



Holy Spirit  
Parish  
Gariwerd

# Sunday June 23rd, 2024

## TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### 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

Job 38:1. 8-11

A reading from the book of Job.

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said: Who pent up the sea behind closed doors when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb, when I wrapped it in a robe of mist and made black clouds its swaddling bands; when I marked the bounds it was not to cross and made it fast with a bolted gate? Come thus far, I said, and no farther: here your proud waves shall break.

#### Responsorial Psalm Ps 106:23-26. 28-31. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

1. Some sailed to the sea in ships to trade on the mighty waters. These men have seen the Lord's deeds, the wonders he does in the deep. (R.)
2. For he spoke; he summoned the gale, tossing the waves of the sea up to heaven and back into the deep; their soul melted away in their distress. (R.)
3. Then they cried to the Lord in their need and he rescued them from their distress. He stilled the storm to a whisper: all the waves of the sea were hushed. (R.)
4. They rejoiced because of the calm and he led them to the haven they desired. Let them thank the Lord for his love, the wonders he does for men. (R.)

#### Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:14-17

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them. From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Luke 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

#### Gospel

Mark 4:35-41

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark. With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'



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## Mass Times

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

## Readings for next Sunday

30<sup>TH</sup> June 2024  
Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24/ 2 Corinthians 8:7. 9. 13-15  
Mark 5:21-24.35-43

## 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

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

## Permanent Change to Aged Care Mass times

Mass times at Lowe St and Garden View will change permanently to 10am

## Change to Mass this Week

Mass on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> in Stawell has been cancelled

## Anniversaries

Fr Tom Russell, Fr Patrick Downes, Alma McLoughlin, Peter Yanner 1962, Pat O'Neill, Laurie Higgins, John Smerdon, Stanley Freeland 1949, Fr Michael Jones, Margaret Sullivan, John Seary 1971, Phyllis Walsh 1974, Margaret Bushick 1974, Hugh Nailon, Valda Jerram, Patrick Brennan, Lionel Egan, Dulce Makepeace. Austin Brennan, Beryl Nailor, Carmela Busuttill, Trish Cuthbert, Mary Raycroft 1976, Winifred Copley 1986, Maurie Delahunty 1986, John Keogh, Catherine Keogh, Edward Cleary, Patricia Grano, John Rieniets, Pat Kelly, Norman Turnbull, Irene Karlake, Fr Michael Fallon, Vin Hooper, Jean Keogh, Corrine Keogh, Fr Michael Doyle, Fr Don Dunne, John Murphy, Ern Trotter, Colin O'Toole, Daniel Shanahan 1995.

## Lake Bolac Roster

Sat Jun 29<sup>th</sup> Reader Deb Glasson / Prayer of Faithful Mick Brennan  
Sat Jul 6<sup>th</sup> Reader Jane Higgins/ Prayer of Faithful Deb Glasson / Cleaning Rosemary Liston  
Sat Jul 20<sup>th</sup> Reader Mick Brennan/ Prayer of Faithful Rosemary Liston  
Sat Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> Reader Deb Glasson/ Prayer of Faithful Tricia Higgins/ Cleaning Tricia Higgins  
Sat Aug 17<sup>th</sup> Reader Damian Phillips/ Prayer of Faithful Helen Smith  
Sat Aug 31<sup>st</sup> Reader Leanne Breen/ Prayer of Faithful Jane Higgins

## Ararat Roster

Sun Jun 23<sup>rd</sup> Facilitator P Brady /Reader Sr John /Euch Min Teresa G  
Sun Jun 30<sup>th</sup> Facilitator Kath L /Reader P Brennan /Euch Min Marg M

## Stawell Roster

Sun Jun 23<sup>rd</sup> S/Minster M Maestros /Reader D O'Donnell/ Offertory Heenan Family  
Sun Jun 30<sup>th</sup> S/Minster M Howard/Reader M R Thomas/ Offertory J Croton  
Sun Jul 7<sup>th</sup> S/Minster H Potter /Reader G Madafferi/ Offertory Pascual Family  
Sun Jul 14<sup>th</sup> S/Minster M Rowe /Reader M Howard/ Offertory L Habben  
Sun Jul 21<sup>st</sup> S/Minster K Ashton /Reader M R Thomas/ Offertory M McGaffin  
Sun Jul 28<sup>th</sup> S/Minster M Rowe /Reader C Barker/ Offertory G Pascall  
Sun Aug 4<sup>th</sup> S/Minster M R Thomas /Reader K Dallinger/ Offertory Heenan Family  
Sun Aug 11<sup>th</sup> S/Minster K Ashton /Reader D O'Donnell/ Offertory J Croton

## **Annual Collection for the Pope**

The annual collection for the work of the Pope will take place next weekend.

## **St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal**

The theme of the appeal this year is the “Working Homeless”, focussing on the emerging trend of people who are experiencing housing hardship and disadvantage despite being in employment. For the period between May 2023 – May 2024, St Vincent de Paul provided material household assistance to the value of \$730,000 across greater Ballarat. Envelopes are available in churches for donations and can be placed on the collection plate. Please write your name and address if you require a receipt. All donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible. To donate online, go to [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au) or call 131812.

