



Holy Spirit
Parish
Gariwerd

Sunday August 4th, 2024
EIGHTEENTH 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

Exodus 16:2-4. 12-15

A reading from the book of Exodus

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our hearts content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.' 'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning, you shall have bread to your hearts content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God.'" And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 77:3-4. 23-25. 54. R. v.24
(R.) The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 6:24-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' 'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered: 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'



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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

Readings for next Sunday

11th Aug 2024
1 Kings 19:4-8/Ephesians 4:30 – 5:2/John 6:41-51

Weekday Masses (usual schedule)

Tuesday: 10am Stawell (Check bulletin for occasional changes)
Wednesday: Aged Care
Thursday: 2.30pm Hopkins
Friday: 11am Ararat **held in the Presbytery**(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

Christopher Hogan, Nora Hogan, Alice Greenwood, Fleetwood Smith 1956, Walter Henning, Peter Speight, Vincenzo Pinzone, Myrtle Casey, Susan Aisbett, Kathleen Frances Hewitt, Michael Molan 1959, Mary Browne 1999, Annie Browne 2000, Robert McKey 2006, Brian Raeburn 2007, Keith McOwan, Dr Dan Meagher, Eileen Mairs 1963, Mary Molan 1966, Katherina Guelpa 1971 Bill Kenyon, Les Clark, Barbara Brossner, Martha Borella 1970, Francis O'Sullivan 1981, Carly Faloon 1987, Pasuline Coghlan 2002, Derek Peters 2004, Kevin (Mick) Rutter 2008, Denise Hourigan, Aileen Falvey, Sr Josephus Lannen, Peter Henderson, Gilbert Mairs 1963, Evelyn Gavin 1972, Aileen Falvey 1987, James Stapleton, Veronica Butler, Gennie Rickard 1967, Allen McSparron 1981, Margaret Egan 1996, Angela Maloney 1996, Eileen Monument 1998, Jessie Brady 2006, Francis Thomas, Beverley Austin, Arthur Mark, Leila Spiller, Gina Galea, Irene Hunter, Ada Maconachie, Robert McKibbin, Jean English 1974, Mary Austin 1981

Lake Bolac Roster

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
Sat Sept 7th Reader Rosemary Liston / Prayer of Faithful Phillip Meek/Cleaning L Breen

Ararat Roster

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 Aug 4 S/Minster M R Thomas /Reader K Dallinger/ Offertory Heenan Family
Sun Aug 11 S/Minster K Ashton /Reader D O'Donnell/ Offertory J Croton
Sun Aug 18 S/Minster M Maestros /Reader G Madafferi/ Offertory Pascual Family
Sun Aug 25 S/Minster H Potter /Reader M Howard/ Offertory L Habben

CWL Meeting Ararat

Next meeting on Tuesday 13th August 2024 at the presbytery meeting room at 1.30pm. All welcome.

Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoeboxes - Stawell

If you would like to provide a shoebox of fun for a needy child please contact Robyn Anyon on graeme.anyon@bigpond.com or -0419 133 189 to buy an empty box for \$1 and \$12.50 for the postage of that box to a needy child. Once you have your shoe box you then buy new items to fill it – toys, clothing, hygiene items and school supplies. The filled boxes are then taken to the Stawell Uniting Church hall on September 27th between 10:30am and 2pm.

Laudato Si': Everything is connected

In his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis reminds us that everything is connected. Our relationship with nature is not separate from our relationship with God and others. This concept of integral ecology encourages us to care for the Earth and each other. It calls us to action. The Diocesan Social Justice Commission, in collaboration with Caritas (Diocese of Ballarat), Earthcare Ballarat and the Pastoral Ministry Office, will provide monthly *Laudato Si* banners for use on your parish bulletins and correspondence to your community (see August banners attached - choose one that suits your bulletin). The banners include a quote taken directly from the encyclical with the reference number provided for parishioners to look up and read more deeply about that area. You are encouraged to promote the Pope's message by using these banners as they are designed to help reflect and respond to the encyclical and foster faith and action. Also provided along with the banners will be a monthly idea we encourage you to include on your bulletins to help your parish/community to change the world!

Save the Date: Diocesan Social Justice Commission Reflection Day

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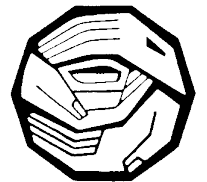
Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – Online Study

The Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) is a growing initiative to offer adult religious education and faith formation anytime and anywhere, online. This low-cost (\$50usd) online study and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parishes is available through our partner, Dayton University. Cycle 6 begins September 2. There are 40 subjects to choose from – find one that interests you! Registrations are open now. Scan the QR code for more information or email djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7121.



