



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 34:4-6. 8-9

A reading from the book of Exodus
With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said, 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

Responsorial Psalm

Dn 3:52-56. R. v.52

(R.) Glory and praise for ever!

1. You are blest, Lord God of our fathers. (R.)
Blest your glorious holy name. (R.)
2. You are blest in the temple of your glory. (R.)
You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. (R.)
3. You are blest who gaze into the depths. (R.)
You are blest in the firmament of heaven. (R.)

Second Reading

2 Cor 13:11-13

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

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Gospel Acclamation

See Apoc 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 3:16-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
Jesus said to Nicodemus, 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'



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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

June 11th, 2023
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Year A
Dt 8:2-3. 14-16/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

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

Anniversaries

Gladys Lillian Ashton, Josip Curak, Bridget Thistlethwaite, Phillip Shields, Julia Aubrey 1952, Hilda Cross 1989, Thomas Eastick, Jane Howlett, Fr Mick Grady, Frank Sertori, David O'Brien 1946, John McGee 1964, Ezekiel Dineen 2002, Sr. Anne Dunbar, Jack White, Dora Jones, John Studd, Cecily Thomas, Mary Overington, Greg Shea, Effie Molan 1985, Charles Colvin 1986, John Hennessy, Bernard Guinan, Eileen O'Halloran, Margaret Shalders, Concetta Cannata, Lyell Clark, Kathleen Freeland 1970, Daniel Millington, Sadie Krelle 2019, Catherine Murray.

Golden Gate Roster

Sun 4th June Elizabeth/Sun 11th June Teresa/Sun 18th June Jim & Jan/ Sun 25th June Harry & Anna/ 2nd July Margaret

Lake Bolac Roster

Sat June 3rd Reader Deb Glasson// Prayers of Faithful Tricia Higgins/Cleaning Rosemary Liston
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 4th Welcomer Mateo//Facilitator Rebecca R//Reader Charlie R//Euch Min Mary C
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
Sun June 25th Welcomer Sr Maree//Facilitator Peter Brady//Reader Sr John//Euch Min Teresa G

Stawell Roster

Sun June 4th S/Minister Kath Ashton // Reader Carmel Barker// Offertory P Gooden/G Pascall
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
Sun June 25th S/Minister Moyra Maestros // Reader Di O'Donnell / Offertory M McGaffin

St Patrick's Stawell Peace Prayer

These scheduled prayers have been postponed for the time being.

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.

St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. More information and Applications Forms are available on our website pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship, Closing Date 4 August 2023.

A Long Way into the "Yes"

When the Indigenous Voice to Parliament referendum comes along, I expect to be voting "yes." There's more debate to come but I'm a long way into the "yes." The people who had their land and children taken continue to struggle. "Closing the Gap" data shows a systemic travesty. When one group of people languish in health, life-expectancy, education, incarceration rates, deaths in custody ... we cannot continue with more of the same or be satisfied with the hope of incremental improvements. Deep listening is missing. It is time to be still and listen, really listen, hear what they hear, see what they see, not only for the first people, but for everyone.

Peter Dutton said two questionable things recently. To suggest that our first nations people are anywhere near "more equal" is a disgraceful distortion. They are so far from equal. He said that the Voice "will permanently divide us by race" and "re-racialise" Australia. I don't mind that. Equal and race-blind would be great if we *were* equal and race-blind, but we're not. Systemic travesty. The first people need to be heard.

I live in the foothills of Gariwerd. They say we have six seasons here. I only know about the ones they had in England. Time for me to be still and listen and learn the seasons where I live. And other things. I'm a long way into the "yes." Fr Andrew

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 May 25, 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

Common Prayer for the 8th Anniversary of Laudato Si'

Loving God, Creator of heaven and earth and all that is in them, you created us in your own image and made us stewards of all your creation. You blessed us with the sun, water, and bountiful land so that all might be nourished. Open our minds and touch our hearts, so that we may attend to your gift of creation. Help us to be conscious that our common home belongs not only to us, but to all of your creatures and to all future generations, and that it is our responsibility to preserve it. May we help each person secure the food and resources that they need. Be present to those in need in these trying times, especially the poorest and those most at risk of being left behind. Transform our fear and feelings of isolation into hope and fraternity so that we may experience a true conversion of heart. Help us to show creative solidarity in addressing the consequences of this global pandemic. Make us courageous to embrace the changes that are needed in search of the common good. Now more than ever may we feel that we are all interconnected and interdependent. Enable us to listen and respond to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. May the present sufferings be the birth pangs of a more fraternal and sustainable world. Under the loving gaze of Mary, Help of Christians, we make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ACU Centre for Liturgy launches Australian-first liturgy podcast

