



Holy Spirit
Parish
Gariwerd

Sunday June 11th, 2023

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST YEAR A

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

Dt 8:2-3, 14-16

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy
Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 147:12-15, 19-20. R. v.12**

(R.) Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

1. O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Zion, praise your God!
He has strengthened the bars of your gates,
he has blessed the children within you. (R.)
2. He has established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command. (R.)
3. He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees. (R.)

Second Reading **1 Cor 10:16-17**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 6:51-58

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John'
I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.' Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.' **The Creed is said.**



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Mass Times

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

Readings for next Sunday

June 18th, 2023
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
Ex 19:2-6/Rom 5:6-11/Mt 9:36-10:8

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

Recent Deaths Kate Wilson and Marie Kinane

Anniversaries

John Hearn, Ned Moloney, Terrence Peters 1971, John Brennan, Peggy Schwab, Sr. Imelda O'Collins, Terry Dutton-Bottoms, Margaret Brennan 1979, Winifred Murphy, Margaret Overington, Nancy Marx, Isabel Costello, Ena Florence Harrison, Kath Parry 1982, Kevin O'Kane 2017, Elizabeth Nyikos, Fr John Smith, Elizabeth Smith, Francis Craig 1989, Peter Pola, Eileen Downes, Ethel Foran, Matthew Joyce, Wilma Rowe, Teresa Mulcahy 1945, Margaret Wadsworth 1948, Elizabeth Monaghan 1962, James Phelan 1976, Norman Oates 1981, Reg Parry 1996, Victor O'Connor 2002, Archbishop James Goold, Jean Overington, George Gavin 1997, Mark Van Diesen 2013

Golden Gate Roster Sun 11th June Teresa/Sun 18th June Jim & Jan/ Sun 25th June Harry & Anna/ 2nd July Margaret

Lake Bolac Roster Sat June 17th Reader Damian Phillips// Prayers of Faithful Helen Smith
Sat July 1st Reader Leanne Breen// Prayers of Faithful Jane Higgins/ Cleaning Tricia Higgins

Ararat Roster Sun June 11th Welcomer Nora //Facilitator Harry//Reader Peter B //Euch Min Nora
Sun June 18th Welcomer Kath//Facilitator Pat L //Reader Jim C//Euch Min Jan C

Stawell Roster Sun June 11th S/Minister Mary Rita Thomas // Reader Joan Van Diesen// Offertory J Croton
Sun June 18th S/Minister Michelle Howard // Reader Moyra Maestros// Offertory L Habbens

Ararat C.W.L Next meeting is on Tuesday 13th June 2023 at 1.30pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

Stawell C.W.L. Will be hosting the cuppa after next Sunday 18th June's Mass. Everyone welcome."

St Vincent de Paul Need a bit of help with donations of food over the winter months. There is a food bin in the foyer of St Marys Ararat church for you to put any items you choose to donate into. Suggested items; soup, spaghetti, Baked beans, noodles, tea, coffee, sugar, long life milk, Cereal, or any other non perishable items are always gratefully accepted. We thank you for your support

The Stawell Baptist Church will be holding its last Service on Sunday 25th June at 10am. The Celebration of the life of the Baptist Church Service will be from 10am – 11.30am and will be followed by a light lunch. Everyone is invited. Please RSVP to Pastor Irene Gould stawellpastor@gmail.com by Monday 19th June. If you can help towards the catering of the lunch contact Mary Rita Thomas gmrt@netspace.net.au ASAP."

Celebration with Stawell Anglican Church - Sunday July 2

Both parishes have wonderful new additions to celebrate in our churches. At St Patrick's we have been using our beautiful new baptism font, a gift from the Anglican parish. The Anglicans are installing a new Marian shrine with a framed artwork and candle holder. The candle holder is a gift from St Patrick's. For those who are able, we will pray and bless the mutual gifts. At St Patrick's we will bless our new Marian chapel at the same time.

10am	Anglican Mass at Holy Trinity
10.30am	Catholic Mass at St Patrick's (30 minute Mass)
11.15am approx	Prayer and Blessing of Marian shrine at Holy Trinity
11.45am approx	Prayer and blessing of baptism font and Marian chapel at St Patrick's
12.15pm approx	Refreshments in St Patrick's Hall

Vinnies Winter Appeal

The St Vincent de Paul Society's annual Winter Appeal will focus on the number of older women experiencing and at risk of homelessness. Vinnies are also experiencing an increase in the number of people seeking assistance for the first time. Donations can be made at <https://www.vinnies.org.au/nswwinterwarmthappeal> on 13 18 12 and at all Vinnies Shops. Donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible.

Refugee Week 2023 - Finding Freedom Luncheon

The House of Welcome Ballarat who assist Refugees, Asylum Seekers, students and those in need are holding a Soup and Sandwich Luncheon on Wednesday 21st June from 1.30pm at the Uniting Church Hall, 107 Lydiard St Sth., Ballarat. There will be stalls, competitions and great company. Cost: \$25pp. To book, text your name to 0400 175 045 or email annekav1234@gmail.com. Donations can be made to House of Welcome Ballarat BSB: 633-000 Account No: 1440 44963.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

This feast harkens back to the celebration of Holy Thursday. By way of the metaphors of food and drink, its readings provide us with a look at the mystery of divine presence. They first provide a picture of a God who feeds us. In the past God set a table in freedom, and then provided food that enabled our ancestors to survive. God fed those who were needy, not those who were worthy. Jesus offered sustenance to the crowds that gathered around him. It was not manna from heaven that he offered but his own flesh and blood as food and drink. This food and drink are the pledge of eternal life.

Those who eat this bread and drink this cup are caught up in a profound unity with God, a unity not envisioned in the wilderness experience. There is a new overlay of significance. Jesus' claim to give his flesh and blood was a bold one, Paul's seems even bolder. He states that partaking of the bread and the cup not only joins us with Christ, but actually makes us participants in the body and blood of Christ. Humanity and divinity are joined as one. The Eucharist is a sign of unity in another way. Joined to the body and blood of Christ, we are joined to each other. We are one body and that body is Christ. The Eucharist is truly a celebration of thanksgiving: thanksgiving for our transformation and thanksgiving for our unity.

Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close Reflection by Artist



Jesus said that his own body and blood were 'real' food which was not merely nourishing, but life-giving. It is easy to agree with 'the people' in this reading – the metaphor is raw and abrasive. It was dangerous language, but it engaged their attention.

The central symbols of bread and wine at our Sunday Eucharist are dangerous in what they evoke. It reminds us that the Eucharistic elements we use at Sunday Mass need to be authentic in order to more richly convey the power they evoke.

Ararat Islamic Welfare Association Inc.



VICTORIAN
multicultural
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strengthening our community

Invites you to celebrate with us

Multicultural Harmony Day

*PLEASE BRING YOUR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS AND ENJOY THE
VICTORIAN DIVERSITY*

ON

Sunday, 25th June 2023

Arrival 12:30 pm

Program start 1:00 pm

Lunch served 2:15 pm

COST: FREE

RSVP: by 20th June 2023 via email: aiwa.vic@gmail.com
or
SMS 0488601158

Venue

Gum San Chinese Heritage Centre Great Hall

31-33 Lambert St., Ararat Vic 3377