



**Holy Spirit  
Parish  
Gariwerd**

**Sunday September 15th, 2024  
TWENTY - FOURTH 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**

**Isaiah 50:5-9**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah  
The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 114:1-6. 8-9. R. v.9**

**(R.)** I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

1. I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal; for he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him. **(R.)**
2. They surrounded me, the snares of death, with anguish of the tomb; they caught me, sorrow and distress. I called on the Lord's name. O Lord my God, deliver me! **(R.)**
3. How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion. The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me. **(R.)**
4. He has kept my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living. **(R.)**

**Second Reading**

**James 2:14-18**

A reading from the letter of St James  
Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead. This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that

I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Galatians 6:14**

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**Mark 8:27-35**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark  
Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If

anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'



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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

22<sup>nd</sup> Sept 2024  
Wisdom 2:12, 17-20/ James 3:16 – 4:3/ Mark 9:30-37

## 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

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

**Change to Masses this Week**  
**Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Garden View will be prayers**

**Recent Death** Mr Jack Phillips

## Anniversaries

John Edward Thomas, Fr Aurelius Maschio SDB, Norma Sutton, Mary Davies, Norma Sutton, June McKinnis, Vess Davey, Ruth Brain, Rita Seebus 2012, David Tas Young, Mary Waring, Margaret Ridgewell (Peg), Fr Edward Jerram, Kathleen Edwards, Tups Brady, John Griffin, Martha McGuan 1956, Mary Brown 1967, Marlene Mornane, Eileen Rees, John Seild, Fr Frank McLaughlin, Ross McCann, John Hennessy, Patricia Egan, Mary Auld 1973, Mark Sladdin 1982, Gertrude Brennan, Ronald Ryan, Vin Fitzpatrick, Fortunata Di Domenico, Margaret Kerin 1961, Stacey Falloon 1984, Kathleen Monaghan 1989, Molly O'Connor, Keith Young, Teresa Conroy, Geoffrey O'Brien, Stephen Gavin 1971, Donald McLean 1983, Leith Galway Thomas 2003, Rose Harrison, Ruth Molloy, John Molloy, Martin Creenaune, Maureen Rathgeber, 2006, Patricia Vendy 2008

## Lake Bolac Roster

Sat Sept 28<sup>th</sup> Reader Helen Smith/ Prayer of Faithful Judy Aldous  
Sat Oct 5<sup>th</sup> Reader Jane Higgins/ Prayers of Faithful Val Albert/ Judy Upton  
Sat Oct 19<sup>th</sup> Reader Val Albert/ Prayers of Faithful Helen Smith  
Sat Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> Reader D Phillips/ Prayers of Faithful Tricia Higgins/Cleaning Rosemary Liston

## Ararat Roster

Sun Sept 15<sup>th</sup> Facilitator Marg O / Reader Rebecca / Euch Min Sr John  
Sun Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> Facilitator Pat L / Reader Kath L / Euch Min Charlie  
Sun Sept 29<sup>th</sup> Facilitator Pat McA / Reader J McA / Euch Min Genara

## Stawell Roster

Sun Sept 15<sup>th</sup> S/Minster M Maestros /Reader K Dallinger / Offertory Pascall/Gooden  
Sun Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> S/Minster K Ashton /Reader MR Thomas/ Offertory J Croton  
Sun Sept 29<sup>th</sup> S/Minster G Comitti /Reader D ODonnell / Offertory L Habben

## Stawell CWL

Will be holding a cuppa after 10.30am Mass on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September. Everyone welcome.

**Stawell Inter Church Council** will be holding the Fifth Sunday Ecumenical Service on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 5pm in the City Heart Church of Christ. A cuppa will follow. Everyone is welcome.

**Stawell St Vincent de Paul** will be meeting in the St Pat's Church hall on this Monday 16<sup>th</sup> for a shared lunch at 1pm which will be followed by their usual meeting at 2pm.

## Columban Calendars now available from Vinnies Op shop Ararat \$11.00 each

### Catholic Theological College

We are delighted to announce the return in October 2024 of our popular online lecture series, Engaging Your Faith. Thirteen stand-alone sessions on a range of themes will be presented by members of our lecturing staff.

These sessions would be an ideal opportunity to explore the possibilities offered at CTC for personal, theological, and spiritual development. Topics include the following: Scripture, Synodal Church, Lay and Ordained Ministry, Spirituality, Religion and Ethics, Science and faith issues. Cost: \$25 per session or \$40 if seeking teacher accreditation. [www.ctc.edu.au](http://www.ctc.edu.au)

### Upcoming events at Catholic Theological College

Information Session for Educators, Information Session for Prospective Students, & Engaging Your Faith Online Sessions. For more information go to <https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/>

### Ministry Training

Readers and ministers of the eucharist are asked to make some time available for training. It's been a while since we last had an update. Please be available for about 30 minutes after Masses on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October for readers and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November for Ministers of the Eucharist.

### Presbytery Fence

A section of the presbytery fence in Ararat is to be replaced. It's the corrugated section along Princes St. between the corner and the brick fence. Why? The posts need replacing. The bottom boards are a tripping hazard. We've pulled out some pieces that could have cut the unsuspecting legs of passers-by. Time for a new fence.

