



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

Act 2:14,22-33

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence. 'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 15:1-2.5.7-11.R.v.11

(R.) Lord, you will show us the path of life.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.' (R.)
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)

3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even
my body shall rest in safety.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)

4. You will show me the path of life, the fullness of
joy in your presence, at your right-hand happiness
for ever. (R.)

Second Reading

1Pt 1:17-21

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

Gospel Acclamation See Lk 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make
hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!



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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 30th, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Easter Year A
Acts2:14,36-41/1Pt 2:20-25/Jn 10:1-10

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

Tuesday's Mass St Patricks This weeks has changed to Thursday 27th 10am

Anniversaries

Julia Lavery, Walter Doery, John Brown, Joan Gleeson, Shirley McKenzie-McHarg, Neil Albert, Eileen Healy 1973, Ethel Phillips 1975, Edward Phelan 2017, Frances Pola, Vin Smith, Margaret Clark, Bernard Murphy, Kevin Noone 2007, Ann Greenwood 1943, Gordon (Clive) Cawthorn 2008, Emanuel Jotn Penza-Vella, Peter Raycroft 1958, Bernard Rathgeber 1967, Ronald Heal 1975, Ellen Hennessy, Edward Bulger, Ruby Killeen 1946, Mayarellen Barry 1963, Mary Crouch 1966, Ron Dwyer 2001, Ramond Jose 2009, Margaret Parry 2015, George Shea, Eric Carter, John Walters 1959, Thomas Healy 1994, Joan Byrne 1995, Jim Brennan, Colin Gleeson, Albert Stainsby, Jim Lavery, Ian Kirkham, Val Gemmola, Audrey Mary Brennan.

Golden Gate Roster Sun 23rd Apr Teresa/Sun 30th Apr Harry & Anna/Sun May 7th Jim & Jan/14th May Elizabeth

Lake Bolac Roster Sat Apr 29th Reader Denise Haslett// Prayers of Faithful Mick Brennan
Sat May 6th Reader Jane Higgins// Prayers of Faithful Deb Glasson
Sat May 20th Reader Mick Brennan// Prayers of Faithful Rosemary Liston

Ararat Roster 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 23rd April S/Minister Helen Potter// Reader Lesley Morgan // Offertory P Gooden/G Pascall
Sun 30th April S/Minister Joan Van Diesen// Reader Michelle Howard // Offertory J Croton

Friendly Reminder **Could all Caritas/Project Compassion envelopes and boxes please be returned ASAP.**

Ecumenical Service There will a short ecumenical service in St Pat's Church at 5pm on Sunday 30th April followed by a cuppa in the hall. Everyone is welcome.

Catholic Women's League Reflection Day. St Mary's Church Warracknabeal. 24th May from 10:15am – 3pm. Mass at 10.30am. Catered Lunch 12:30pm (Cost \$17). Interesting speakers and discussion. All are welcome to attend all or part of the day. More details to follow.

Bishop Paul has issued the following information for people of the diocese:

Now that the Covid pandemic is less in the news, a number of people have asked about arrangements for the reception of Holy Communion. Some have proposed reintroducing options that were permitted before the pandemic, particularly receiving the host on the tongue and sharing the chalice.

Over the past few weeks, I have consulted various people about this, including the members of our Diocesan Liturgical Commission. I have also received advice from a medical point of view. This has included advice from the Chief Executive Officer of the Southern Grampians Health Service and the Head of the Infectious Diseases Department at the Alfred Hospital. These consultations have highlighted the fact that Covid infections are still a serious concern and that we can reduce the risk of infections by continuing the present provisions regarding Holy Communion.

I have concluded that it is not yet time to reintroduce the sharing of the chalice. While reception of Holy Communion under both species of bread and wine is a fuller sign of our sharing in the banquet of Christ, we can find reassurance in the teaching of the Council of Trent that the whole Christ, body and blood, soul and divinity, is contained under each species. So, even when we simply receive the host, we are receiving the whole Christ. In regard to the way of receiving the host, recognising the continuing risks of the pandemic, and out of consideration for the health of all parishioners, I recommend reverent reception of the host in the hand rather than reception on the tongue.

May our Communion draw us ever closer to Christ and strengthen our love and care for one another.

