



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 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nation's come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.
O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. **(R.)**
In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. **(R.)**
The kings of Tarshish and the seacoasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. **(R.)**
For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians
You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the

same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!
We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people, Israel.' Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said, 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod and returned to their own country by a different way.



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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

14th January 2024
1 Samuel 3:3-10.19/1 Corinthians 6:13-15. 17-20
John 1:35-42

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

Anniversaries

Jacob Pitcher, Theresa McColl, Judi-Anne Parry 1967, Stewart Perry 1970, Lindsay Vendy 1980, James Tonkin 1984, Madge Phillips 1985, Graeme Delahunty 2008, Roger Gleeson, Vincent Daly, Ernest Hooper 1964, Valda McLean 2003, Margaret Cochrane, Eileen Field, Fr Pat McGuire, Jessie Fleming, Sharon McMaster, Alfred Stanley Young, Ellen McDonald 1968, Thomas Seear 1980, Mary Holt 1983, Noel Kuhn 1991, Vincent Thomas, Vera Shea, Anthony Gordon Backshall 1995, Merchant 1995, Peter Keogh, Michael Pickering 1995, Michael Campion, Don Rickard, Elizabeth Ann Driscoll 2019, Patrick O'Callaghan 2018, Margaret Haslett, Margaret Pauling 1959, James Hurley 1960, John Delahunty 2016

Lake Bolac Roster

Sat Jan 6th Reader Damien Phillips/Prayers of Faithful Helen Smith/Cleaning Judy Upton
Sat Jan 20th Reader Leanne Breen/ Prayers of Faithful Jane Higgins

Ararat Roster

Sun Jan 7th Facilitator M Olle /Reader Sr John/Euch Min Mary C
Sun Jan 14th Facilitator C Reid /Reader P Lardner /Euch Min M Mason
Sun Jan 21st Facilitator Peter B/ Reader P Brady /Euch Min Sr John
Sun Jan 28th Facilitator H Collins /Reader K Leggett /Euch Min Anna C

Stawell Roster

Sun Jan 7th S/Minister K Ashton /Reader M Howard/ Offertory P Gooden/G Pascall
Sun Jan 14th S/Minister M Howard /Reader M R Thomas/ Offertory J Croton
Sun Jan 21st S/Minister M Maestros/Reader L Morgan/ Offertory L Habben
Sun Jan 28th S/Minister M Rowe /Reader K Dallinger/ Offertory M McGaffin

Parish Giving Update

We're now six months into our new system of collections, with all churches using the same envelopes and Ararat having two collections. Parishioners may remember that we were concerned about how the Presbytery Collection would hold up with the new system. Six months in we're going quite well. Thanks to everyone. Here are the headlines: The Parish Collection for July to December was \$33,679. (\$1,890.00 down on the previous year's July to December.) The Presbytery Collection is \$20,356 (up \$580 on the previous year's July to December.)

A drunk staggers into a Catholic Church, enters a confessional booth, sits down, but says nothing. The Priest coughs a few times to get his attention, but the drunk continues to sit there. Finally, the Priest pounds three times on the wall. The drunk mumbles, "Ain't no use knocking"! There's no paper on this side either!