



Holy Spirit
Parish
Gariwerd

Sunday May 5th, 2024

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 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 Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!' Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.' While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. (R.)

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. (R.)

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. (R.)

Second Reading 1 John 4:7-10

A reading from the first letter of St John
My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is

begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 15:9-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you, I shall not call you servants anymore, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'



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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

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)

Recent Deaths: Fr Tom Brophy

Anniversaries

John McRae, Peter White, Baden Edwards, Margaret Clark, Brian Broderick, Annie Huddle 1969, Michael Hogan, Stan Kelly, Milton Neilson, Shayne Byron, Johanna Napier 1949, Kathleen Morris-Rowe, Frank Peterson, Vincent Rathgeber 1964, Leonardo Musumeci 1991, Fr Tom Brophy, John Monaghan 1949, Catherine Dinan 1955, Mons. Dan Brazil, Joe Price, Sarah Kinsella 1960, Robert Murphy 1975, Les Brown, Joyce (Bub) Joyce, Eileen Dawson, Robert Wilson, Cath Howman, Eric Pinzone, Ralph Bernie 1995, Sampson Thomas 2007, Julie Therese Arnold, Winifred Brookward, Des North, Fr Matt Joyce CSsR, Michael McNamara, Pat Mahoney, Josef Kapp, Bernard Considine 1997

Lake Bolac Roster

Sat May 4th Reader Helen Smith/ Prayers of Faithful Judy Aldouss/ Cleaning Judy Upton
Sat May 18th Reader Tricia Higgins/ Prayers of Faithful Val Albert
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

Ararat Roster

Sun May 5th Facilitator Charlie R /Reader Peter B /Euch Min Marg M
Sun May 12th Facilitator Cathy McA /Reader Kath L /Euch Min Genaro
Sun May 19th Facilitator Elizabeth S /Reader Teresa G /Euch Min Marg O

Stawell Roster

Sun May 5th S/Minster M Maestros /Reader K Dallinger / Offertory Gooden/Pascall
Sun May 12th S/Minster M Howard /Reader D O'Donnell / Offertory Heenan Family
Sun May 19th S/Minster M Rowe /Reader C Barker / Offertory J Croton

Ararat CWL: The next meeting of the CWL will be coffee at the Ararat Cafe and Bistro at 2pm on May 14.

THANK YOU! Many of our community have answered the call to be actively involved at our Masses. THANK YOU. Lovely to see new parishioners joining in too. **NOW in Ararat** more people are invited to join in. Our Baptism calls us to respond to this. What a privilege! Think about it! Next week you will receive a 'tick the box' note inviting you to respond. Please be generous. Reader, Eucharistic minister, Welcomer, Facilitator. Computer operator, Offertory procession (Family?) Training will follow for all.

The Stawell CWL has commissioned Kim Dallinger to make bereavement cards for our piety stall. \$4.50 each and available at our cuppas after Sunday Masses.

The Catholic Women's League of the Ballarat Diocese will be holding a conference in the Mary McKillop/Mary Glowery Room at the Ballarat Cathedral on Thursday 23rd May between 10am and 3pm. Mass will be in the Cathedral at 12:05pm. There will be speakers from the Dioecian Archive, Catholiccare and Anna Krohn OAM. Registration by 13th May. Cost \$20 to cover morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea. Contact Marg Rowe – 0419 114 435 or margrowe@bigpond.com

Stawell Gospel Music Celebration. Pacific Islanders from across the state, including Ararat, will be joining our local people to sing and praise God. The concert is on Saturday 11th May at Stawell Entertainment Centre 7.00pm-10pm. Entry is \$10 and children under 12 are Free. Tickets will be on sale this Friday 3rd May from Shop 108 in Main St Stawell, or you can ring Junior on 0477859683 Tickets will also be on sale at the door. All monies raised will go the Pomonal Fire Victims & Wantok Church Building Project. Come and enjoy a great night of music and array of cultural food to taste. All Welcome

Fr Tom Brophy Funeral Mass

Mass celebrating entry into eternal life For Fr Tom Brophy will be celebrated on Monday, May 6, 2024 at 10.00am at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat. Burial will follow at the Ballarat New Cemetery. Rosary will be recited in evening on Sunday, May 5 at 6.30 pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat. Livestream link for the Funeral Mass is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X1XY3pJf9z0>.

Fr Paddy Mugavin Golden Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood Mass

All are welcome to Mass to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood for Fr Paddy Mugavin on Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 10.30am at St Mary's Church, Hamilton. Morning tea / light lunch provided.

