



Holy Spirit
Parish
Gariwerd

Sunday May 26th, 2024

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY 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 Deuteronomy 4:32-34. 39-40

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy
Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt? 'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:4-6. 9. 18-20. 22. R. v.12 (R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (R.)

With his word the heavens were made, by the breath of his mouth all the stars. He spoke; and they came to be. He commanded; they sprang into being. (R.)

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

Second Reading Romans 8:14-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit

himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

Gospel Acclamation See Revelation 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 28:16-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'



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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

2nd June 2024
Exodus 24:3-8/ Hebrews 9:11-15
Mark 14:12-16,22-26

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

Mons. Thomas Hussey, Terrance Hussey, Desmond Joyce, Patrick Nunan 1956, Cliff Healy 1979, Bernie (John) Gavin 1998, Sr Kathleen Desmond, Alma McAdie, Fr Henry Allen OSA, Malcolm McLeod, Patrick Healy 1944, Maud Molan 1946, William Cahill, Reg Palmer, Alice Heenan, Lucy Maher 1961, Patrick Daly 1995, Leslie Styles, Lloyd Gebert, Mary Stevens, James Kelly, Cataldo Busittil, Margaret Dowd, Stella Kuhn 1969, Theophilus Coker, Bertha Coker, Josephine Coker, Joseph Coker, Sabina Coker, Francis Rogers 1946, Nicholas Hammond 1974, Honor O'Kane 1978, Glenda Pulley 1990, Mick Schwab, Kathleene Creenaune, ElizaKate Rutter1951, John McGuan 1975, Ailsa Faye Molan 2017, Damien Browne, Redmond O'Halloran, Mary Lewer, Patsy Hinchey, Peter O'Rorke, Jennifer Laidlaw, Peggy McAdie, Ellen Earle 1945

Recent Death Helena Johanna (Joan) Van Diesen

Lake Bolac Roster

Sat Jun 1st Reader Phillip Meek/ Prayers of Faithful Jane Higgins/Cleaning Jane Higgins
Sat Jun 15th Reader Leanne Breen / Prayers of Faithful Damian Phillips
Sat Jun 29th Reader Deb Glasson / Prayer of Faithful Mick Brennan
Sat Jul 6th Reader Jane Higgins/ Prayer of Faithful Deb Glasson / Cleaning Rosemary Liston
Sat Jul 20th Reader Mick Brennan/ Prayer of Faithful Rosemary Liston
Sat Aug 3rd Reader Deb Glasson/ Prayer of Faithful Tricia Higgins/ Cleaning Tricia Higgins

Ararat Roster

Sun May 26th Facilitator Harry C/Reader P Brennan /Euch Min Anna C
Sun Jun 2nd Facilitator Rebecca R /Reader Charlie R /Euch Min Mary C
Sun Jun 9th Facilitator Pat McA /Reader Jenny McA /Euch Min Nora
Sun Jun 16th Facilitator Pat L /Reader Jim C /Euch Min Jan C
Sun Jun 23rd Facilitator P Brady /Reader Sr John /Euch Min Teresa G
Sun Jun 30th Facilitator Kath L /Reader P Brennan /Euch Min Marg M

Stawell Roster

Sun May 26th S/Minster K Ashton /Reader J Raeburn/ Offertory L Habben
Sun Jun 2nd S/Minster M Rowe /Reader C Barker/ Offertory L Habben
Sun Jun 9th S/Minster K Ashton /Reader G Madafferi/ Offertory M McGaffin
Sun Jun 16th S/Minster M R Thomas /Reader K Dallinger/ Offertory Pascall/Gooden
Sun Jun 23rd S/Minster M Maestros /Reader D O'Donnell/ Offertory Heenan Family
Sun Jun 30th S/Minster M Howard/Reader M R Thomas/ Offertory J Croton

The next Stawell roster will be available for collection from this weekend.

Gariwerd Season - Kangaroos

The next season of Gariwerd is upon us, the season of cockatoos and fungi, of echidnas and owls, of bleak mists, freezing winds, rain, and possum skin coats.



Insurance

Discussions are continuing with regard to our parish insurance premium. Our annual premium recently increased from \$37,000 per year to \$97,000. Parishes all over Australia are in the same boat of course. We expect there will be a discussion of all of the priests and diocesan leadership in the coming weeks in Ballarat. Clearly, we need to decrease our insurance or increase our income. There are a number of possibilities.

Move Fr Andrew into a smaller two-bedroom unit and then rent out the presbytery.

Make better use of our parish investments.

An emerging possibility, from other parishes, is to simply not insure our churches.

We would, of course, maintain public liability insurance, and demolition insurance etc.

