



Holy Spirit
Parish
Gariwerd

Sunday August 27th, 2023

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME 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

Isaiah 22:19-23

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you.

On the day I called, you answered, you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)

3. The Lord is high, yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

Second Reading

Romans 11:33-36

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church: the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

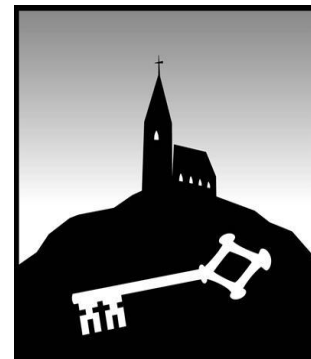
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.



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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

September 3rd, 2023
Jeremiah 20:7-9/Romans 12:1-2/Matthew 16:21-27

Changes to Weekday Masses

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

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

Recent Death John Vermeend

Anniversaries

Mary Colwell, Sergio Tognon, Melrose Naylor 1959, George Thompson 1992, Mary Hickey, Diana Cashin, Frank McAloon, Leila Petersen, Maude Forster 1957, Edward Evans 1960, Charles Lightfoot 1987, Ethel Lannen, Kevin Brady, John Scarsi 1971, Joseph Earle 1987, Margaret Nunweek 1999, Lorna Sargent 2000, Dorothy Woolley 2016, Peter Coughlin, Maria Sobczak, May Pryderrach 1959, James Phillips 1969, Cicily Wortley 1973, James Seear 1973, John Egan 1989, Michael Bond, Ray DeGroot, Stan Gleeson, Jonathan O'Connor 1959, Margaret Hayes 1967, Brendan Laidlaw, Les Kelly Gavin Thomas Quilty.

Golden Gate Roster Sun Aug 27th Teresa/Sun 3rd Sept Margaret/Sun 10th Elizabeth/Sun 17th Teresa/
Sun Sept 24th Jim & Jan

Lake Bolac Roster 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 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 27th S/Minister Marg Rowe/ Reader Di O'Donnell / Offertory P Gooden & G Pascall
Sun Sept 3rd S/Minister M Howard/Reader C Barker/ Offertory J Croton
Sun Sept 10th S/Minister K Ashton/Reader J Van Diesen/Offertory L Habben
Sun Sept 17th S/Minister M R Thomas/Reader K Dallinger/Offertory M McGaffin
Sun Sept 24th S/Minister M Maestros/Reader D O'Donnell/Offertory Pascall Family

New Principal at St Patrick's This week we are pleased to announce that the new principal of St Patrick's, Stawell, will be Bettina Bird. Bettina is currently teaching at St Brigid's in Horsham. She will commence in the role on October 30. Welcome Bettina.

Stawell CWL The next meeting of the Stawell CWL will be on next Tuesday 29th August in St Pat's church hall at 11.30am.

Congratulations to Margaret Rowe, who is the Stawell President of the CWL and is also the Ballarat Diocesan President of the CWL, who has been awarded the Mary Glowrey Award in grateful recognition of her dedicated service over many years to the apostolic works of the CWL of Vic and Wagga Wagga.

St Pat's piety stall will be open in the church hall after this Sunday's Mass and also after next Sunday's Mass. From now on the piety stall will be open on the 3rd Sunday of each month to coincide with the monthly CWL after Mass cuppa. The piety stall is the ideal spot for first sacrament cards and gifts, holy pictures, medals, rosary beads, prayer books, etc.

Plan Giving Friendly Reminder

When transferring monies to either the Parish or Presbytery accounts, please include your new plan giving number and or your name as the reference, as this enables us to correctly record amounts received. Thank you

Ballarat Clergy Support Fund Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

Creating a secure retirement future for the priests of the diocese is a duty and care in which we can all participate. Seventeen retired priests are currently supported by this Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation. Contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.

CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US – THE CHURCH COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY

Please join us for a Kitchen Table Conversation!

A Kitchen Table Conversation is a wonderful opportunity to join with others and listen, learn and reflect on the Indigenous Voice to Parliament referendum that will be held in the coming months. Sessions will be held on August 29, September 11 and September 28 from 3.30-4.45pm online via zoom. More information and registration details are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/aboriginal-catholic-ministry/>

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.



A Prayer for Hope

God our Father. We praise you, bless you and thank you. We have everything because of you. You are good and we love You. Jesus our Brother, you came into this world to show us the way of love. You bring good news to those who are poor and oppressed. You are one with those who suffer. You are one with the First Peoples of Australia. Amidst all their pain, you give them hope that justice, reconciliation and peace will flow and that they will find their rightful place in our common home.

Creator Spirit, you have moved through this land since the beginning of time. You bless Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with the wisdom that enables them to care for each other and to care for country. Fill us all with humility and love so that we listen with respect to their wisdom and learn from them. Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples invite us to journey with them towards a new day where there is healing and justice for them and for all Australians.

As we prepare to vote in the referendum on a Voice to Parliament, may we befriend them and listen to them with deep respect. Shape us into a community of love which is a sign of your divine communion of love. Help us to show all Australians how to build a civilisation of love in this land now and in the years to come. In You we place all our trust and hope. Amen

Dad, I don't want to go to school today," said the boy. "Why not, son?"

"Well, one of the chickens on the school farm died last week and we had chicken soup for lunch the next day. Then three days ago one of the pigs died and we had roast pork the next day." "But why don't you want to go today?" "Because our English teacher died yesterday!"

Mary in Art at St Mary's

The Year 5/6's at St Mary's have made some amazing images of Mary. Thanks to Linda Lyons they first made the paper, then cut the paper and then produced these amazing images. Here are just three. Good job everyone!



Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close Reflection by Artist

Jesus asked 'but who do you say that I am?' and Peter replied 'you are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' His reply has three distinct ideas in it: Messiah, the Son of God and the living God. The first is the role that Jesus plays in salvation history, the second is his nature as a person of the Trinity and the third is about the nature of God who is the source of life and active in the life of the world. Peter used words weighty with theology, but I suspect his faith more than his understanding was being expressed here. In any case, his reply is life-affirming theology. That God became human, shows the intimate relationship between God and creation. Integral to that relationship is God's willingness to be recognised in creation, especially in the person of Jesus.



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

Keys are a symbol of trust and authority, along with responsibility. When have you been given keys? Do you have a key to your family's house? your family's car? your place of work? a room at school? What responsibility comes with being entrusted with a key? Have you ever locked your keys in a car? Have you ever locked yourself out of the house? If so, how did it happen? How did you feel? What did you do? A rock is a symbol of solidness and strength. Rocks are hard to break, but they can break other things easily. Why is a rock a good symbol for faith? How would you describe your own faith? Is it as strong as a rock? Or is it more like a soft, weak substance, such as mashed potatoes, shaving cream, or a dried-out, crumbling leaf? Peter isn't perfect. Remember, before Jesus is crucified, Peter denies him three times, just as Jesus predicted he would. Yet Jesus trusts him to be the leader of his disciples. Why would Jesus trust Peter to be the leader of his disciples? If being perfect is not a condition for having faith, what are the qualities that mark a strong faith?

**COMMUNITY MEAL
TUESDAY'S AT 6PM**

A FREE 2 COURSE MEAL FOR THOSE IN NEED OR SEEKING CONNECTION
CNR HIGH & VINCENT ST SALVO'S
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