



Holy Spirit
Parish
Gariwerd

Sunday July 9th, 2023

FOURTEENTH 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

Zec 9:9-10

A reading from the prophet Zechariah
The Lord says this: 'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem! See now, your king comes to you. he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble, and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14. R. v.1
(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

1. I will give you glory, O God my King, I will bless your name for ever.

I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. (R.)

2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)

3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing.

They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. (R.)

4. The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds.

The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down. (R.)

Second Reading

Rom 8:9.11-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you. So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but

if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

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 11:25-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'



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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

16th July, 2023
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-9

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

Rene McOwan, Willfried Platek, Winifred Stewart 1987, John Tieman, Bridget Janicki, Fr Paddy Bohan, Robert Murton, Thomas Carey 1947, Walter Pickering 1987, Mary Smith 1990, William Pulley 2007, Tom Gleeson, Robert Jerram, Bill Jaensch, Beryl Christian, Allen Christian, Guiseppe Bottiglieri, John Rowe 2005, Joan Foo 2002, Hannah Martin 1966, Mary McCormick, Gerry Oliver, Margaret Pippard, Elizabeth Shevlin, John Cambridge 1956, Kevin Stephens 1987, John Mclvor 2000, Kelvin Driscoll 2001, David McAdie, Vincent Sertori, Mons Bill McMahon, Alan Wilson, Charles Forster 1950, Horace Howlett, Isabella Tonkin, Cyril Crimmings 1957, Kenneth Sparrow 1966, Desmond Phelan 2007, George Murray 1939.

Golden Gate Roster

Sun 9th July Elizabeth/Sun 16th July Jim & Jan/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 15th Reader Rosemary Liston// Prayers of Faithful Phillip Meek
Sat July 29th Reader Helen Smith// Prayers of Faithful Judy Aldous

Ararat Roster

Sun July 9th Welcomer Blessie S //Facilitator Pat L //Reader Peter B //Euch Min Mary C
Sun July 16th Welcomer Genaro //Facilitator Cathy McA//Reader Jan C //Euch Min Jim C
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 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

Ararat CWL

Next meeting **Tuesday 11th July 2023** 1.30pm Parish Centre All Welcome

Planned Giving

A reminder, to please use the new envelopes.

Bring your coat next Sunday

We are told that St. Patrick's in Stawell is likely to be without power on Sunday. Suggestion: bring your hat and coat and wooly undies. Not sure what to wear when it's cold at Mass? Ask the Ararat people.

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.

CatholicCare Victoria Winter Appeal

At CatholicCare Victoria we help individuals, families and communities access the care and support they need, when they need it most. We believe everyone deserves the safety and comfort a home can provide. This winter, you can support people in need of a place to call home. Donate now!

<https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/campaign/donate/16/winter-appeal>

Sea Sunday: July 9, 2023

Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be an Appeal for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. Funds collected will be used to provide practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously. To donate or for more information go to www.stellamarisaustralia.org.

Prayer for Sea Seafarers from Pope John Paul II

Mary, Star of the Sea, light of every ocean, guide seafarers across all dark and stormy seas that they may reach the haven of peace and light prepared in Him who calmed the sea. As we set forth upon the oceans of the world and cross the deserts of our time, show us, O Mary, the fruit of your womb, for without your Son we are lost. Pray that we will never fail on life's journey, that in heart and mind, work and deed, in days of turmoil and in days of calm, we will always look to Christ and say, "Who is this that even wind and sea obey him?" Our Lady of Peace, pray for us! Bright Star of the Sea, guide us! Our Lady, Star of the Sea, pray for seafarers, pray for us.

Victorian container deposit scheme fundraising opportunities

Fundraising opportunities will be available through the Victorian container deposit scheme (starting in November 2023) which will see 10 cents refunded from each eligible container that is returned to a refund collection point. Charities and community groups have the opportunity to benefit through fundraising by collecting containers, registering to receive donations or refunds from others, initiating a collection drive and apply to run a refund collection point. More information available from the CSSV website <https://css.org.au/opportunities-for-fundraising-through-new-victorian-container-deposit-scheme/>

Indigenous Voice to Parliament

NATSICC, with the help of Jesuit Social Services, have developed a kitchen table conversation (KTC) guide to assist people - in parishes, families, groups of friends, teams/workplaces or volunteer groups - to reflectively consider the question the referendum will put to us. The 'KTC' Guide can be found at <https://indigenousvoice.church/>, which CSSV and Caritas Australia supported NATSICC to put together. The website also features a range of other resources, prayers and videos for consideration as part of our "One Journey, Together" project.

In the footsteps of Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage: October 17-28, 2023

This unique Australian Pilgrimage will take you on a journey to places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry in Victoria, South Australia and New South Wales. The pilgrimage is operated by the Sisters of Saint Joseph and Mary MacKillop Place. It will be led by Sr Anne Bond rsj, a Sister from the Sisters of Saint Joseph, and Mr Garry McLean, the inaugural Director of the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre. The pilgrimage will begin in East Melbourne on October 17 and conclude at Mary MacKillop Place in North Sydney on October 28. Along the way pilgrims will visit historic sites and towns including Portland, Penola, Robe and the Mary MacKillop Chapel in North Sydney. Register at <https://www.marymackillopplace.org.au/retreats-spirituality/australian-national-pilgrimage/>

Interchurch Blessings

Thanks to everyone for your efforts in the last couple of weeks. It's been a busy time for interchurch and intercultural events. We celebrated and grieved the closure of the Baptist church in Stawell.

Thanks to the caterers. The Baptists will use St Patrick's Church for a funeral this week for Anne Howlett.

We celebrated with the Anglicans the blessings and installation of their Marian Shrine and the blessing and installation of the former Glenorchy baptism font at St Patrick's. Again, thanks to the caterers.

A good number of parishioners also attended an intercultural and interfaith event in Ararat recently. Good things happening. Signs of God's kingdom.



Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close

Jesus thanked God for hiding the mysteries of faith from the so-called 'wise and intelligent' and revealing them to 'infants'. So often in scripture human values are turned upside-down: those who are usually esteemed are, in the end, the ones who miss out. In his day, Jesus was a threat to the status quo. The learned had the most to lose by the new meanings which emerged from the Jesus movement among the common people. Gentleness and humility were valued over privilege and status in this movement – even so, powerlessness was never a virtue.

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

According to Jesus, children know more about some of God's secrets than do the most clever adults.

Have you ever held a crying baby? Have you seen anyone else do it? Can anything be done to stop a baby crying? When the baby finally stops crying, is it because the pain has gone away? How can rocking, singing and cuddling help?

As we grow older, we perhaps don't cry when we skin our knees or drop our toys, but we still have plenty of pain in our life. We never outgrow the ability to hurt or the need for comfort.

What might be one of God's secrets about dealing with suffering or about comforting someone in pain?

Jesus doesn't promise us a life without pain, but he says that the yoke and burden will be light and easy to bear.

When have you had to deal with great physical pain? What happened?

When have you had to deal with great emotional pain? What

happened? Which is easier to deal with – physical pain or emotional pain? Why? How does living in the spirit of Jesus affect the way we deal with our pain?