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.

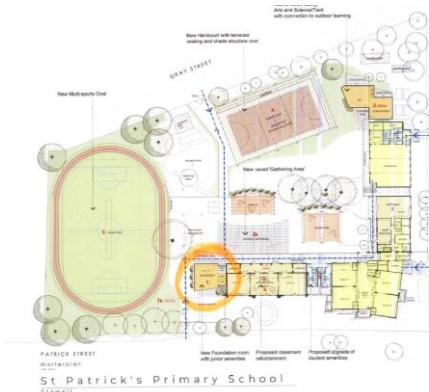


Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

In many ways the Exodus story of the bread from heaven is very similar to last Sunday's accounts. However, the focus today is not divine prodigality shown through the overabundance of food, but total dependence on God. The bread comes from heaven, not merely because the food seems to come down from the sky, but because it comes from God. The restriction about collecting it was meant to emphasise this point. Our survival is in God's hands, not ours. Jesus insists that he is the true bread from heaven; he is the real basis of our survival. The people followed him because they saw him as a source of bread; they did not realise that he is really the source of life. If we fill ourselves with all that the world provides as nourishment we will still hunger. Only faith in Jesus can satisfy our deepest hungers, and we will not be able to survive apart from him. Acceptance of Jesus as the source of our life and the very nourishment of our spirits effects a total transformation in us. We will no longer be content to live with full bellies but empty minds. We will put aside our old selves steeped in ignorance and self-interest and put on a new self, created in his image. Having fed on the bread from heaven, we will be mysteriously transformed into it. The spirit of our minds will be renewed by his teaching. As a result, we will be able to launch out into a way of living that witnesses to our new understanding, our new life.

School Building Projects

There was wonderful news announced this week, that St Patrick's Stawell has received a state government grant for 2.4 Million for a new learning space which will be our Foundation/Prep space. It will be attached to the old school building so that the old building will be bookended with newer builds. Demolition continues at St Mary's. After the careful and safe removal of asbestos during the school holidays, demolition is now on in earnest.



St Patrick's: new building circled



Demolition this week at St. Mary's

St Pat's Hall Piano

After finding no home, the piano has been moved to the presbytery in Ararat for storage. No, I won't be playing it. I have a humble piano in my dining room and a more humble honk-tonk backyard piano is great for bbq's.

Approaching Homelessness Week (August 5-11) with 27,408 Empty Homes

This from Catholic Social Services Victoria

Every person, firm or organisation that owns vacant housing in Victoria should not need a tax to understand how important it is that houses are used as homes. Catholic Social Thought has urged that privately held property should be considered in light of the common good. Andy Hamilton's warning of a society of alienation and fracture — resulting in all kinds of social ills and issues — is something that we are all responsible for if we do not arrest the housing trajectory Australia is on. There are personal, social and state responsibilities at play.

Feast of Mary MacKillop August 8

10am Mass from Mary MacKillop Place will be livestreamed: <https://www.youtube.com/embed/lppmamzmOb0>

National Vocations Awareness Week: August 4-11, 2024

Holy Spirit, stir within us the passion to promote vocations to the single and married life, consecrated life, societies of apostolic life, diocesan priesthood and permanent diaconate. Inspire us daily to respond to Your call with boundless compassion, abundant generosity, and radical availability. Help us to remember our own baptismal call to rouse us to invite the next generation to hear and respond to Your call. Inspire parents, families and lay ecclesial ministers to begin a conversation with young Catholics to consider how they will live lives of holiness and sacred service. Nudge inquirers and motivate discerners to learn more about vowed and associate commitment in apostolic life, cloistered life, evangelical life, lay ecclesial ministers, missionary life, monastic life and societies of apostolic life. Ignite our Church with the confident humility that there is an urgent need for all the baptised to live their vocation in solidarity with those who are poor, neglected, and marginalised. Amen.



Catholic Earthcare to host Season of Creation workshop in September

Caritas Australia's Catholic Earthcare team is inviting the Catholic community — including schools, parishes, diocese, organisations and religious orders — to join its 2024 Season of Creation convocation. Taking place from Thursday, September 12 to Saturday, September 14, the convocation will call participants to 'Wonder', 'Weave' and 'Heal' together. Attendees will enjoy keynote presentations, workshops, discussions and spiritual experiences, before gathering to transform learnings into action. Keynote speakers include Sr Anne-Maree O'Beirne RSM, Pedro Walpole and Sally Neaves. More information is available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/catholic-earthcare-to-host-season-of-creation-workshop-in-september/>