



Holy Spirit
Parish
Gariwerd

Sunday October 22nd, 2023

TWENTY NINTH 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 45:1.4-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)
2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens. (R.)
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts. (R.)
4. Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

From Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

Gospel Acclamation

Philippians 2:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 22:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'



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Mass Times

Ararat Sunday 8.30am
Stawell Sunday 10.30am
Lake Bolac 1st 3rd 5th Sundays 6.30pm Vigil Sat
Landsborough 2nd 4th Sundays 12.30pm
Glenthompson (Hamilton Parish) 2nd 4th Sundays 8.30am

Readings for next Sunday

29th October 2023
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
Exodus 22:20-26/1 Thessalonians 1:5-10/Matthew 22:34-40

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

**This Friday the 20th in Ararat, we will have Josef Skubnik's requiem Mass at 10.30am.
This will replace our usual 11am Mass.**

Recent Death Josef Skubnik Eileen Clark

Anniversaries

Margaret Oliver, Anne Brown, Mick Chamings, Emma Crawford 1993, Bob Waring, Fr Gavin Fitzpatrick, My Ha, David Thomson, Margaret Rathgeber 1952, Bridget Mullens 1962, Monica Sullivan 2008, John Day 2011, Honorah Price, Rene Guinan, Belinda Heard, Rene Walsh, Frank Walsh, Catherine Mason 1969, Chris Carter, Margaret (Peg) Price, Simon Ring, Emily Walsh 1945, Francis Gilliland 1990, Fr. Frank Monaghan 2013, Christopher Reid, Tony Pevitt, Sr Grace Wensley RSM, Maxwell Yanner 1950, Elizabeth Whitty 1955, Mary Blackham 1988, Corinne Rathgeber 2011, Norm Reid, John Hennessy Jnr., Dot Hurley, Robert Healy 1972, Mary Ormesher 2001, Dorothy May Hurley 2012, Judy Waring, John Pola 1945, Edward Seear 1945, Gavin Jack 1969, Bridget Pickering 1993, Elsie Mary Dalziel 2008

Golden Gate Roster Sun 22nd Oct Teresa/ Sun Oct 29th Harry & Anna/Sun 5th Nov Jim & Jan/ Sun 12th Nov Elizabeth/Sun Nov 19th Teresa/Sun 26th Nov Harry & Anna/Sun Dec 3rd Jim & Jan

Lake Bolac Roster Sat Oct 28th Reader Tricia Higgins/ Prayers of Faithful Val Albert
Sat Nov 4th Reader Phillip Meek/ Prayers of Faithful Denise Haslett/Cleaning Rosemary Liston
Sat Nov 18th Reader Val Albert/ Prayers of Faithful Deb Glasson

Ararat Roster Sun Oct 22nd Facilitator Harry /Reader Charlie /Euch Min Anna
Sun Oct 29th Facilitator Pat M /Reader Jenny M /Euch Min Marg M
Sun Nov 5th Facilitator Harry C /Reader Teresa G /Euch Min Mary C
Sun Nov 12th Facilitator Cathy McA /Reader Kath L/Euch Min Anna C
Sun Nov 19th Facilitator Peter B/Reader Sr John/Euch Min Charlie R

Stawell Roster Sun Oct 22nd S/Minister M Howard/ Reader J Van Diesen/ Offertory L Habben
Sun Oct 29th S/Minister M Maestros/ Reader D O'Donnell/ Offertory M McGaffin
Sun Nov 5th S/Minister M Rowe/ Reader Mary Rita Thomas / Offertory Pascual Family
Sun Nov 12th S/Minister K Ashton/ Reader K Dallinger/ Offertory Heenan Family
Sun Nov 19th S/Minister M Howard/ Reader J Van Diesen/ Offertory P Gooden/ G Pascall

St Bernard's, Lake Bolac, will be holding a finger food dinner after 6.30 pm Mass, on Saturday, October 28th. Please bring a plate of finger food to share. A microwave is available to heat food if needed. There will be a giving bowl for donations to support our Indian Mission

Stawell Catholic Women's League will hold it's Annual General Meeting in St Pat's Church hall on Tuesday 31st October at 11.30am. Everyone welcome. Afterwards we will be going out to a café to lunch."

Stawell Inter Church Council There will be a ecumenical prayer service on the 5th Sunday at 5pm on Sunday 29th October in St Patrick's Church. Fr Andrew will lead us. The theme will be Peace in our world. Cuppa in St Pat's church hall afterwards." Everyone welcome.

St Patrick's Church - There is a yellow fruit box on the notice sheet table near the organ if you feel able to pop in a grocery donation for those in need in our town and region, on behalf of the Stawell Inter Church Council Welfare Cottage.

The Stawell Inter Church Council welfare Cottage is struggling to keep up with the demand for help and they are seeking grocery donations to help them help those in need. They are particularly looking for donations of tinned items like stew, soup, tuna, vegetables, spaghetti meat sauce. Also soaps, toothbrushes, shampoo, clothes washing powder and dish washing liquid. If you feel able to, could you please buy one extra item when you grocery shop and put it in the donations bin in the church?. There are many in our town and region who are having a hard time making ends meet.

Voice to Parliament [Fr Andrew]

I was reminded this week of these words by Pope John Paul II to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Alice Springs in 1986:

"You are part of Australia and Australia is part of you. And the Church herself in Australia will not fully be the Church that Jesus wants her to be until you have made your contribution to her life and until that contribution has been joyfully received by others."

