



Holy Spirit
Parish
Gariwerd

Sunday July 23rd, 2023

SIXTEENTH 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

Wis 12:13.16-19

A reading from the book of Wisdom
There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.
Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.
You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there.
By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16. R. v.5

(R.) Lord, you are good and forgiving.
1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice. (R.)
2. All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord: for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God. (R.)
3. But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me. (R.)

Second Reading

Rom 8:26-27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

Gospel Acclamation

See Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 13:24-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.'"



Parish Information – Holy Spirit Parish, Gariwerd



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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

July 30th, 2023
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
1 Kgs 3:5.7-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-46

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

Parish Office The Parish will be closed Thursday 27th July and Friday 28th July 2023

Recent Death Gerardine Rathgeber (Funeral Prayers 1pm Tuesday)

Anniversaries

William Smith, Fr Peter Elder, Lorna Weeding, Sr. Marie Feiss CSB, Sr Aileen Vear CSB, Peter Smeaton 1989, Fr Jim Green, Margaret Skidmore, George Smythe, Helen Grace 1979, Timothy Nicholson 2001, Vera Hayes, Patrick Dinan 1958, Noel Pollock 1991, Reginald Clark 2002, Laurence Cashin, Stan Parker, Bridget McGuan 1958, Mary Healy 1994, Carmel Kelly, Thomas Fitzgerald 1959, Amy McKeon 1980, Christopher Peters 2007, Patrick Reed, Laurence French 2000, Monica Cronin, Leo Heenan, Noel Coughlin, Peter McLoughlin, Mary Healy 1972, Mary McGee 1975, Luigi Martino 1987

Golden Gate Roster Sun 23rd July Harry & Anna/ Sun 30th July Margaret/Sun 6th Aug Elizabeth/ Sun 13th Aug Jim & Jan/Sun 20th Aug Harry & Anna

Lake Bolac Roster Sat July 29th Reader Helen Smith// Prayers of Faithful Judy Aldous

Ararat Roster Sun July 23rd Welcomer Rosalie N //Facilitator Harry//Reader Charlie R//Euch Min Anna C
Sun July 30th Welcomer Rosie//Facilitator Peter Bren// Reader Kath L//Euch Min Marg M

Stawell Roster 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

Farewell Rev Heather Scott

The Rev. Heather Scott will be celebrating her last Mass in the Stawell Anglican parish on Sunday 30th July at 10am. Everyone is welcome to attend the Service in the Holy Trinity Church, Stawell and or the cuppa in the church afterwards.

5th Sunday Ecumenical Service

Stawell Inter Church Council holds an ecumenical prayer service when ever there is a fifth Sunday in the month. The next ecumenical service will be on Sunday 30th July at 5pm in the Stawell Lutheran Church, Scallan St. Everyone is welcome. The Service is usually 30 minutes in duration and is followed by a cuppa in their church hall.

Praying with Pope Francis

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) is an international movement that is more than 170 years old. Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions cover all sorts of areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope and calling us to loving service. Praying each month 'The Pope Video' forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network – view at www.thepopevideo.org.

ACRATH Support

ACRATH is dedicated to eradicating modern slavery, specifically human trafficking and addressing the harm it causes. Our efforts include providing support, advocating for victims and survivors of modern slavery and raising awareness. As we approach the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons on July 30, 2023, we are actively working to raise awareness. The theme for this year is "Reach every victim of trafficking, leave no one behind." Unfortunately, the incidence of modern slavery in Australia is increasing. According to the Global Slavery Index report, the number of individuals living in modern slavery in Australia has more than doubled in the past four years. The international human rights organisation "Walk Free" estimates that there are currently 41,000 people living in modern slavery in Australia. We urge you to take action by learning more about our important work. You can subscribe to our newsletter: <https://acrath.org.au/support-acrath/newsletter-subscription/> or consider donating to our current fundraising campaign <https://acrath.org.au/acrath-launches-fundraising-campaign/>. By fostering widespread community awareness, we can make a difference and spread the message that people are not for sale.

Parish of Saints Anne and Joachim, Sunraysia

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR decreed the establishment of a new parish in the diocese on July 1, 2023 – the Parish of Saints Anne and Joachim, Sunraysia. The newly established parish will comprise the territory that belonged to the parishes of Merbein (est. 1965), Mildura (est. 1906) and Red Cliffs (est. 1953). More information available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/pnews/parish-of-saints-anne-and-joachim-sunraysia/>

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly: Sunday, July 23, 2023

"His mercy is from age to age" (Lk. 1:50) is the theme chosen by the Holy Father for the third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. We pray for all grandparents and the elderly and thank them for their gifts to families and to our parish communities. Resources are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/world-day-for-grandparents-and-the-elderly-sunday-july-23-2023/>

Prayer for the Third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 2023

Virgin Mary, Mother of faith and hope, an example for this humanity bent by indifference, make me as willing as You to accept the will of God, to magnify and praise His Mercy. Mary, Mother of fortitude, you who knows my heart, do not allow me to become discouraged. I confidently surrender my life into your hands. Heal my wounds. May your tenderness accompany me on the way. Your presence, Mother of love, brings us to experience the joy of seeing our families united. Help me to transmit the tenderness and Love of God to the grandchildren and youth so that, in addition to praying for them, we can pray with them. Mary, may the gift of the Holy Spirit intercede for me: sustain my weakness; breathe into my heart the consolation that I may leave traces of faith among the young, bearing witness to the beauty of life, knowing that life has a limit and that beyond it lies before us our Father's embrace. Amen.

