



Holy Spirit
Parish
Gariwerd

Sunday November 17th, 2024

THIRTY- THIRD 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

Daniel 12:1-3

A reading from the prophet Daniel

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 15:5. 8-11. R.v.1

(R.) Keep me safe, O God: you are my hope.

1. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)

2. And so, my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)

3. You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right-hand happiness forever. (R.)

Second Reading

Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 21:36

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful, and pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 13:24-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven. 'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'



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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

24th November 2024

Daniel 7:13-14/ Revelation 1:5-8/John 18:33-37

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

1st Wednesday 11.15am Eventide

2nd Wednesday 10am Lowe St

3rd Wednesday 10am Garden View

4th Wednesday 10am ARVillage

Anniversaries

Frances Kearney, Margaret McRae, Gerard Mercovich, Leo Green, Keith Jerram, Betty Leonard 2005, Albert Thomas, Moira Flynn, Paddy Brennan, Hilda Cowell, Rodolfo Auxilio, Julian McKenzie-McHarg, Ivan Bates 1964, Enid Dower, Allan Hewitt, Evelyn Moloney, Hugh Monaghan 1957, Grace Schwab, Irene Wilson, Annie Bone 1978, Hughie Lees, Wilham Parker, Fr Nik Serzants, Margaret Streeter 1999, Alan John Howlett, Gwen Breen, Ray Gellie, Tom O'Neill, Elma Upton, Mervyn Sherring, Lillian Krause 1966, Brian Molan 1974, Irene Prydderch, Jean Cunningham, Arthur Morrison, Janine Shalders, Brian Clothier, Margaret Ralph, Grene Prydderch 1960, Monica McDonald 2002, Margaret Giles 2018

Lake Bolac Roster

Sat Nov 16th Reader Leanne Breen/ Prayers of Faithful Jane Higgins

Sat Nov 30th Reader Rosemary Liston/ Prayers of Faithful Phillip Meek

Sat Dec 14th Reader Deb Glasson/ Prayers of Faithful Judy Aldous/Cleaning Jane Higgins

Sat Dec 25th Reader Phillip Meek / Prayers of Faithful Denise Haslett/Cleaning Team

Ararat Roster

Sun Nov 17th Facilitator Elizabeth / Reader Sr John / Euch Min Charlie R

Sun Nov 24th Facilitator Pat McA/ Reader J McA / Euch Min M Olle

Stawell Roster

Sun Nov 17th S/Minster M Maestros /Reader M Howard / Offertory H Reid

Sun Nov 24th S/Minster H Potter /Reader D ODonnell / Offertory M McGaffin

Lake Bolac

St Bernard's Catholic Ladies Auxiliary Annual General Meeting Friday, November 29th, 10 am, at the church. A general meeting to follow. All welcome.

Stawell CWL

Cuppa after Mass on Sunday 17th Nov. Everyone welcome.

Stawell St Vincent de Paul will meet Monday 18th Nov in the St Pat's Church hall at 2pm.

Fr Andrew

Is on leave from 11th Nov until 7th Dec 2024 during this time, either Fr Eugene Mckinnon or Fr Denis Ryan will celebrate the weekend Masses and Funerals.

Defibrillator Training

Tuesday 10th December 2024 9am at St Patricks Hall all welcome.

The combined churches of Stawell will present a service of Nine Lessons and Carols on Sunday 8th Dec at 7pm in the Holy Trinity Anglican Church. It will be followed by a light supper. Everyone is welcome.

Prayer for November:

For those who have lost a child: Let us pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation. Lord, hear us.

Do you know someone who is doing it tough? Please ask them to come to Stawell Inter Church Council welfare Cottage 20 Sloane St Stawell. We are open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 10:30am and 12:30pm. For out of hours emergencies ring 0408038949. If anyone needs help at Christmas, please come to the Cottage in November to put their name down. Christmas distribution will be on Tuesday 17th December.”

2024 Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve 6 pm Stawell 7.30 pm Ararat 9.15 pm Lake Bolac and Christmas day -9am Landsborough
2nd Rite Reconciliation -Wednesday December 11 5.30pm Stawell and 7pm Ararat Please bring a plate to share
Reconciliation Lake Bolac During Mass Saturday December 14

Men of St Pat's Stawell – where are you?

