



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

Ezekiel 2:2-5

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 122. R. v.2

(R.) Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

1. To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens: my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords. **(R.)**
2. Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of his mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he shows us his mercy. **(R.)**
3. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt. Indeed, all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's disdain. **(R.)**

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

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

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

Gospel Acclamation

See Luke 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 6:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
Jesus went to his hometown and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.



Information – Holy Spirit Parish, Gariwerd

Parish Priest Fr. Andrew Hayes andrew.hayes@ballarat.catholic.org.au
Parish Bulletin Online www.ballarat.catholic.org.au – follow link to parish
Secretary / Child Safe Jill Croxford gariwerd@ballarat.catholic.org.au
Parish Email gariwerd@ballarat.catholic.org.au
Parish Office 304a Barkly St Ararat. Open Thursdays and Fridays 9am – 3pm
Phone 03 5352 5460
Post Box PO BOX 92, Ararat, VIC 3377



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

14th July 2024
Amos 7:12-15/Ephesians 1:3-10/ Mark 6:7-13

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 10am Lowe St
3rd Wednesday 10am Garden View
4th Wednesday 10am ARVillage

Anniversaries

Gerard Lillis, Elias Alimasag, Nellie Flynn 1955, Alicia Healy 1985, Doris Smith 2009 Aileen Melbourne, Mary Lea, Doreen Stephans, Bern Donovan, Robert Rutter, Ian Phillips, David Breen, Josef Neulist, John Phillips, Elizabeth Raycroft 1946, John Zala 1968, Robert Rutter 2007, Rene McOwan, Willfried Platek, Winifred Stewart 1987, John Tieman, Bridget Janicki, Fr Paddy Bohan, Robert Murton, Thomas Carey 1947, Walter Pickering 1987, Mary Smith 1990, William Pulley 2007, Tom Gleeson, Robert Jerram, Bill Jaensch, Beryl Christian, Allen Christian, Guiseppe Bottiglieri, John Rowe 2005, Joan Foo 2002, Hannah Martin 1966, Mary McCormick, Gerry Oliver, Margaret Pippard, Elizabeth Shevlin, John Cambridge 1956, Kevin Stephens 1987, John McIvor 2000, Kelvin Driscoll 2001.

Lake Bolac Roster

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
Sat Aug 17th Reader Damian Phillips/ Prayer of Faithful Helen Smith
Sat Aug 31st Reader Leanne Breen/ Prayer of Faithful Jane Higgins

Ararat Roster

Sun 7th July Facilitator Rebecca/ Reader Elizabeth S / Euch Min Marg O
Sun 14th July Facilitator Pat L/ Reader Peter B/ Euch Min Mary C
Sun 21st July Facilitator Pat McA/ Reader Jenny McA/ Euch Min C McAdie
Sun 28th July Facilitator Harry/ Reader Charlie R/ Euch Min Anna C
Sun 4th Aug Facilitator Pat McA/ Reader Jenny McA/ Euch Min Nora
Sun 11th Aug Facilitator Peter B / Reader/ Charlie / Euch Min Genara
Sun 18th Aug Facilitator Pat L/ Reader Elizabeth S / Euch Min Marg M
Sun 25th Aug Facilitator C McAdie/ Reader Peter B / Euch Min Marg O

Stawell Roster

Sun Jul 7th S/Minster H Potter /Reader G Madafferi/ Offertory Pascual Family
Sun Jul 14th S/Minster M Rowe /Reader M Howard/ Offertory L Habben
Sun Jul 21st S/Minster K Ashton /Reader M R Thomas/ Offertory M McGaffin
Sun Jul 28th S/Minster M Rowe /Reader C Barker/ Offertory G Pascall
Sun Aug 4th S/Minster M R Thomas/ Reader Kevin Dallinger/Offertory Heenan family
Sun Aug 11th S/Minster Kath Ashton/ Reader Di O'Donnell/ Offertory/J Croton
Sun Aug 18th S/Minster Moyra Maestros/Reader Gerry Madafferi /Offertory Pascual family
Sun Aug 25th S/Minster Helen Potter/Reader Michelle Howard/Offertory Lesley Habben

Ararat CWL Coffee Afternoon on Tuesday 9th July'24 2pm at The Ararat

Bishop Paul offers this update following discussions about Ribbons on the Cathedral Fence.

In March this year, LOUD fence ribbons were removed from the St Patrick's Cathedral fence following consultations between members of LOUD fence and representatives of St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, to allow maintenance work to be undertaken. In 2015, during the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, the LOUD fence began tying ribbons to fences in Ballarat and beyond, as a sign of solidarity and support for those who suffered child sexual abuse in institutional settings. While maintenance work was undertaken, Parish Council and LOUD fence representatives began discussions for a long-term memorial on the grounds of St Patrick's Cathedral to acknowledge victim survivors, their loved ones and supporters who experienced child sexual abuse in church settings and elsewhere. We hope that the memorial will provide ongoing recognition of those who experience the ongoing impacts of child sexual abuse, be a reminder for the continuing attention to safeguarding children and vulnerable people in the community and promote healing across the Ballarat community. With maintenance work on the fence completed, Bishop Paul, together with representatives of the Parish Council and LOUD fence have announced a next step to be taken while discussions about a long-term memorial continue. As an interim arrangement, ribbons will be placed on a dedicated section of the cathedral fence on Sturt Street. Parish representatives will gather with LOUD fence members at 11 am on Saturday July 6 to tie ribbons to the dedicated section of fence. Parishioners and LOUD fence invite anyone who wishes, to tie a ribbon as a sign of support for victim/survivors, their loved ones, and supporters and as a reminder for continuing to safeguard children and vulnerable people everywhere.