What would be the consequence if we were to lose a church to fire or storm?

Could we afford to rebuild a smaller, simpler church, even without insurance?

If we were to rebuild, what sort of church would we build?

Would we rebuild or might we use a neighbouring church?

If we choose not to insure, might we install sprinklers and fire monitoring equipment, and ban candles.

These are some of the questions. More to come.

First World Children's Day: May 25 & 26, 2024

Pope Francis has announced the celebration of the first World Children's Day on May 25 & 26, 2024, "Like Jesus, we want to put children at the centre and care for them." The day will be organised by the Vatican's Dicastery for Culture and Education and will seek to answer the question, "What kind of world do we wish to pass on to the children who are growing up?" Read the Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the First World Children's Day at <https://www.worldchildrenday.org/>

Prayer for World Children's Day (taken from Pope Francis' Message)

Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty, reflected in the faces of children all over the world. Come, Jesus, you who make all things new, who are the way that leads us to the Father, come and remain with us always. Amen.

National Reconciliation Week: May 27 – June 3 including Sorry Day (May 26)

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. The National Reconciliation Week theme for 2024, "Now More Than Ever", is a reminder to all of us that no matter what, the fight for justice and the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will —and must —continue. A resource document has been created that may prove valuable in celebrating this week. Resources and more information is available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/national-reconciliation-week-may-27-june-3-including-sorry-day-may-26/>

National Volunteer Week: May 20-26, 2024

Each year, National Volunteer Week provides an opportunity to highlight the important role of volunteers in our community and invites people not currently volunteering to give it a go. From May 20-26, 2024 we have the opportunity to celebrate and recognise the vital work of volunteers and to say thank you and this includes people in our parishes and agencies. The theme for National Volunteer Week 2024 is Something for Everyone. It is an invitation to explore the myriad of opportunities available, emphasising that there's a place for everyone in the world of volunteering.

Prayer for Volunteers

We pray for all those who volunteer in our parishes. May we value the many talents and gifts that God has given to these people. We thank them for generously offering their time to parish ministries. For all these gifts, given out of your love, we thank you, God of all goodness. Amen.



REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate - The Full Picture

We humans are created into the image of God. If our idea of God is wrong then we can imagine ourselves in a way which is dangerously de-humanising. If we think of God as solitary Being then we might imagine that the best way of being human is to be solitary, self-sufficient, totally in-dependent of others. However, Jesus Christ revealed a different way for the eyes of faith to see God. He had a sense of the most intimate communion with 'Abba', Father, and he had such a close relationship with the Holy Spirit that his very breathing on his disciples imparted this Breath of God upon them. The early Church was forced to conclude that Being and Relationship were both fundamentally primordial and true of the Tri-une God, or the Trinity for short. Now, if we are created into *this* image of God, then our very existence needs to be relational for us to be fully human in this life and the next. To be totally self-absorbed is to consign oneself to a Hellish existence. To be open to communion with God, other human beings and the whole of creation is to enjoy a Heavenly existence. We can take a moment to pray to thank God for this revelation not granted to, or at least not believed by, other great world religions. We thank Jesus Christ for satisfying our yearning to know the truth about our Creator, and helping us to understand what it is to be fully human. May we recall this every time we dip our fingers in the holy water font on entering a church, remembering our baptism: 'In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.'

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The feast of the Holy Trinity brings us face to face with the foundation of our faith. The readings for today provide answers to the question: Who is God? They can really only suggest something about the mystery of God, and they can do this only indirectly. They call to mind some of the wonders that God has accomplished for us and in us. It is through reflection on these gracious divine acts that we can get glimpses of God. The psalm declares that the harmony and interdependence that we see in creation point to a majestic creator responsible for it all. The account of the history of God's people reveals a God who desires to establish an intimate relationship with them, enters their history as protector and guide, and forgives disloyalty. Finally, Jesus teaches that God sent him into the world to save it, has made us adopted children through the Holy Spirit, and will ultimately clothe us in divine glory. It is from his teaching that we hear that the Son was sent by the Father, the Spirit, which was also his Spirit, proceeded from the Father and from him. From our own experience, we know that God creates, because we are immersed in creation. We know that God saves, because we have been freed from the bondage of our own demons. Our experience tells us that God is with us, and that God is for us. Everything that we know about God declares that God is passionately in love with us, boundlessly so!

Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close / Reflection by Artist

Jesus says that he will be with us always. 'Always' is an interesting way of putting it because it can mean 'in every way' and it can mean 'in every moment'. If we are attentive, signs of God become apparent everywhere we look and whenever we look for them. Sometimes God-sign is tangible; but at other times it is as subtle as a whisper or a reflected colour.

