



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

Acts 10:34. 37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

(R.) Alleluia!

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.  
Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

### Second Reading

Col 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians  
Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.

Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

### Gospel Acclamation 1 Cor 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.

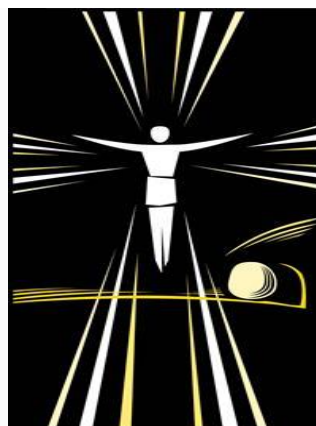
Alleluia!

### Gospel

Jn 20:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.



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## Mass Times

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

## Readings for next Sunday

April 16th, 2023  
Second Sunday of Easter Year A  
Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn20:19-31

## 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

## 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

## Anniversaries

Des Phillips, Henry Borella 1944, Alice Garrard 1985, Jean Crebbin, Frank Kenny, Elaine Fuga-Hooper, Gilbert Remy, Martha Madden 1981, Hector Bone 1981, Elsie Evans 1983, Margaret Moore 1988, Colleen Soule 1999, James Brown, Fr Tom Linane, Mary Monaghan 1981, Carmel Heinrich 2013, Robert Jerram, Enrique Tolentino, Mauva Monroe, Bill Phyland, Malcolm Bates, Thelma McRae, Patricia Carr 1992, Lynette Soule 2010, Inez Krause 2014, Eric Beer, Ron McMaster, Peter Upton, Paul Pavao Japunčić, Agnes Torney 1967, Edward McSparron 2006, Jack Costello, Fr Thomas Moriarty, William McColl 1953, Keith Hurley 1956, Bronwyn Holborow 1990, Carla Bowles 2020

## Golden Gate Roster

9<sup>th</sup> Apr Jim & Jan/ 16<sup>th</sup> Apr Margaret/ 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr Teresa/Sun 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 Apr 15<sup>th</sup> Reader Val Albert// Prayers of Faithful Damian Phillips  
Sat Apr 29<sup>th</sup> Reader Denise Haslett// Prayers of Faithful Mick Brennan

## Ararat Roster

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

## Stawell Roster

Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Apr S/Minister Kath Ashton// Reader Joan Van Diesen// Offertory P Gooden  
Sun 16<sup>th</sup> April S/Minister Marg Rowe// Reader Di O'Donnell // Offertory Heenan Family

## Stawell Combined Churches Ecumenical Services

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

### **Mass of the Oils thanks**

Thank you to all who attended the Mass of the Oils this year, especially those who travelled long distances, and to those involved in the music, ministries and collecting the oils for parishes. Your attendance contributed to the success of this diocesan celebration. A report and photos from the Mass are on the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/mass-of-the-oils-2023/>

### **Memorial Mass for Sr Sheila Belleville rsm**

A Memorial Mass for Sr Sheila Belleville will be held on Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at St Mary's Church, Birchip at 10.00am. Following Mass there will be a cup of tea in the Belleville Room (across from the church). All are welcome to attend.

### **4 in 10 Australians would accept an invitation to an Easter service if invited by a close friend or family member**

NCLS Research has some encouraging numbers from the 2022 Australia Community Survey about inviting people to church for Easter. Read about it at the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/ncls-research-four-in-10-australians-say-they-would-go-to-an-easter-service-if-invited-by-a-close-friend-or-family-member/>

### **Ballarat Diocesan Archives**

As part of the relocation of the Diocesan archives to the Bishop's Office, the Ballarat Catholic Diocesan Historical Committee has agreed to release some of the surplus liturgical, educational and encyclopedia material from the library collection. These books are being offered to any Church, parish or school within the diocese. Anyone wishing to know more about this collection please contact the archivist directly on [archives@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:archives@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

### **Volunteers Pastoral Care Workers at Grampians Health Ballarat**

Grampians Health Ballarat is seeking expressions of interest for volunteers Pastoral Care Workers to provide regular pastoral care support to patients and visitors of all faiths and beliefs. If you are willing to commit to 2.5 hours per week, and provide a listening ear, then Grampians Health Ballarat would like to hear from you. Contact Paul Ryan, ph. 5320 8634 or email Paul at [paul.ryan@bhs.org.au](mailto:paul.ryan@bhs.org.au)

### **Historical Context – Mary Magdalene**

Mary Magdalene, or Mary of Magdala, plays an important role in the gospel accounts of the resurrection. She was obviously a significant follower of Jesus, being named as a witness to the crucifixion, discovering the empty tomb and the first to encounter the risen Christ. One would think that she would hold a prestigious place in the Church, but for many years she was confused with another character identified in the gospels and was portrayed as a prostitute and sinner. Mary is named in each of the four gospels and not once is it indicated that she was a sinner or prostitute. She has been a victim of mistaken identity for 2000 years.

### **Gospel Focus – The disciple Jesus loved**

In this week's gospel we see reference to a disciple as 'the one Jesus loved'. It is generally agreed that this disciple is John. There is some suggestion that the disciple, John, is in fact the John ascribed as the author of this gospel. If this is so, to describe himself as the disciple Jesus loved is merely a means of avoiding using a personal pronoun – I or me. Just as Jesus described himself as 'the Son of God' or 'the Son of Man' rather than say 'I', John uses the same convention to avoid naming himself. It is not to suggest that Jesus didn't love his other disciples.

### **Different View – An empty tomb?**

There are some writers who have questioned the historical accuracy of the empty tomb account of the resurrection. Some theologians and biblical scholars (e.g. members of the 'Jesus Seminar') argue that historically, it is far more likely that the victim of Roman crucifixion would be left to rot on the cross or buried in a shallow criminal's grave – not laid to rest in an expensive private tomb. However, they do not argue against resurrection. They maintain that Jesus' body was not 'resuscitated' or 'reanimated'. What happened to his corpse, they argue, is irrelevant to Christ's resurrection.

## 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.



## Easter Sunday 9 April



### Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

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## Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close

It was very early in the morning when Mary Magdalene went among the graves to find Jesus: 'it was still dark'. It must have been unnerving to find an empty space where a stone and a body should have been. The resurrection took everybody by surprise, even those who had heard Jesus say, 'Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up' (Jn 2:19).