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 or call 131812.

Palms Australia

Mission: Transform Lives - theirs...and yours: Have you been considering whether an overseas professional placement with Palms is for you? Wanting to share your skills to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions while living authentically in another culture? Come to Palms' Discovery information session. Meet Soraya, Brendan and other Palms participants to discover more about "Assignments Aboard". Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at St Patrick's Cathedral MacKillop/Glowrey Hall, 3 Lyons Street South, Ballarat from 5.30pm - 6.30pm. For more information call 0422 472 567 or email palms@palms.org.au

Timor-Leste Encounter: Join our small group encounter tour to Timor-Leste from August 30 - September 11, 2024. You will engage directly with the people and projects that are making a positive difference within their communities, as well as a unique opportunity to experience the profound impact of the Pope's visit and message first-hand. To find out more information and register go to <https://palms.org.au/encounters/>

Try Alpha

Alpha is a safe space to explore life, purpose and the Christian faith, ask questions and share your point of view. Thursdays from July 11-September 5, 6.30pm – 8.00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Presbytery, 3 Lyons Street South Ballarat. Alpha is free and everyone is welcome. To find out more about Alpha, scan or click the QR code.



Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close

When the people of Nazareth heard Jesus teaching with wisdom and saw him doing miracles they couldn't believe that a carpenter, who had grown up among them, could possibly be the son of God. Surely this fellow was too ordinary even to be a prophet! It just goes to show that God's ways are unaccountable and often take us by surprise. The logic of the Kingdom – God's *basileia* – is such that opposites are related: the extraordinary and the ordinary (like the alpha and the omega) are interrelated attributes of the person of Jesus.



Gospel Reflection

This week's gospel sees Jesus returning to his home town of Nazareth. He is well and truly into his public ministry at this point in the gospel and his reputation is obviously growing as a healer and teacher. When he goes to Nazareth the locals are quick to 'put him in his place'. They remember the boy, the teenager, the young man apprenticed to his father's craft. He's a nobody as far as they are concerned; just young Yeshua (Jesus) who grew up here. It is much the same within families and local communities today. No matter how successful and authoritative a young woman or man may have become, a trip home will quickly remind them that in the eyes of those they grew up with nothing has changed. In the gospel passage they even say, that's Jesus – he's just James' brother; no one special! Why would they think they had anything to learn from a brat who grew up in their own town? What could he possibly tell them? They try to force Jesus back into the mould of the person with whom they were previously familiar and comfortable.

We do this to one another all the time. We have certain expectations about the way a friend normally acts or thinks and when they behave differently we react in a way that lets them know that they are not 'being themselves'. In doing this, we are looking to maintain our own comfort zone. We take away the freedom of the other person to grow and change. Many people seem to enter into relationships thinking that neither of them will ever change. This, of course, is an unsustainable assumption. Surely, if we want the best for those we love and care for, we want them to be constantly growing and becoming all that they can be?

Living the Gospel – Acknowledging the close at hand

Today's gospel reminds us that we can fail to see the value of those with whom we are very familiar. Although we proclaim that we seek the face of Christ in the face of those we meet it may not at times occur to us to look on our family and close friends in the same way. It may seem unlikely that God might come to us in the guise of a family member. Perhaps next time we are irritated by a brother or sister or the overly protective actions of a parent we should remind ourselves that we are looking into the face of God.

Scriptural context – Lack of faith

The final sentence of today's gospel tells us that Jesus was amazed at the lack of faith displayed by his home town. It is a feature of the Gospel of Mark that the accomplishment of miracles is associated with the faith of those involved. The section of the gospel that surrounds this passage deals with the lack of faith and understanding displayed by the disciples. The home town experience is a lesson to the disciples that in the absence of faith, the ministry of Jesus and those who follow him will falter. Only those who truly believe can participate in this ministry and share in the miraculous works of Jesus.

Have you thought? Brothers of Jesus

The reference to the brothers of Jesus has caused a lot of controversy in the past and continues to do so. One opinion, now regarded as heresy, was that these brothers were the younger children of Mary and Joseph. Another argument, grounded in the apocryphal gospels of Peter and James, maintains that they were Joseph's sons by an earlier marriage. The view generally held is that they were actually cousins of Jesus. The problem appears to arise because of a problem in translation from one language to another. The original Aramaic word was translated into a Greek word for brothers, or brethren.