



Holy Spirit
Parish
Gariwerd

Sunday March 3rd, 2024
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

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 **Exodus 20:1-3. 7-8. 12-17**

A reading from the book of Exodus

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it. 'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. 'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68**

(R.) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R.)**

The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. **(R.)**

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **(R.)**

They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. **(R.)**

Second Reading **1 Corinthians 1:22-25**

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

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get

over, to the pagans' madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Gospel Acclamation **John 3:16**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel **John 2:13-25**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

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The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday 7th and Friday 8th March.

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

10th March 2024
2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23/ Ephesians 2:4-10/
John 3:14-21

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

Changes to Masses this Week

This week Fr Andrew will be away for the priests' retreat.

Tues 5th Stawell - Mass and Lenten discussion - cancelled

Wed 6th Eventide - cancelled

Thurs 7th - Ararat Lenten discussion 10am as usual

Fri 8th - Ararat 11am Mass as usual

Lenten Discussion February 13th – March 21st

Stawell after 10am Mass on Tuesdays / Ararat 10am on Thursdays

Holy Week in Stawell Sunday 24th – Saturday March 30th

Each day during Holy Week Moira will lead stations of the cross at 10am. Everyone welcome

Mass in Landsborough on Easter Sunday 31st March at 12.30pm

There will be an extra unscheduled Mass in Landsborough to celebrate Easter Sunday.

Recent Death

Mr Brian O'Loughlin

Anniversaries

Elizabeth Phillips 1943, Patrick Walsh 1944, Hendricus Sijmons 1990, Matthew Leggett, Brian Walshe, Nell Hooper, Flora Coad, Alison Burmeister, Arthur Spiller, Mary Radley, Bill Lavery, Mons Tom O'Brien, Jim Rix, Mavis Stewart, Marcia Shalders, Arthur Spiller, Thomas Smith 1962, Dulcie O'Connor 1963, William (Bill) Holzgal 1972, Dennis McMahon 1998, Peter Wister 2008, Beryl Walsh 2020, Fr Thomas O'Brien, Geoff Dohnt, Bernadette Ferguson, Julie O'Brien, Brian Toner, Bill Campigli, Keith Peters 1980, Dulcie Stewart 1982, Kaye Dalton, William Kneebone, Gwen Clark, Teresa Cairns, Robyn Millard, John Duscher 1944, Bertha Naylor 1970, Fr. Matt McGloin, James Healy 1984, John Sullivan 1999.

Lake Bolac

Sat Mar 16th Reader Denise Haslett/ Prayers of Faithful Tricia Higgings

Sat Mar 30th Reader Phillip Meeks/ Prayers of Faithful Damian Phillips/Cleaning Team Effort

Ararat Roster

Sun Mar 3th Facilitator Teresa G/Reader Sr John /Euch Min Marg M

Sun Mar 10th Facilitator P Brennan/Reader Kath L /Euch Min Anna C

Stawell Roster

Sun Mar 3th S/Minster M Howard /Reader Kevin Dallinger / Offertory L Habben

Sun Mar 10th S/Minster M Rowe /Reader L Morgan / Offertory M McGaffin

Ararat CWL : The next meeting of the Ararat CWL will be at The Ararat Cafe and Bistro for coffee at 2pm, Tuesday, March 12.

Easter Schedule

Reconciliation (2nd Rite) (Bring a plate to share) Tues March 17 5.30pm Stawell // 7pm Ararat
Monday March 25 11.30am Mass of the Oils, St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat
Holy Thursday Mass 6.30pm Lake Bolac
Good Friday Passion 3pm Stawell
Holy Saturday Vigil 6.30pm Lake Bolac
Easter Sunday 8.30am Ararat // 10.30am Stawell // 12.30pm Landsborough

New Priest Appointments Affective April 10

Ballarat Cathedral Parish, Ballarat North Parish and Beaufort Parish: Administrator: Fr Edward Moloney // Assistant Priests: Fr James McKay, Fr Francis Kureeckal MST

Ballarat East Parish, Bungaree Parish and Gordon Parish: Parish Priest: Fr Justin Driscoll // Assistant Priest: Fr Matthew Restall

Redan Parish, Sebastopol Parish and Linton Parish: Parish Priest: Fr Concord Bagoisan OSJ // Assistant Priest: Fr Eladio Lizada OSJ

Wendouree Parish, Creswick Parish and Daylesford Parish: Parish Priest: Fr Marcello Colasante

Wimmera-Mallee Parish: Assistant Priest: Fr Sajan Mathew

Harmony Day in Ararat

The Grampians/Gariwerd Rural Australians for Refugees and the Ararat Rural City Council are pleased to invite the Parish of Gariwerd (Stawell & Ararat) to the [Ararat Rural Harmony Day 2024](#) event.

Date: Saturday, 16 March 2024 // Time: 10.00am to 1.00pm // Location: Ararat College , 4 - 30 Barkly St // Cost: Free. No RSVP required . The event will be filled with many mesmerizing performances, delectable cuisines, and engaging activities, showcasing the rich tapestry of cultures within the Ararat Rural City community in a vibrant celebration of cultural diversity. All members of the community, families and children are welcome.

International Women's Day – March 8, 2024

The theme for International Women's Day 2024 is "Count Her In: Invest in Women. Accelerate Progress." Based on the priority theme for the United Nations 68th Commission on the Status of Women, "Count Her In" will examine the pathways to greater economic inclusion for women and girls everywhere.

Caritas Australia Prayer for International Women's Day – March 8, 2024

God, whose love and goodness gathers us in: we pray for women all over the world, especially those challenged by poverty and other injustice. Stir us to know women's dignity. Quieten us to listen to women's voices. Awaken us to see women's realities. Strengthen us to stand for women's rights. Fill us with hope to make a better future together. Amen.



Project Compassion 2024 – Third Sunday of Lent: Meet Leaia

Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for Leaia and her family. But with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and.

Mary Ward for Saint

Mary Ward supporters are seeking support for their cause for canonisation of the foundress of the Loreto Sisters (IBVM). To sign the petition, scan or click the QR code .



A wife comes home late one night and quietly opens the door to her bedroom. From under the blanket, she sees four legs instead of just her husband's two. She reaches for a baseball bat and starts hitting the blanket as hard as she can. Once she's done, she goes to the kitchen to have a drink. As she enters, she sees her husband there, reading a magazine. He says, "Hi darling, your parents have come to visit us, so I let them stay in our bedroom. Did you say hello?"

On any given day there are about 1,600 children and young people in foster-care placements in Victoria and about 470 children in residential care. The number of children in out-of-home care in Victoria is increasing while the number of foster carers is decreasing. We need more carers to support children in need.

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Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close

Herod's temple took years to construct and it was a masterpiece of human skills and energy. Even so, its stone structures proved to be as ephemeral as the life cycle of a small plant and as vulnerable to human violence as the body of Jesus.

REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

No matter what the rule or law is, some people can find a way around it. Sometimes they obey the 'letter' of the law, but they disregard the 'spirit' of the law. Sometimes they pretend to misunderstand the meaning of the law. And sometimes they actually get away with breaking a law by paying off someone who is supposed to be guarding the law. Is it ever okay to break a law? Why or why not? Give examples. What are

some school rules or family rules that you hate to keep? What do you dislike about them? What are some rules or family rules that you wish other people would keep, but they don't? Why do you like those rules? Do you think it would be possible to run a country, a school, an organisation or a family without rules or laws? Why or why not? How would life be different?