Prayer [Jesuit Social Services]

May the Spirit within us be a source of healing and consolation. May the Spirit within us strengthen us when we feel weak. Warm us when we are cold-hearted. Bend us when we are stubborn. Move us when we are uncaring. Guide us in the way of love. May we allow the Spirit within to empower us in all we do. Amen.

World Mission Sunday THIS SUNDAY – October 22

Inspired by the Pope's message for World Mission Sunday, this year Catholic Mission is raising awareness of the life-giving work of lay and religious missionaries around the world with the theme "Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move". In his message, Pope Francis reflects on the resilience that everyday missionaries demonstrate in their life-giving work and the burning passion for God and people that inspires their hearts. Dedicating their lives to others, in partnership with communities, missionaries aim to create a positive change through spiritual care and the implementation of grassroots projects, such as healthcare and education, reaching far beyond Catholic communities.

October is National Mental Health Month

National Mental Health Month is an initiative of the Mental Health Foundation Australia (MHFA) to advocate for and raise awareness of Australian mental health. It is an important time where the Australian community comes together to raise awareness and promote better mental health for all. Mental Health Australia invites organisations to participate in the "Look after your mental health, Australia" campaign which will run throughout October. Scan or click the QR code for more information.



National Children's Week: October 21-29, 2023

Children's Week is an annual event celebrated in Australia. Children's Week celebrates the right of children to enjoy childhood. The Children's Week National Theme for 2023 is based on UNCRC Article 31: Children have the right to relax, play and take part in activities they enjoy. The Children's Week Council of Australia have developed a range of activities and tip sheets to celebrate the week and promote children's rights awareness. Scan or click the QR code for more information.



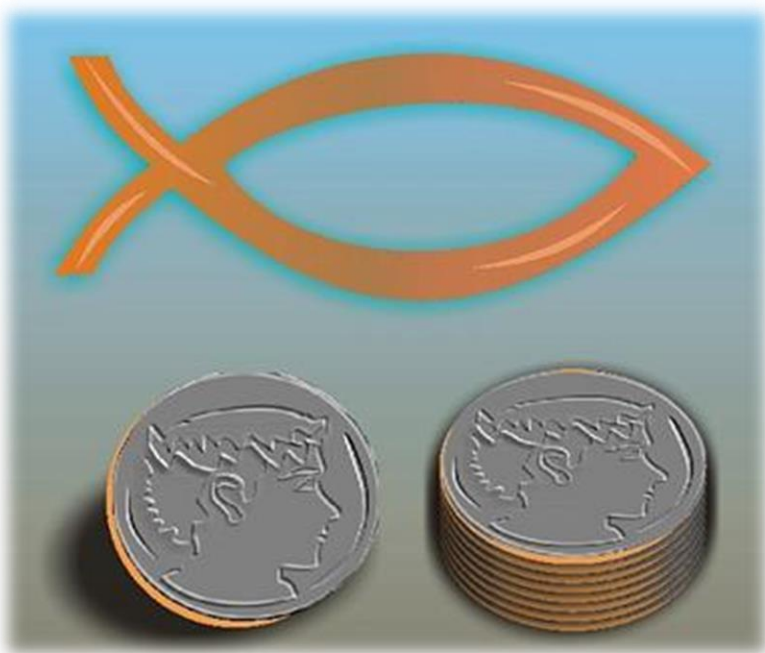
Little Johnny had finished his summer vacation and gone back to school. Two days later his teacher phoned his mother to tell her that he was misbehaving. "Wait a minute," she said. "I had Johnny with me for three months and I never called you once when he misbehaved."

Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close Reflection by Artist

In the parables of the last few weeks Jesus has been critical of the established order, but the establishment tries to get its own back in this week's gospel: some Pharisees try to entrap Jesus in dangerous word play about money and power. Jesus turns the tables on them by taking the argument from the hypothetical to the practical. He uses a real coin to make a concrete and sensible point about relative values. He is both wise and street-smart in his rebuttal, which serves to unmask the hypocrisy of a corrupt hierarchy.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The frequency with which we consider the question of insider-outsider is an indication of how important universalism and the breaking down of boundaries is within our religious tradition. All peoples, all lands are called on to praise God. Furthermore, God cares about and cares for all people (see Is 19:25), and God works through all people to accomplish good in the world: Gandhi, a Hindu of Indian origin; Martin Luther King, Jr, a Baptist minister; Susan B. Anthony, a suffragist; Nelson Mandela, a Black South African, etc. Human beings have always realised that, in comparison with the grandeur and expansiveness of the universe within which they live, they are weak and vulnerable creatures. This has led them to believe in and offer homage to a divine being, or beings. Praise of God has always been an expression of awe and gratitude as well as humility. If neither gender, nor race, nor age, nor class nor culture qualifies one for being an insider, what does? Today's readings suggest that it is service of others. In breaking down the walls of prejudice, the social activists of our own age liberate not only the oppressed groups to which they belong, but also those who oppress them. The lives of these dynamic people show us that service of others draws them into our circles and encircles us in theirs. With open arms God invites all into an embrace of divine love. As God has embraced us, so we are called to embrace all others.



“Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way.”

Matthew 22:16



Historical Context – What's in a face?

The question of coinage was a problematic one for first century Jews. The tradition – grounded in the commandments given to Moses on Mt Sinai – forbade the use of ‘graven’ or carved images. The people of Israel took this prohibition very seriously and did not portray the human face in artwork of any kind. Roman coins were minted with the face of the emperor on them and it was compulsory that taxes be paid with Roman coin. This helps to explain the role of the Temple money-changers who converted the Roman coin into Temple coin that could be used for religious purposes.