



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

1 Kgs 19:9.11-13

A reading from the first book of the Kings
When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.
1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. (R.)
3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

Second Reading

Rom 9:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 129-5

Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 14:22-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'



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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

August 20th, 2023
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
Is 56:1.6-7/Rom11:13-15.29-32/Mt15:21-28

Changes to Weekday Masses

Fri Aug 11 11am in Ararat will be prayers

Fri Aug 25 11am in Ararat will be prayers

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 Death Maureen Larkin

Anniversaries

Fr Leo McCormick, Rosalia Kolotelo, Lina Daghero, Denise Fromager, Angelo Casso, Mavis Scaletti 2001, Peter Cain William Oliver, Jan Tutton, Edward Byrne, Lola Lindholm, Danny Pollock, May Lenahan, Pat Liston, Daniel Pollock 2011, Margaret Nunweek 2015, Fr. Brendan Davey, Mavis Larkens 1988, Terence Lannen, Eliza O'Connor, Emma James, Sr Denise Allen C.S.B, Jeff Slatter, Georgiana Davies, Mary Pentney 1974, Beverley Austin, Frances Toner, Vin Fagan, John Hogan, Ralph Brown, Cyril Pickering 1980, Agnes Rutter 1981, Norm Manning 1985, Kathleen Morgan 2004, John Stevens.

Golden Gate Roster Sun 13th Aug Jim & Jan/Sun 20th Aug Harry & Anna

Lake Bolac Roster
Sat Aug 19^h Reader Deb Glasson// Prayers of Faithful Helen Smith
Sat Sept 2nd Reader Damian Phillips//Prayers of Faithful Tricia Higgins/Cleaning Judy
Sat Sept 16th Reader Leanne Breen//Prayers of Faithful Jane Higgins
Sat Sept 30th Reader Rosemary Liston//Prayers of Faithful Phillip Meek

Ararat Roster
Sun Aug 13th Welcomer Lorna//Facilitator Peter Bren// Reader Charlie//Euch Min Genara
Sun Aug 20th Welcomer Rosalie//Facilitator Pat L// Reader Elizabeth//Euch Min Marg M
Sun Aug 27th Welcomer Sr John//Facilitator Cathy M//Reader Peter B//Euch Min Jan C
Sun Sept 3rd Welcomer Blessie//Facilitator Charlie//Reader Jim//Euch Min Jan C
Sun Sept 10th Welcomer Rosalie//Facilitator Peter B//Reader Harry//Euch Min Anna
Sun Sept 17th Welcomer Genara//Facilitator Marg O//Reader Rebecca//Euch Min Sr John
Sun Sept 24th Welcomer Rosie//Facilitator Pat L//Reader Kath L//Euch Min Charlie

Stawell Roster
Sun Aug 13th S/Minister Kath Ashton/ Reader Joan Van Diesen / Offertory Pascual Family
Sun Aug 20th S/Minister Mary Rita/ Reader Lesley Morgan / Offertory Heenan Family
Sun Aug 27th S/Minister Marg Rowe/ Reader Di O'Donnell / Offertory Gooden & Pascall

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

The CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal is held in August each year in partnership with parishes and is their major annual fundraiser. CatholicCare Victoria delivers programs and services to support families, children, young people and individuals to help everyone reach their full potential. The services include counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care in hospitals and prisons, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families in our community. You can donate online, ph. (03) 9287 5513 or scan or click the QR code for more information.



McAuley House for Women and Children

McAuley House is celebrating 15 years since the establishment of McAuley Community Services for Women, following the merger of Mercy Care and Regina Coeli. Over the past 15 years McAuley House has supported more than 13,000 women and children. The demand for services remains high. McAuley House will continue advocating for real change that will allow more women and children to remain safely in their homes after violence and avoid homelessness and further disadvantage. A donation to McAuley House supports women and children to be safe and continue this important work. Scan or click the QR code.



Neil Para's 1000 km Walk for Freedom - asking the PM for a fair go for Refugees

Neil is walking 1000 km from Ballarat to Sydney, to ask Prime Minister Albanese for fairness for refugees who've lived here in Australia for more than a decade. Neil is a refugee who fled war and persecution in Sri Lanka and has lived in Ballarat since 2013. The government's recent announcement has given permanence to 19,000 – but what about the rest? For more details and to sign the petition, scan or click the QR code.



Sacred Heart College Ballarat Reunion

A reunion of SHC Ballarat East class of 1965 plus anyone who attended SHC, will be held on Sunday, October 15, 2023 at GC's Ballarat from 11.00am – 3.00pm. To attend email loisknights345@hotmail.com or ph. 0419 902538.

Historical Context – Separation

The image of Jesus still ashore while the disciples battled against strong winds and rising seas must have been an evocative one for the Matthean community. Like the disciples, they were acutely aware of their separation from Jesus. Unlike the disciples, they were separated by time and the raging storm that beset them was a tide of suspicion and persecution. At times they felt the strength and courage of Peter to step out of the boat and be Jesus in their world, but at other times they doubted their own abilities. It is a message for the Church of the day and the Church of today.

Living the Gospel – Christian

What does it mean to describe oneself as a Christian today? A common understanding might be 'one who follows the teachings of Jesus Christ'. Perhaps, based on the understanding of what it meant to be a disciple, we might better describe a Christian as one who learns from the teachings of Jesus and seeks to emulate the work of Jesus. That is, a Christian is someone who models their life on the example of Jesus and is the face of Jesus to others. That's a tougher job description than just turning up to church once a week or putting a bumper sticker on your car.

Gospel Focus – 'Lord! Save me!'

The cry of Peter is one that each of us feels the need to cry out at some stage in our life. Jesus trusted Peter's ability to walk to him on the water; otherwise he would not have called Peter to do so. It is Peter who doubts himself. In this moment of realising that he can't do it alone, he calls out to Jesus. One of the enduring images of Jesus is as the one who saves – the Saviour. When the realisation eventually comes to each of us that we can't do it all alone, we need only call on the one who saves.



The story from Matthew's Gospel, about Jesus walking on the water, is reminiscent of Paul's description of Jesus in the letter to the Colossians: 'the firstborn of all creation' (1:15), 'the firstborn from the dead' (1:18) and 'through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things' (1:20). In Matthew's story Jesus is not a 'ghost', but a flesh and blood human whose divinity becomes apparent while he blends with the earthly elements. This is truly a graphic illustration of how all things will be reconciled to God.

REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE –

by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Peter takes a big risk. Trusting Jesus, he steps out onto the lake in the middle of a storm. But when the wind frightens him, he begins to sink. Jesus is disappointed that Peter's faith isn't greater.

When did you ever take a big risk because you trusted someone? Did it work out, or did you get into trouble? Is it wrong to have doubts and fears when you take a big risk, even when you trust the person you are with? Or is that just a healthy, practical, safe way to live?

Do you think Jesus is being a bit harsh with Peter? After all, Peter did get out of the boat and walk on the water! Or do you think Jesus is justified in his comment, because Peter is already doing the impossible?

A boat is often used as a symbol of the church. In this story it is easy to understand the symbolism of Jesus coming across the stormy waters and winds of modern times in order to help the church stay afloat.

What do you think are the biggest problems for the church today? What is causing the worst storm?

Are you afraid we will all sink? Do you think we will be rescued? Do you think most concerned people will jump off the boat and weather the storm of life alone or on some other type of craft? What do you think will happen?