## **National Refugee Week: June 17-23, 2024**

In a world marked by displacement and the search for refuge, this year’s Refugee Week theme “Finding Freedom” – with a focus on family – encapsulates the profound journey of resilience, strength, and unity that defines the refugee experience. This Refugee Week, we aim to shed light on the transformative power of familial bonds as well as chosen bonds in the face of adversity and emphasise the crucial role families play in providing solace, support, and a sense of belonging to those forced to flee their homelands. More information is available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/national-refugee-week-june-17-23-2024/>, including a video of the prayer that could be played in parishes.

## **Prayer for Refugee Week**

Lord, no one is a stranger to you and no one is ever far from your loving care. In your kindness watch over refugees and asylum seekers, those separated from their loved ones, those who are lost, and those who have been exiled from their homes. Bring them safely to the place where they long to be, and help us always to show your kindness to strangers and those in need.

## **Jubilee Year 2025 “Pilgrims of Hope”**

Pope Francis has announced that 2025 will be a Jubilee Year, with the theme “Pilgrims of Hope”. It will be a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic and the climate crisis. In the lead-up to the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis has asked that 2024 be marked as a Year of Prayer, to promote the centrality of individual and community prayer. The Dicastery for Evangelisation has made some useful resources available to help people to better understand and rediscover the value of prayer. In addition to the 38 catecheses on Prayer that Pope Francis himself presented, a series of booklets entitled, “Notes on Prayer” is being published by the Vatican publishing house. The eight titles are designed to put the need for a profound relationship with the Lord back at the centre of people’s lives, through the many forms of prayer to be found in the rich Catholic tradition of prayer. In addition, a pastoral aid is available online, in a digital version, to help parish communities, families, priests, cloistered nuns and young people to become more aware of the need for daily prayer. To access resources and find out more about the Jubilee Year, go to <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/liturgy-sacraments/jubilee-year-2025-pilgrims-of-hope/>

## **Sport can lead the way to Christ**

Like many other countries, Australia is passionate about sport. But how are the Church, faith and sport connected and why should they be? Whether competing, supporting or encouraging play for health, sport is part of our family and social life. In sport we experience community and teamwork, sacrifice and dedication, the benefits of rules and fair play, the highs of success and the learnings that come with defeat. We learn from coaches, parents and friends as we put in the extra effort to train or to attend games. Sport forms us not only in the skills of play or competition, but in life experiences that form our personal human development. The Church and sport can learn from each other in many ways. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has published a new document that explains how sport is a gift that can draw people closer to Christ. More information available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/sport-can-lead-the-way-to-christ/>



### Holy Water Font at St Patrick's

The new holy water font, made by James McMurtrie of Pomonal, was blessed last Sunday and filled by Oscar Erwin, who celebrated his Confirmation and First Eucharist.

**Pipe Organ Stawell** – The pipe organ in Stawell will be tuned next week. It is twelve months since it was last tuned. While it's not being played the cost of tuning is questionable.

**Pipe Organ Ararat** - The organ in Ararat has not been tuned and at present is not playable. Attached is a photo of the corrosion that is in some of the mechanisms. We



are told that the cost of replacing the corroded parts will be about \$20,000. In my ten years in Ararat we have spent about \$10,000 on tuning and insurance. To fix the corroded parts would take to cost to \$30,000 over ten years, having played the organ at Mass three times, or \$10,000 per Mass. We are told that organ is worth very little to sell.

Why? Because no parish will shell out substantial money these days for a pipe organ. We have been offered \$5,000. That feels almost like giving it away. For now, we don't know what to do, but spending \$20,000 to fix an organ we don't use seems a poor decision.

### Reflection by Jenny Close

Jesus' ability to control the raging sea proves his stature as the Christ of creation: all the forces of nature have their origin in Christ. The calming of the waters is a fine metaphor for Jesus' mission of redemption, that is, overcoming the destructive forces of sin and death in the whole of creation. In this gospel narrative, Jesus is showing that he has the power and authority to do just that.

### REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate - The Voice which Accompanies to the Other Side

Every element of the universe, even the most destructive, is listening for the voice of Our Lord, "Quiet, be still." In this Gospel story, the waters of chaos respond to the voice of the Lord of all creation, allowing Jesus to accompany his disciples to the other side of the Sea of Galilee. We all know of times when chaos storms into our life, when we feel we are being swamped whether from outside or from some part of our own

personality. Some part of our life is facing death. We may cry out to Jesus "Don't you care?". He *will* come to accompany us but always to "the other side". Our Lord does not indulge the fantasy of "turning back the clock". We have to keep rowing in a new direction. There is no nostalgic return to the old situation. We may well feel displaced, disoriented, but Our Lord is our companion in the unfamiliar situation we have reached. We could take a moment to pray for Our Lord to help us in all life-threatening situations, especially in the final transit through the wrenching chaos of death. May we hear him rebuke the Prince of Darkness and Death: "Quiet, be still" as he accompanies us to the other side, to the promised land of Heaven.