God bless you all. Bishop Paul

Pastoral Formation Day - preparing and celebrating the sacraments of healing: Saturday, April 29, 2023 in Ballarat – updated notice

Please register to attend this formation day. If there are too few registrations the day will not proceed. What do Catholics believe about Sacraments of Healing? How do Catholics celebrate reconciliation and forgiveness? How do priests, deacons and lay ministers care for the sick? What is Viaticum and how is Communion ministered to the sick? These questions and more will be investigated by the ACU Centre for Liturgy team during a pastoral formation day called, "Be not afraid: preparing and celebrating sacraments of healing." Open to the public, this formation day is for pastoral care workers, clergy, hospital chaplains, lay ministers, parishioners and all those who care for the sick and will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2023 at the Glowrey Room, St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat, 3 Lyons Street South from 9.30am – 5.00pm (registration from 9.00am). Cost is \$20.00 and registration (including lunch) is essential at

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/pastoral-formation-day-in-ballarat/>. For more information phone 02 9701 4751. All are welcome.

Prayers for ANZAC Day

We pray for all airmen, sailors and soldiers who served and bravely lost their lives in battle during times of conflict, especially members of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. May they rest in the peace of Christ and rise in glory on the last day. Let us pray to the Lord.

We remember all families, parents and children who lost loved ones through war. May the light of God's hope and strength comfort them. Let us pray to the Lord.

Olive Tree Media: Faith Runs Deep event

The Unearthed event is organised by the team from Olive Tree Media who are collaborating with numerous churches from the region of Ballarat to host a free event which will help uncover stories of faith in the Australian context. Media presenter Karl Faase and country music star Colin Buchanan will appear at this event and there will be an interview with artist Bindi Cole Chocka who is featured in the series, sharing part of her journey of life and faith. The Unearthed event will be on Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 7.00pm at the Ballarat Civic Hall. For more information and to book your free ticket go to Olive the Tree Media website

www.olivetreemedia.com.au/unearthedballarat/ or email churches@olivetreemedia.com.au

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Living the Gospel – Living the journey

The story of the road to Emmaus is a perfect model for our Christian life. It reminds us first of all that none of us walk the journey alone. Even when we don't recognise his presence, Jesus joins us in the everyday realities of life. The breaking open and interpretation of scripture is essential to making sense of our life experiences and through the celebration of Eucharist and table fellowship we are nourished to not only continue the journey but to share the good news with others. Where do you find yourself in the events of this story?

Gospel Focus – Hearts on Fire

The disciples recognised Jesus in the breaking of the bread and at that moment he disappeared. The immediate reaction of the disciples might have been to dismiss the notion that Jesus had been with them as wishful thinking. However, they remind each other that their hearts had been set on fire by Jesus as he spoke to them along the road. It is an extraordinarily powerful image; to set hearts on fire. Yet, that experience is not locked in the pages of the gospel; Jesus continues to set hearts of fire, inspiring everyday people to do extraordinary things.



Have you thought? – Recognising Jesus

These two disciples, although not any of the Twelve, would have considered themselves close followers of Jesus. They are devastated by his death and so must have known Jesus quite well. However, they fail to recognise him when he joins them on the road. Whether they were prevented from recognising him or whether he was somehow transformed through the resurrection we don't know. But two close followers were unable to recognise him walking beside them. Perhaps we shouldn't feel too bad, two millennia later, when we fail to recognise Jesus as he continues to walk beside us.

Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close

Gospel stories of the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus are fascinating for their variety. There is nothing uniform in the way that Jesus made himself seen, heard, felt, recognised etc, on these occasions. In every encounter there seems to be a unique element. In this account from Luke's Gospel, wonder and reflection are integral parts of a conversion experience.

Two disciples, on the road to Emmaus, were so preoccupied with the recent events that they needed little encouragement to blurt it all out to a chance-met stranger. They probably had raked over the details of the story many times before this and yet the meaning of the death and resurrection of Jesus still eluded them. They needed to be clear-headed about it, but their sense of wonder was overwhelming.

Evidently the stranger was emotionally distanced from the events because he was able to think clearly about how they fitted into the pattern of the Tradition. His rational approach enabled the disciples to move from wonder to reflection and the meaning of the events began to clarify for them. This clarity was not the end of the experience, however, and the disciples moved back into wonder-mode when 'they recognised him [Jesus] in the breaking of the bread'. It was only after this conversion cycle of wonder and reflection that these two disciples were able to witness to the resurrection.

REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE – by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

The two disciples did not recognise Jesus. But as they walked and talked with him, and listened to him explain the events of the Crucifixion in light of the Scriptures, their hearts began to burn within them.

Has your heart ever burned within you as you recalled something you said or did? What happened?

This story has four parts: they meet; they share stories and listen; they break bread; and they part, knowing they will see one another again. Does this sound like what you often do with your friends? How is it similar?

Do these four movements sound like the Mass? Where is the similarity.



