



Holy Spirit  
Parish  
Gariwerd

# Sunday March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD 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

Isaiah 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. (R.) They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)

I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)

### Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus

Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### Gospel Acclamation

Philippians 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore, God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

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## Mass Times

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

## Readings for next Sunday

31<sup>st</sup> March 2024  
Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43/Colossians 3:1-4/  
John 20:1-9

## Weekday Masses (usual schedule)

<b>Tuesday:</b>	10am Stawell (Check bulletin for occasional changes)
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Aged Care
<b>Thursday:</b>	2.30pm Hopkins
<b>Friday:</b>	11am Ararat (Check bulletin for occasional changes)

## Aged Care Roster

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

## Easter Schedule

**Holy Week** at St Mary's School - Please join us for liturgies and class discussion during Holy Week

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> 9.05am / Tues 26<sup>th</sup> 9.05am / Wed 27<sup>th</sup> 2.25pm & Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> 1pm all welcome

Stawell there will be Stations of the Cross most days at 10am - more info to come

Ballarat Monday March 25 11.30am Mass of the Oils, St Patrick's Cathedral.

**Holy Thursday** Lake Bolac Mass 6.30pm.

**Good Friday** Lake Bolac Good Friday Service 9am led by Uniting Church at St Bernard's Church.

Ararat 11am Prayer in Alexandra Gardens (Lead by Anglican Church) Raining? Anglican Church.

Stawell 11am Combined service in the Town Hall carpark garden. Optional BYO chair. Raining? Uniting Church.

Ararat 3pm Passion in the Anglican Church.

Stawell 3pm Passion in St Patrick's Church.

**Holy Saturday** Lake Bolac Vigil 6.30pm.

**Easter Sunday** 8.30am Ararat // 10.30am Stawell // 12.30pm Landsborough.

Stawell 6am Dawn Service on Big Hill, followed by breakfast in the Uniting Church Hall.

## Recent Deaths - Anne Moneghetti

**Anniversaries** - Darrell Maddern, Joe Rees, Fr John Harrington, Jean Jones, Beverley Ford, Ivan Evans, Clifford Horsman, Eileen Gavin 2001, Bert Stephens, Ann Stephens, Fr Robert Paterson SJ, Dawn Wilson, Bob Mottram, Aminda (Min) Hamilton, Dorothy O'Brien, John Leggett, Ann Mary Healy 1944, John Thomas, Tom Carter, Sr. Joyce White RSJ, Lily Rose McConnell, Amy Wadsworth 1977, Dave Dempsey, Fr John Henehan, James Brown 1957, John Jones 1997, Lawrence Grace 2006, Betty Monaghan 2008, Fr Bill O'Driscoll, Bea Kelly, Elizabeth Hustler, Benita Una Pieters, Thomas Kerrin 1985, John Colwell, Barry Smith, Phillip Brown, Cliff Murray, Thomas Molan 1981

## Lake Bolac Roster

Sat Mar 30 <sup>th</sup>	Reader Phillip Meeks/ Prayers of Faithful Damian Phillips/Cleaning Team Effort
Sat Apr 6 <sup>th</sup>	Reader Val Albert/ Prayers of Faithful Denise Haslett/ Cleaning Leanne Breen
Sat Apr 20 <sup>th</sup>	Reader Rosemary Liston/ Prayers of Faithful Helen Smith

## Ararat Roster

Sun Mar 24 <sup>th</sup>	Facilitator Charlie R /Reader Teresa G /Euch Min Mary C
Sun Mar 31 <sup>st</sup>	Facilitator Harry C /Reader Pat L/ Euch Min Genara O
Sun Apr 7 <sup>th</sup>	Facilitator Teresa G /Reader Harry C/Euch Mary C

## Stawell Roster

Sun Mar 24 <sup>th</sup>	S/Minster H Potter /Reader C Barker / Offertory Gooden/Pascall
Sun Mar 31 <sup>st</sup>	S/Minster M Maestros /Reader K Dallinger/ Offertory Heenan Family
Sun Apr 7 <sup>th</sup>	S/Minster M Howard /Reader J Raeburn/ Offertory J Croton

**Can you help St Pat's Parish** by helping one hour a month to prepare our church for the Sunday liturgy? Please ring Mary Rita -0438836180 or [gmrt@netspace.net.au](mailto:gmrt@netspace.net.au)

**Can you help St Pat's Parish** by opening and shutting our church every Saturday? Please ring Mary Rita – 0438836180 or [gmrt@netspace.net.au](mailto:gmrt@netspace.net.au)

**Pomonal Fire Fundraising event.** This Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March, at 6pm, there will be a fundraising dinner in the Stawell Uniting Church hall. Please bring food to share and \$5 per head donation. Funds to the Pomonal fire recovery via the Pomonal Church Relief Hub. Everyone welcome.