St Bernard's Church Bacchus Marsh 150th Anniversary

St Bernard's Church Bacchus Marsh will mark the 150th Anniversary of the blessing and opening of the church with a special Mass on Sunday, June 23, 2024 at 11.00am. A 300 page history focussing on the priests and people who built the parish has been compiled. Prepaid orders are essential by May 10. \$75.00 per copy. Details are available on the church website <https://stbernardsbacchusmarsh.com.au/>

St Vincent de Paul Society – "The Record" Magazine

Scan or click the qr code to read the Autumn edition of "The Record" from the St Vincent de Paul Society National Council of Australia.



Living the Gospel – Love One Another

Have you ever thought what it really means when Jesus commands us to love one another? At first, it seems like a simple commandment: I can love my family; my friends; I can even feel love for some people I've never met. But there was a condition that Jesus placed on the command: love one another as I have loved you. How did Jesus love? Without restriction and without seeking something in return. He loved those that no one loved and he even loved those who hated him and sought his downfall. Can I love those who hate me? Those that others ridicule and despise? Can I love without counting the cost?

Have you thought? - Love

There is a wonderful line from the musical, *Les Miserables*, when the hero, Valjean, is told, 'To love another person is to see the face of God.' As Christian people, we believe that every person is created in the image and likeness of God. To look upon another person with love and compassion is to see the face of God revealed. When we are called to love, we are called to recognise that every single person is worthy of love and every single person is made in the image of God – even ourselves!



REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate - Cornelius, Catholics and Love

A pagan Roman officer was so evidently graced by the Holy Spirit that St Peter realised that the followers of Jesus Christ need not be constrained within the confines of Judaism. This incident, together with St Paul's mission, has helped Christianity spread to every tribe and nation on the face of the earth. 'Catholic' simply means 'world wide', and the Church's universal mission is to preach the truth of Christ's victory over death and the true meaning of love: 'No greater love can a man have than to lay down his life for his friend.' In our experience, this is best exemplified in the desire of a mother or father to substitute themselves for a dying infant or child. Our Lord practised what he preached with incredible intensity. He substituted himself for the whole of humanity dying because of a broken relationship with its Creator. He did so on behalf of us whom he calls friends, those with whom he wishes to share his victory over death. This is the message entrusted to the members of the one, holy, *catholic* and apostolic church to be spread to the people of every tribe and nation. We could take a moment to pray that we better express our undying gratitude for our status as friends of the Risen Lord, and better do our part as missionary disciples spreading the news of his great love embracing the whole of humanity.



REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The boundlessness of God's love is seen in the fact that God loved us even before we were deserving of God's love. In fact, it was God's love that made us able both to receive and to give love in return. Love is of God; love is God. Divine love is constant and trustworthy. How easily we can think this thought or speak these words, yet how difficult, even impossible, it is to comprehend what it means. We can only really recognise love in its many concrete manifestations. Love is patient, kind and forbearing; it believes, it hopes, it endures. The love of God breaks down the barriers between Gentile and Jew, between slave and free, between the poor and the prosperous, between women and men, between the healthy and the ailing, between young and old. Embraced by such love we are gradually transformed. We begin to recognise God's love in places we never suspected it would be found. We discover that what we once judged unclean may merely be an unfamiliar openness to God's truth. We discover that our own insistence on legitimate religious practice may really be spiritual elitism. Our eyes are opened to ways we have tried to confine God's love to the conventional boundaries we ourselves have set. As we are drawn into God's love, we eagerly embrace the commandments that help us to live righteous lives. To the extent that we love as universally as God does, we will know that we live in God and that God lives in us. There is a wonderful line from the musical, *Les Miserables*, when the hero, Valjean, is told, 'To love another person is to see the face of God.' As Christian people, we believe that every person is created in the image and likeness of God. To look upon another person with love and compassion is to see the face of God revealed. When we are called to love, we are called to recognise that every single person is worthy of love and every single person is made in the image of God – even ourselves!



REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Gang-related violence is becoming a concern in some places. In Jesus' and Peter's world, the two big 'gangs' were the Jews and the Gentiles. Jesus started building bridges between the two groups, and Peter and the other disciples continued the work. At first, it was difficult for most Jews who grew up thinking themselves superior to Gentiles to live with them as equals and as friends. Is there a group of people you feel superior to? A group you feel inferior to? How many friends do you have who have a different racial or ethnic background? Is there racial or ethnic tension where you live and attend school? We like to think everyone is treated equally. Do you believe this is what happens? Why or why not? Gangs are not formed only along racial lines. Gangs or cliques can form in any community. Sometimes athletes associate only with other athletes; sometimes actors and musicians hang out together; sometimes people with high incomes socialise only with people in the same income bracket