ACU Centre for Liturgy Public Lecture, "Women Deacons and the Synod: What Happens Now?"

You are invited to an online public lecture on Monday, August 7, 2023 from 10.00am -11.30am (AEST) presented by Dr Phyllis Zagano (Hofstra University, New York) live via Zoom, on the topic of "Women Deacons and the Synod: What Happens Now?" Registrations close on August 4 at www.acu.edu.au/publiclectureCfL. The zoom link to join will be sent out following registration. More information at available from <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/institutes-academies-and-centres/acu-centre-for-liturgy/news-events-and-resources>

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – Online Study

The Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) is a growing initiative to offer adult religious education and faith formation anytime and anywhere, online. This low-cost (\$50usd) online study and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parishes is available through our partner, Dayton University. The next Cycle begins August 28. There are 41 subjects to choose from – find one that interests you! Registrations are open now. Scan the QR code for more information or email [djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:djurja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or ph. 5337 7121.

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 at <https://pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship>. Close: August 4, 2023.

Have you thought? – Leaven

The parable of the woman placing leaven in three measures of flour is an intriguing one. In some translations, the text reads, 'The kingdom of heaven is like leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened.' Whilst you might initially hide yeast in some dough, it doesn't take very long for the yeast to become apparent as it makes the dough rise. Such a large quantity of flour suggests the bread is being prepared for a festival – perhaps Passover when only unleavened bread was used? That would put a different spin on the woman's action!

The Forever Names

I've been thinking a lot about the forever names of places, especially in light of our parish using Gariwerd to describe where we live. I'm very aware that some (many) parishioners struggled with that. I think it's one of the most respectful things I've done as a priest, to be in a parish that claimed for the mountain its forever name. This is a cultural shift in which the Church should be leading rather than following. Seems to me. *Fr Andrew*

This week there was an ABC News article by Rochelle Kirkham that caught my eye. Another indigenous name was reinstated, this time for a creek between Hepburn and Newstead. The creek is to be named Larni Barramal Yaluk. The new name means "home of the emu creek" in Dja Dja Wurrung language (the forever language of present-day Bendigo).

This next bit is taken from the article:

Reinstating Dja Dja Wurrung language back to the landscape is part of a growing movement across Victoria to feature Aboriginal language in place names.

There have been 64 Aboriginal feature names gazetted and registered in Victoria during the past three years, according to the state's naming authority, Geographic Names Victoria. Data from the authority shows support for the reinstatement of Aboriginal language to the landscape has been gradually increasing.

Rodney Carter: "This is healing for me, it is healing for country and it is healing for place." "The spirit of this water doesn't have to be ashamed of who it is, like maybe others when they came here a while ago made my ancestors feel ashamed of who they were." "I am crying but I am really happy. I am really pleased." "You're giving back its identity that was inadvertently taken away by others before us," he said.



Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close

The kingdom of heaven is like . . . ' Jesus describes heaven as risky, paradoxical and expansive. In the paradoxical image of heaven, human values do not always apply because the logic of heaven is outside human logic. Heaven is a place in which the first will come last and the last first, and where an insignificant thing can become the *pièce de résistance*.

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate When words fail.

One loves someone so much – a child, a parent, a spouse or partner – yet when one tries to pray for that person the words seem only a pale shadow of the intensity of feeling and total love one feels. Stop! Simply put the person or situation before God and say nothing. The Holy Spirit will express our heartfelt prayer for us. One's heart is breaking with grief for someone close who is very ill or dying. Or one feels a terrible anxiety or anguish. Words don't come easily even though one wants to pray. Stop! Put the person or situation before God and say nothing. The Holy Spirit will express our heartfelt prayer for us. Perhaps accentuated by the constant messaging of social media, when trying to pray we can

get anxious when there is a lull in the noise and no words come. We could pause for a moment to relax and to allow the Spirit to express our plea in a way which could never be put into words.

Reflection for Young People – by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

It's lucky for us that God is the only one who distinguishes the weeds from the wheat. Think of your teachers at school. Would all of them completely agree on whether you should be characterised as a weed or as wheat? If so, what would they say? If not, how might they disagree? What would the 'wheat voters' say about you? What would the 'weed voters' say about you? Do you think any of the wheat voters might convince the others of your good qualities? Or do you think it would be more likely that the weed voters would be the convincing ones? Why? Think of a person you might consider to be a weed. Can you see any positive characteristics in that person? If you concentrated on those positives for a whole month, do you think your opinion of this person might change? Why or why not? Do you know anyone who is perfectly good, perfectly wonderful all the time? Do you know anyone who isn't perfect but who could be called saintly? Describe why you see this person in this way. Would anyone disagree with your opinion? If so, why?