### CASPA's - National Week of Prayer and Action: September 16 – 20, 2024

Each year, the Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum (CAPSA) holds a National Week of Prayer and Action and celebrates World Day of Migrants and Refugees. This National Week of Prayer and Action will focus on "Journeying together with Refugees and People Seeking Asylum." There will be an online webinar on Wednesday, September 18, 2024 from 7.00pm – 8.30pm with a panel of speakers to explore further what "Journeying together with refugees and people seeking asylum" entails. Panel speakers will provide different perspectives and expertise within the sector: David Manne (Human rights lawyer and Executive Director, Refugee Legal) and Sharon Sherwood (Chief of Mental Health and Cabrini Outreach). Chair of CAPSA and Jesuit Social Services CEO, Julie Edwards, will chair the discussion.

### Wisdom at the Cathedral

All are welcome to hear Fr Shawn Murphy ibp present From Paris to Chartres to Eternity at the next Wisdom at the Cathedral event on Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 7.00pm. Father Murphy, an experienced pilgrim of the famous Paris-Chartres pilgrimage, which attracts tens of thousands of people each year in Holy Week, will share his experiences and reflections on pilgrimage as an enriching journey not only for the body but for the mind and soul. . For all enquiries, please contact Fiona Bradley at [fionalouisebradley@gmail.com](mailto:fionalouisebradley@gmail.com)

### "Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion" – Fr Greg Boyle SJ

The October 2024 visit to Australia of Father Greg Boyle SJ, founder of Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles for "Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion" will be a wonderful opportunity for the Church and beyond the Church. HomeBoy Industries from Los Angeles is the largest gang intervention, rehabilitation and re-entry program in the world. The Melbourne program is: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 "Boundless Compassion: A Mission to Serve" Secondary Students Leadership Festival; Wednesday, October 9, "Courageous Encounter" School Executive Leadership Teams and Thursday, October 10, 2024 "On the Margins" an evening with Fr Greg

### Scriptural context – A Turning Point

This passage forms a crucial turning point in the Gospel of Mark. It occurs at the very mid-point of the gospel – the end of chapter 8 in a 16 chapter gospel. From this point on the gospel takes a greater focus on what it means to be a disciple and Jesus' movement towards Jerusalem. This passage in which Peter professes his faith in Jesus as the Messiah is immediately followed by the account of the Transfiguration. From this point onwards, the gospel writer reveals the growing understanding of Jesus' identity that until now has been wrapped in secrecy.

## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate - Peter: earthquaked and then upside down



Here in our Australian democracy we hardly feel the force of the famous gospel passage in which Jesus forewarns his disciples of the high cost of following him. We trivialise the meaning of taking up the cross to make it refer to bearing a chronic ailment, or putting up with a particularly irritating family member or work colleague: 'It/he/she is the cross I have to bear.'

No, our Lord was referring to the terrible reality which could be inflicted on his followers, as even happens today: the beheadings by ISIL in Iraq, the rape and enslavement of women in Nigeria, the displacement from homelands in Syria. The True Cross is not to be found in splinters of wood but in the various means by which suffering is inflicted on those whose allegiance to Jesus Christ does not waiver.

Peter could not, would not, grasp this. His head was full of political fantasy, easy sovereignty. Jesus rebuked Peter quite savagely: 'Satan, get behind me.' Only after the resurrection, believing that our Lord had conquered the worst that death could do, did Peter follow Jesus to crucifixion, upside down at the base of the Vatican Hill.

We could take a moment to pray for and, where possible, give appropriate political support to, our fellow Christians wherever they are persecuted, forced to bear the true cross of suffering. May God give those Christian martyrs victory in the embrace of the resurrection power of Jesus Christ.

## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

There are several messianic traditions, each one characterising the anointed one of the future in a unique way. Do we expect a prophetic figure who will enter our world and reform the structures of society, or a strong leader who will overturn these structures and establish a new order? Are we waiting for a teacher who will transform our minds and hearts, or a judge who will punish us for our infidelities? Are we expecting someone who will renew the face of the earth, or someone who will come in fire and brimstone to destroy it? What kind of a messiah do we expect? For what kind of a change are we preparing ourselves?

Jesus seems to overturn our expectations. We look for one who will save us from the predicaments in which we find ourselves, and he comes to us as one who seems to be a victim of his own predicament. God's thinking seems to be the reverse of ours: Those who save their lives, lose them; those who lose their lives, save them; the seed must die before it can bear fruit; Jesus will be killed, but will then be raised from the dead.

Can we claim to understand Jesus? Or are we more like the people in James' community: people who profess faith in Jesus, but who do not live it out; people who speak pleasant words to others, who say the right things, but who do not back up their words with good works? Is our faith really living?

## Gospel Focus – Peter's insight

When Peter answers Jesus' question he demonstrates the disciples' dawning awareness of Jesus' true identity. It is the first occasion that the disciples are called to own what they think about Jesus. However, when Jesus begins to spell out what being the Messiah reality means – persecution and death – Peter tries to convince Jesus that he doesn't need to go down that path. Jesus turns on Peter and snaps, 'Get behind me, Satan!' It is a reminder of the desert temptation Jesus had to face at the start of his ministry when he wrestled with what sort of messiah he was called to be.

