



Holy Spirit
Parish
Gariwerd

Sunday June 18th, 2023

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 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

Ex 19:2-6

A reading from the book of Exodus
From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.
Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 99:2-3. 5. R. v.3

(R.) We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

1. Cry with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing for joy. (R.)

2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.

He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. (R.)

3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.

He is faithful from age to age. (R.)

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Second Reading

Rom 5:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely, we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

Gospel Acclamation

Mk 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near; repent and believe the Good News!

Alleluia!

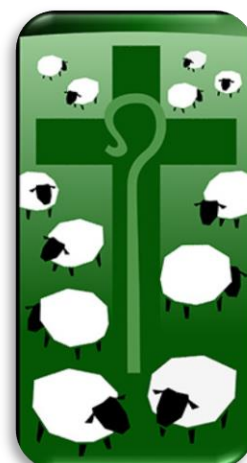
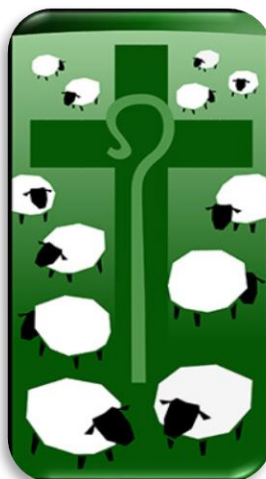
Gospel

Mt 9:36 – 10:8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
When Jesus saw the crowds, he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

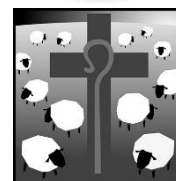
He summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'



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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 25th, 2023
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
Jer 20:10-13/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

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

Michael Pashula, Kath Coughlin, Harold Jackson 1985, Thomas Dunmore 1989, Elizabeth Nichols, Don Reynolds, Nathaniel Lloyd 1961, Kathie Hennessy, David Wilson, George Treloar 1977, Sarah Ralph 1989, Francis Rowe 1998, Marjory Delahunty 2007, Elizabeth Donovan, John Peters, John Peters 1964, Laurence Brown 1998, Frank Tellefson, Nola Walker, Joseph Healy 1957, Bernard Kelly 2003, Fr Tom Russell, Fr Patrick Downes, Alma McLoughlin, Peter Yanner 1962, Pat O'Neill, Laurie Higgins, John Smerdon, Stanley Freeland 1949

Golden Gate Roster 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
Sat July 15th Reader Rosemary Liston// Prayers of Faithful Phillip Meek
Sat July 29th Reader Helen Smith// Prayers of Faithful Judy Aldous

Ararat Roster
Sun June 18th Welcomer Kath//Facilitator Pat L //Reader Jim C//Euch Min Jan C
Sun June 25th Welcomer Sr Maree//Facilitator Peter Brady//Reader Sr John//Euch Min Teresa G

Stawell Roster
Sun June 18th S/Minister Michelle Howard // Reader Moyra Maestros// Offertory L Habbens
Sun June 25th S/Minister Moyra Maestros // Reader Di O'Donnell / Offertory M McGaffin
Sun July 2nd S/Minister Marg Rowe // Reader Kevin Dallinger / Offertory Pascall Family
Sun July 9th S/Minister Helen Potter // Reader Joan Van Diesen / Offertory Heenan Family
Sun July 16th S/Minister Kath Ashton // Reader Lesley Morgan / Offertory P Gooden & G Pascall
Sun July 23rd S/Minister Mary Rita Thomas // Reader D O'Donnell / Offertory J Croton
Sun July 30th S/Minister Marg Rowe // Reader Kevin Dallinger / Offertory L Habben

St Patrick's Stawell The CWL will be hosting a cuppa after Mass this Sunday the 18th June. Everyone welcome

St Vincent de Paul The next meeting of Stawell St Vincent de Paul will be on Monday 19th June at 2pm in the St Pat's Church hall.

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

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.

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 Lunch in St Patrick's Hall

For catering purposes please RSVP to gariwerd@ballarart.catholic.org or phone 53525460 by Friday 26th June

Multicultural Harmony Day

The Ararat Islamic Welfare Association has invited all parishioners to celebrate Harmony Day at Gum San at 12.30pm on Sunday June 25. Program starts 1pm with lunch at 2.15pm. RSVP aiwa.vic@gmail.com or by leaving your name on the sheet in the foyer in Ararat. We can submit your names for you.

Planned Giving

A reminder that the new planned-giving envelopes have arrived for those who asked for them. All parishioners in the planned-giving program will have new numbers. Ararat will start having two collections from the beginning of June.

