connections with others and support each other's contemplative journey. Join us for individual sessions or book for the entire 9 sessions commencing with 10 Mar 2023. Cost: \$25 per session or \$200 for the series. Book and pay by 6/3/23 via [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne).

**Understanding Your Personality Type: Gifts Differing** (in-person event), Saturday 18 March from 10 am – 3.30 pm with Peter Malone msc.

Our graced selves, praying, communicating...

This is a Myers Briggs reflection day. Attendees can complete the Personality Type Indicator form on the day.

Cost: \$60 (BYO lunch). Book and pay by 15/3/23 via [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne).

## **A special prayer initiative for the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' pontificate**

Pope Francis will celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> year of his pontificate on March 13, 2023. To highlight this milestone anniversary in a "viral" manner, the Digital Synod has launched a special online map featuring virtual lighted candles representing the prayers of the faithful worldwide for him. Anyone who wishes to join the initiative will find an invitation on the website to pray one or more Hail Mary's <https://www.decimus-annus.org/site/index>. The map with the 'little candles' which represent the Hail Mary's that are prayed for him will be sent to Pope Francis.

The World Day of Prayer service is on Friday, 3rd March, at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Stawell at 2 pm, followed by afternoon tea.

Each year has a different theme, and this year the theme is focused on the country of Taiwan and praying for the people. This painting is by the artist Hui-Wen Hsaio and is titled "I Have Heard About Your Faith."



## First Sunday of Lent 25 & 26 February



Laxmi, 16, lives in in Jajarkot, a remote district in Nepal where almost half of the population live below the poverty line. Tragedy struck when Laxmi was 10 years old and her father passed away. Her father worked hard to pay for his children's education and after losing him Laxmi was at risk of falling further into extreme poverty.

With the support of our partner Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club at her school where she was encouraged to resume her education. Through the child's club, Laxmi developed the skills and confidence to become a leader, advocating for clean water taps at her school.

Laxmi is now excelling in her studies and working towards her dream of becoming a civil engineer. She continues to be involved in the child's club, serving as an advisor and mentoring the next generation of young leaders at her old school.

### Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow ***For All Future Generations***.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.



Photo: Richard Wainwright/Caritas Australia

### Project Compassion Prayer

God of all generations, We thank you for those who have gone before us, Especially those who have cared for your earth and Who inspire us to help respect your creation And contribute to its healing. We thank you for those with whom we share our lives today, Especially those who work for justice and peace. May we welcome the opportunity that Lent brings to walk more closely with you, especially through fasting, almsgiving and prayer. We thank you for the challenge of the future. May the cross of Jesus remind us that only love finds the way forward. As we work with big hearts, may we join with Mary in her hope that from now on all generations will experience the great things you will do through us. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

### Reflection by Jenny Close

There are many ways to interpret 'wilderness'. In one view a wilderness is a hot, dry desert, sparse in vegetation and wildlife. It is a forbidding place for human beings and a place where human control means little. In another view it is a jungle, verdant and burgeoning with animal life. Again human control means little because nature is so powerful. In both cases the untamed land is fearful but fascinating. In the wilderness strange and wonderful transformations can happen.

Those who surrender themselves to the elemental forces of life can be renewed; but it is a risky business. They become like plants which reproduce themselves through a process of flowering and seeding: it is only after the flower has perished that the seed emerges and promises new life (see first image). So a retreat into a wild place can mean both death and renewal.

For Jesus, going into the 'wilderness' meant facing up to some stiff challenges from the elemental forces of good and evil which were at work in his life (see second image). No doubt there were many moments of renewal in Jesus' life, and his actual death and resurrection were the final moments in a life-long process.