The ACU Centre for Liturgy proudly presents an exciting array of local and international experts who explore a wide range of liturgy-related topics. The podcasts feature thought-provoking discussions on Catholic liturgy, liturgical music, art and architecture, liturgy in Catholic schools, preaching, and more. Listen at <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/institutes-academies-and-centres/acu-centre-for-liturgy/the-liturgy-channel>

Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close

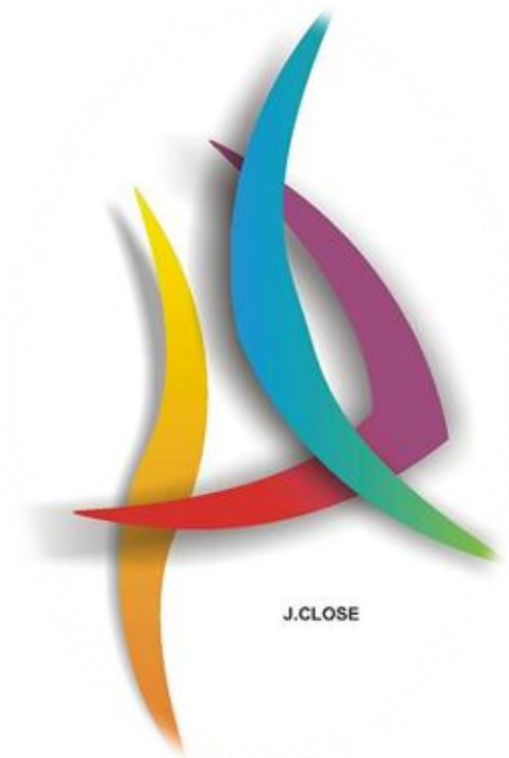
Reflection by Artist

Since the Trinity is one of the great mysteries of our faith, trying to design an image that touches on its meaning seems an impossible task. Three sources come to mind, however: colours, numbers and shapes.

A colour system that artists often use identifies three primary colours: yellow, red and blue. Combinations of the three primaries are thought to produce all other colours. The three primaries have their own individual identity but they share a single source, light. There are echoes of the Trinity here.

In nature, similar shapes are repeated endlessly and yet nature is far from visually boring. In this week's design, nature is emulated: one motif is used six times to make the three shapes which are similar, but not the same. The shapes have a family resemblance, but they have individual identity. Cannot the same be said of the persons of the Trinity?

In the Trinity there are three persons in one God and 'three' is a prime number which can only be divided by itself and one. Prime numbers have a mystical quality, and, together with the primary colours and related and repeated shapes, they evoke a dynamic sense of the divine.



Historical Context – We believe...

The teaching on the Trinity was not formally constructed until the 4th Century and was documented in the creed that emerged from the Council of Nicaea. The Creed that is said today in the Sunday liturgy is a version of that original Nicene Creed. The Nicene Creed spells out Christian beliefs about the nature of God, Jesus and the Spirit and was worded very carefully to negate a variety of heretical views that were held at the time. It is as much a statement about what we do not believe as it is a statement about what we do believe!

Scriptural context – Trinity

At no point in the New Testament is the term 'Trinity' used. That understanding of the nature of God came much later. However, there are a number of scriptural references that led to this theological understanding. The Annunciation, the baptism of Jesus and the great commissioning of the disciples to baptise in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are all examples of the three persons of God being recognised or active in the gospels. Today's second reading shows St Paul using the three experiences of God as a blessing of the people of Corinth.

Living the Gospel – Sign of the Cross

Every time we bless ourselves or begin prayer with the sign of the cross, we reaffirm our belief in the Trinity. That seemingly simple prayer, 'In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,' is, in fact, a confirmation of our belief in a triune God – three in one. The earliest use of the sign of the cross only involved tracing a small cross with the thumb or finger on the forehead as it is still done in baptisms or blessings today. Later, describing the shape of the cross on forehead, abdomen and shoulders became the common practice.