I am proposing that we establish a Parish Men's group called “**St Joseph's Men's Shed**”. Aim : to try to build “Faith Tradies” to assist in bringing the Faith to young people. Discussion meeting next Sunday (24/11) after 10.30 Mass in St Pat's Hall. John Launder (53582171 or jlplauder@bigpond.com)

Diocesan Assembly

The Diocesan Assembly will be held on Friday evening and Saturday at Federation University, Mt Helen. The assembly included delegates from all parishes, representatives from religious congregations, diocesan committees, health services, aged care, school communities and the Catholic Education Office, CatholicCare social services, organisations such as the St Vincent de Paul Society, Catholic Women's League and Australian Catholic University, as well as the priests of our diocese. The focus is on the theme of leadership and governance, looking at 'How Does God want us to lead and govern for a Missionary Synodal Church in the Diocese of Ballarat'. Both the Australian Plenary Council and the recent Synod of Synodality encourage us to develop leadership and governance in a synodal way. We pray that the diocesan assembly will bear fruit that will bring blessings to everyone in our diocese. May we learn more and more to walk together, guided by the Spirit of Christ.

World Children's Day – November 20

Every year World's Children Day is celebrated on November 20, marking the date that the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child was adopted. Child rights are human rights. They are non-negotiable and universal. But in too many places today children's rights are being misunderstood, disregarded or even denied and attacked. Upholding children's rights is the compass to a better world – today, tomorrow and into the future. By listening to children we can fulfil their right to self-expression, understand their ideas for a better world and include their priorities in our actions today. Discover what's happening and take part at <https://www.unicef.org/world-childrens-day>

Prayer for World Children's Day: We pray for the children of the world. May they live without fear of violence and war, without hunger or thirst, without sickness and poverty. May they experience the great love that Jesus has for each one of us. May they grow in faith so that we all walk together as Your children, in peace and love. May the spirit guide us to work together for a different world, a better world for all. Amen.

St Vincent de Paul Donor Impact Report - Spring 2024

St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria (Vinnies Victoria) have released their Spring 2024 Donor Impact Report. The objective is to express their gratitude and provide an update to donors on the positive impact of their efforts and contributions. The report showcases the real difference that is being made in the lives of those they serve. Click or scan to QR code to read the report.



Caritas Australia's Global Gifts are Christmas Cards with purpose!

Every card you buy helps build brighter futures for children, women and men experiencing hardship and poverty. By putting your compassion into action and shopping for the Global Gifts of your choice, you will bring hope and joy to the world's most vulnerable and communities, while giving your loved ones a meaningful Christmas card. View the range of Global Gifts at www.globalgifts.org.au

Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close

Reflection by Artist

Recent experiences in Europe and North America have shown how life can be disrupted and endangered by blackouts in cities. Power failures can be seriously scary! Jesus describes the beginning of the end times in terms of a vast blackout: the sun and moon are darkened and the stars have fallen from the sky. But this threatening situation is also full of promise because the changes herald the coming of the kingdom, of God's *basileia*, and the arrival of a new order. It is up to us to read the signs of the times and be prepared.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate - Angelic Swords of Light

Have you ever seen those pictures of angels? They are like babies with delicate gossamer wings.

How sentimental, how

pathetically trivial, how untrue. Angels are more like the light-swords wielded by Luke Skywalker in Star Wars. The good angels are lightning flashes of energy serving God's purpose in the battle against evil forces which can seem to dominate our worlds, private and social. God loved us into existence in order to share in his life, but there are forces at work trying to frustrate that. There is a cosmic-scale battle going on. Who is on our side in that battle? The angels. Who are they? They are non-bodily beings of great intelligence and power. Those are the angels, and those who have chosen to love and serve God are on our side.

Some are archangels with a cosmic-scale brief. We hear of one in the first reading: 'Michael, the great Prince who stands guard over your people'. Others are our individual Guardian Angels so that when powers of darkness seem to engulf us, we can turn to our Guardian Angel and say: 'Fight for me', and that light-sword of God will engage in battle because that is that sort of angel's way of serving God. We could pause a moment to pray, thanking God for the Archangels who guard our church community and for our personal Guardian Angels, and asking our Lord Jesus Christ to command those angels to gather us as his chosen to share His glory.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Although this is not the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the major theme found in the readings is the end of time. The events that will usher in and will take place during this time are described in apocalyptic terms. The struggles of life will culminate in a massive cosmic confrontation between the forces of good and those of evil. This last battle will be universal in scope, just like the first primordial conflict between chaos and God. In some way, all of today's readings state that good will finally prevail over evil. In the last days Michael, the angelic warrior of God, will rise up. In the epistle, Christ is pictured seated triumphantly at the right hand of God with his enemies under his foot, a sign of conquest. Finally, in the gospel, the Son of Man, the mysterious figure from apocalyptic literature, comes in the clouds with great power and glory. All of these images are apocalyptic; each of them is quite hopeful. We read these stories at the close of the liturgical year, because we are coming to the conclusion of our yearly telling of the story of salvation. However, apocalyptic images are timely whenever we find ourselves in the throes of the battle with evil and it appears that we will succumb. These forms will remind us that good will be able to withstand evil. From this we will conclude that we need only trust in God.