### **Palm Sunday Walk in Ararat on March 24<sup>th</sup>**

The local Rural Australians for Refugees group will be gathering in Alexandra Gardens in Ararat for the Palm Sunday Walk on Sunday March 24<sup>th</sup>. A warm invitation is extended to local people to join the walk around the lake, starting at 11.30 near the café. Make a banner to heighten the awareness of your compassion for others and the injustice of our government's current treatment of refugees and asylum seekers, particularly those who came by boat in 2013/14 and are still waiting for justice. The Palm Sunday Rally for Refugees has become an annual event across Australia where community, church, political and union groups from across the region gather together to voice their strong opposition to the Australian government's shameful refugee policies and to seek justice for refugees. The current plight of over 10,000 people from asylum seeker and refugee backgrounds being held in limbo is a sad and dreadful situation - some of these people have been in Australia for over ten years with no work rights and no medicare access. They are being told to return to their countries of origin which would see them either jailed or killed. They fled in fear of their and their children's lives. Palm Sunday Rallies are asking the Australian government to give justice to these people and to allow them to settle peacefully in our country..... for those who come across the sea we've boundless plains to share.

### **Fair Trade Easter Campaign**

The Fair Trade Easter Campaign aims to contribute to the broader global Fair Trade movement by advocating for the purchasing, sales and consumption of ethically produced chocolate at Easter time. By buying cocoa beans that are certified Fair Trade, Rainforest Alliance or UTZ Certified, these chocolate producers ensure there is no forced labour or trafficked labour on cocoa plantations. Join millions of people around the world in an effort to make all chocolate slavery-free <https://acrath.org.au/fair-trade-chocolate-for-easter/>

### **Ballarat Rural Australians for Refugees – Palm Sunday Rally and Walk for Justice and Peace**

With wars in so many countries Australia needs to offer compassionate protection to those who flee from war and persecution. All governments and citizens must protect human rights, protect civilians and seek to build peace. All are welcome to the Palm Sunday Rally and Walk for Justice and Peace on March 24, 2024 from 2.00pm – 3.30pm at the McDonald Bandstand, Lake Wendouree Foreshore, opposite the Floral clock in the Botanical Gardens, between Pipers and large playground. Further information is available from the Ballarat Rural Australians for Refugees facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/BallaratRAR/>

### **Holy Land Collection – Good Friday, March 29, 2024**

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday. For 800 years, the Franciscan Friars have shared the difficult lives of Christians in the countries that make up the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land: Israel and Palestine, Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Rhodes and Cyprus. The people of these countries face their own difficulties, but particularly Christians due to their minority status. Among them, the friars have never ceased offering their pastoral care. Two years ago it was the pandemic that was causing havoc for the people in the Holy Land (as it was in the rest of the world), but now there is a new and more dangerous threat through the ongoing conflict which may last for quite some time. Just when pilgrims were starting to return, the Sacred Places of our Christian Faith are once again closed to pilgrims. Pilgrims are vital because they generate income that allows the Friars and the local Church to fulfil their mission of caring for the Holy Places (which also give work to the local people), as well as running parishes, schools and caring for orphans, refugees, the homeless, and more.



In 2002, the Murray Family gifted St. Bernard's Lake Bolac with a beautifully crafted wooden candle stand to commemorate the 150th anniversary of their Scottish ancestor Catherine Mc Donald's arrival in Australia. Each year since then the Family have donated the Easter Candle. The stand has been made in the shape of the bow of a 19th century emigrant ship to represent the journey made by pioneer families across the seas. A ceramic tile at the base symbolises their ocean crossing. The Celtic Cross which holds the candle symbolises the links between the Scottish and Irish pioneer families of the Church and Lake Bolac. The four arms of the cross represent the four compass points of the earth, the four elements of earth, fire, air and water, the four gospel writers and the circle which binds the four arms represent life without end.

### Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close Reflection by Artist

For Jesus, his entry into Jerusalem was a triumph that had a seriously sinister side: this was the city in which he was both totally defeated and yet utterly triumphant. Jerusalem was a hub of trade and political intrigue. It was a sophisticated city and Herod's grand Temple was not only a religious and cultural symbol, it was also political. Its stones spoke of permanence, power and dignity. Even so, its destruction overshadowed it, just as the cross overshadowed Jesus. Watch for the temple motif recurring in the drawings for the Triduum.



This year, we shared with you the story of three inspiring women from across the globe, who overcame challenges to complete their education, access water and find secure employment. With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities.

**Ronita** from the Philippines has now graduated high school and secured a job at a call centre. This job was only possible because of a certificate she gained from completing her studies.

**Leaia** and her family now have a water tank at their home in Samoa. She and her family now have a steady supply of clean drinking water. Next year, they will also have a toilet built, with the support of Caritas Samoa, which will further improve their health and living conditions.

**Memory** completed her vocational training course in carpentry and joinery. After completing a work contract at one of the largest electrical companies in Malawi, Memory now plans to return to her village and provide carpentry services to people in her community.

It's through the generosity of people like you that we can continue to support people like Ronita, Leaia and Memory. There is still time to donate! 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 envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.