Celebrating Clergy Jubilees of Ordination

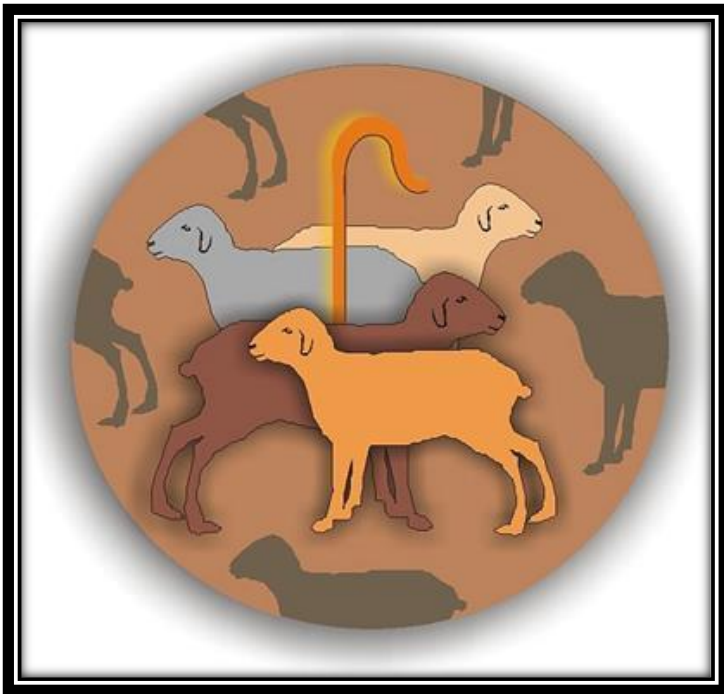
Mass to acknowledge priests celebrating a Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood this year will be held on Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 5.00pm. Bishop Paul will be the main celebrant and concelebrants will be priests of the diocese. Bishop Paul will be the main celebrant and concelebrants will be priests of the diocese. All are welcome to attend. You are invited to join the Choir for this Mass, which will be downstairs. Practice prior to Mass at 4.30pm.

Catholic Social Services Webinar Series - Indigenous Voice to Parliament: Moments for healing this country

Catholic Social Services Victoria (CSSV) and Catholic Social Services Australia (CSSA) are pleased to invite you to a series of webinars to discuss the upcoming referendum on Constitutional Recognition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and the Voice to Parliament on Thursdays June 29 and July 27 from 4.00pm - 5.00pm (AEST) via zoom. Cost is \$12.00 per session or \$30.00 for all 3 Sessions. CSSV and CSSA members free of charge. Register at <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1052799?eid=1052799&>. Enquiries to Kate Stilwell. Email office@css.org.au

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday Resources: July 2, 2023

"A new life in Christ..." Every year, on the first Sunday in July, Catholics come together across Australia to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's First Peoples in the Catholic Church. Resources available at <https://www.natsicc.org.au/2023-atsi-sunday.html>



Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close

Reflection by Artist

The gospel this week is the first of three readings in which Jesus gives instructions to his trusted twelve disciples. In today's reading, Jesus calls the twelve together and sends them out to minister to the 'lost sheet of the house of Israel'. Jesus sees the people of his generation as 'harassed and helpless' and feels compassion for them. They need reassurance, guidance and leadership – they need shepherds.

Scriptural context – The House of Israel

The gospel passage has Jesus telling his newly commissioned apostles to go only to the House of Israel, not to go to Samaritans or into pagan territory; the ministry of the apostles is only to be addressed to Jews. But this is the first part of a two-

phase ministry. At the conclusion of the gospel, the Risen Jesus directs his followers to 'make disciples of all the nations'. For the Matthew community, (unlike the community of Luke) it was the House of Israel that needed renewal first before the message of Jesus could be taken to gentile and pagan communities.

Have you thought? – The labourers are few

This passage is often used as the basis for sermons, conversations or even marketing about vocations – vocations to religious life as well as lay vocations. The image of a rich harvest with not enough labourers to reap the harvest is a powerful one. In the Western world in particular today it is very true of priestly and religious vocations. However, it is equally true of lay vocations. Too few people are prepared to 'own' their faith and live the message of the gospel in their day to day work and interactions with others. In what way are you a labourer in the harvest?

Living the Gospel – Apostles, not disciples

There is a lovely distinction in this gospel passage between disciples and apostles. Jesus calls his twelve disciples, commissions them and sends them out to continue his work. From then on, they are referred to as 'apostles'. Disciples are followers, but apostles have been sent out. In our own lives we are called to accept the challenge of being apostles, not disciples. For we are not just followers, we have been sent out by Jesus to continue his work. To be a disciple is just the first step. Disciples follow a path; apostles take the initiative and forge their own path.

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

God's love has been abundant in our lives. Moses, Paul and Matthew all want us to be aware of that.

How has God's love been abundant in your life?

How have you given back to God without thought of being paid? Jesus asked twelve inexperienced, uneducated people to travel all over the countryside preaching, healing and spreading the good news about God's love. It must have seemed like an impossible task.

Would you have gone along with this plan if you had been alive during those days and had been invited to be an apostle? Why or why not?

What are some ways of spreading the good news about God's love that are available to us today but were not available to the original twelve Apostles two thousand years ago?

Which task seems more impossible – for the twelve Apostles to go out and preach and heal and bring people back to God's way, or for today's church members to go out and preach and heal and bring a modern people back to God's way?.