



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 **Is 50:4-7**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue.
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied
he provides me with speech.
Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a
disciple.
The Lord has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn
away.
I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks
to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my
face against insult and spittle.
The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched
by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be
shamed.

Responsorial Psalm **(Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2**

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips; they toss their heads.' He trusted
in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if
this is his friend.' (R.)
2. Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the
wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones. (R.)
3. They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord do not leave me alone, my strength, make
haste to help me! (R.)
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise
you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons
of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)

Second Reading **Phil 2:6-11**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his
equality with God but emptied himself to assume the
condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being
as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting
death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is
above all other names so that all beings in the heavens,
on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at
the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation **Phil 2:8-9**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on
the cross.

Therefore, God raised him on high and gave him a
name above all other names.

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



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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 12.30pm
Glenthompson	(Hamilton Parish) 2 nd 4 th Sundays 8.30am

Readings for next Sunday

April 9th, 2023
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
Acts 10:34.37-43/Col 3:1-4/Jn 20:1-9

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

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

Anniversaries

Alma Brennan, Evelyn Gleeson, Dr. Pat Claridge, Anna Drewniak Damien Rees, Ena Brady. Annie Rowe, Maureen Davey, Ella Jeffries, Noel Stevens, John Rutter 1973. Bill Laffan, Margaret Walsh, Michael Akers 2001, Valerie Phelan 2006.
Leo Stevens, Maurice Brown, Joan Weeks, Edmund Abberton, Frank Liston, Agnes Borella 1960, Willem Sijmons 2007
John Oliver, Frank Pola, Bowie Shevlin, Margaret Leigh, Tom Smith, Ben Patterson, Fr Meredith Delahenty, Brian Young, Michael Szewczuk 1982, Kevin Stewart 1986, Malcolm McKinnon 1987, Dorothy Peters 2006. Erin Hooper, Roland Wadsworth 1970, Shane Lamb 1979, Albert Gay 1999, Alida Sijmons 1986.

Golden Gate Roster

Sun 2nd Apr Teresa/ 9th Apr Jim & Jan/ 16th Apr Margaret/ 23rd Apr Teresa/Sun 30th Apr Harry & Anna/ Sun May 7th Jim & Jan/14th May Elizabeth

Lake Bolac Roster

Sat Apr 1st Reader Phillip Meek//Prayers of Faithful Denise Haslett//Cleaning Judy Upton
Sat Apr 15th Reader Val Albert// Prayers of Faithful Damian Phillips
Sat Apr 29th Reader Denise Haslett// Prayers of Faithful Mick Brennan

Ararat Roster

Sun Apr 2nd Welcomer Sr John//Facilitator Teresa G//Reader Harry C/Euch Min Genaro O
Sun Apr 9th Welcomer Nora//Facilitator Pat McA//Reader Jenny McA /Euch Min Marg M
Sun Apr 16th Welcomer Rosalie N//Facilitator Cathy McA//Reader Kath L/Euch Min Sr John
Sun Apr 23rd Welcomer Mateo//Facilitator Pat L//Reader Teresa G//Euch Min Mary C
Sun Apr 30th Welcomer Lorna R//Facilitator Harry C//Reader Peter Bren//Euch Min Charlie R

Stawell Roster

Sun 2nd Apr S/Minister J Van Diesen// Reader C Barker// Offertory Pascual Family
Sun 9th Apr S/Minister Kath Ashton// Reader Joan Van Diesen// Offertory P Gooden
Sun 16th April S/Minister Marg Rowe// Reader Di O'Donnell // Offertory Heenan Family

Reconciliation in Ararat (Second Rite) Wednesday April 5, 5.30pm

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 - Anglican Stations of the Cross Alexander Gardens, Ararat

Ararat 3pm Anglican Church Passion

Stawell Combined Churches Ecumenical Services

Good Friday – 7th April. **"A walk through the Easter Story"** 11.30am in the Stawell Town hall carpark garden. BYO chair optional.

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

Gariwerd Parish

We've had confirmation now that our parish is to be called Holy Spirit Parish, Gariwerd. Our new email address is gariwerd@ballarat.catholic.org.au Our website is now live. To find the website go to www.ballarat.catholic.org.au . Choose the parishes button and then choose Gariwerd Parish. You will notice that the website is very sparse. In the coming days we will arrange for the website to better reflect our new parish.

Rural Australians for Refugees - Palm Sunday gathering in Ararat on Sunday, April 2nd at 2pm. We intend meeting in the Alexander Gardens at the cafe, walking around the lake with banners, drums and whistles (if you want to bring them along), and then staying for a cuppa and a chat at the cafe. Hope to see as many there as possible. Please spread the word and bring a friend.

Holy Land Collection – Good Friday, April 7, 2023

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, April 7. The ongoing effects of the pandemic have created enormous challenges for the people of the Holy Land in terms of health and a catastrophic loss of income due to the absence of pilgrims. Pilgrims are vital because they generate income that allows the Friars and local Church to fulfil their mission of caring for the Holy Places (that also gives work to the local people), as well as running parishes, schools and caring for orphans, refugees, the homeless and more. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection will continue to support the works of the Holy Land through the generosity of the Australian Church. Your donation is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of people who are keeping alive the Christian presence in the land of Jesus, often in the face of great odds and in recent years, made all the more difficult by the pandemic.

Mass of the Oils 2023

All are welcome to attend the Mass of the Oils to be held on Monday, April 3, 2023 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 6.30pm. Supper will follow in the Hall.

Palm Sunday 2023 Justice for Refugees Ballarat Event

Meet at View Point, Lake Wendouree at 2.00pm. Speakers include Robyn Burgess, a refugee nurse at Ballarat Community Health and refugees with lived experience. For those who wish to walk, it will finish in front of Loreto College at the viewing area for rowing. Organised by Rural Australian for Refugees Ballarat and Amnesty Ballarat to support permanent protection for all refugees.

Palm Sunday Walk for Justice

This year's walk will call for Justice for Refugees: Permanent visas for all, fair processes and income support for people who are seeking recognition as refugees. While the change of government at the federal election last year has brought hope for more compassionate policies, thousands of refugees and people seeking asylum are still in limbo waiting for certainty about their future. Walk with us this Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023 at 1.00pm for a group reflection and prayer led by Fr Andy Hamilton SJ, with the official Walk for Justice music and speeches starting around 1.30pm. Meet at the far right side of the State Library of Victoria (near the Joan of Arc statue and next to Little Lonsdale Street – you'll see a large 'CAPSA', 'Jesus Social Services' or 'Xavier Social Justice Network' or 'CSSV' banner). If you have any questions, please get in touch with Maeve at CAPSA, email info@capsa.org.au.

Gospel Focus – Uniquely Matthew

The passion narrative in the gospel of Matthew follows the gospel of Mark very closely. However, unlike in other sections of the gospel the Matthew writer has not just inserted sections from the Mark account. Rather, the material is reworked and given a unique Matthean 'flavour'. In addition, the Matthew account includes five events that are not found in the Mark account: Judas hanging himself (27:3-10); Pilate's wife's dream (27:19); Pilate's washing his hands (27:24-25); extraordinary events at the time of Jesus' death (27:51b-53); sealing and guarding the tomb (28:62-66).

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.**



Sixth Sunday of Lent (Palm Sunday) 1 & 2 April



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Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close

The first day of Holy Week is a strange combination of celebration and sombre reflection. For Jesus, his entry into Jerusalem was a triumph that had a seriously sinister side. The elation that stirred the atmosphere of the city was contagious, but Jesus was fully aware of playing a part. The cross was casting its shadow over him.

