



Holy Spirit  
Parish  
Gariwerd

# Sunday December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Year C

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

Sir 3:2-6. 12-14

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus  
The Lord honours the father in his children and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons. Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins, he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune. Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own, he shall be heard on the day when he prays. Long life comes to him who honours his father, he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord. My son, support your father in his old age, do not grieve him during his life. Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in your health and strength; for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten but will serve as reparation for your sins.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 127:1-5. R. see v.1

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands, you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. (R.)
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. (R.)
3. Indeed, thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion all the days of your life. (R.)

### Second Reading

Col 3:12-21

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians  
You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful. Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each

other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

### Gospel Acclamation

Col 3:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you. Alleluia!

### Gospel

Lk 2:41-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere. Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant. He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

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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

5<sup>th</sup> January 2025  
Isaiah 60:1-6/Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6/Matthew 2:1-12

## 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

## Anniversaries

James O'Connor, Fr. Ted Glowrey, Johanna Lannen, Winifred Hynes, Annette Mair, Bernice Clinton, Bernardino Torrecampo, Ivan Lee, Des Brennan, Dorothy Phyland, James McMahan 2000, Sr Veronica O'Brien, Bernie Moloney, Stephanie Mitchell, Jenny Sharman, Blanche Wadsworth 1949, Mary Monaghan 1961, Glen Byron 1985, Jacob Pitcher, Theresa McColl, Judi-Anne Parry 1967, Stewart Perry 1970, Lindsay Vendy 1980, James Tonkin 1984, Madge Phillips 1985, Graeme Delahunty 2008, Roger Gleeson, Vincent Daly, Ernest Hooper 1964, Valda McLean 2003, Margaret Cochrane, Eileen Field, Fr Pat McGuire, Jessie Fleming, Sharon McMaster, Alfred Stanley Young, Ellen McDonald 1968, Thomas Seary 1980, Mary Holt 1983, Noel Kuhn 1991, Vincent Thomas, Vera Shea, Anthony Gordon, Backshall 1995, Merchant 1995.

## Lake Bolac Roster

Sat Dec 28<sup>th</sup> Reader Tricia Higgins / Prayers of Faithful Rosemary Liston

## Ararat Roster

Sun Dec 29<sup>th</sup> Facilitator Pat L / Reader Charlie/ Euch Min Marg M /Charlie & Blessie  
Sun Jan 5<sup>th</sup> Facilitator Charlie / Reader Peter B/ Euch Min Mary C & M Ollie

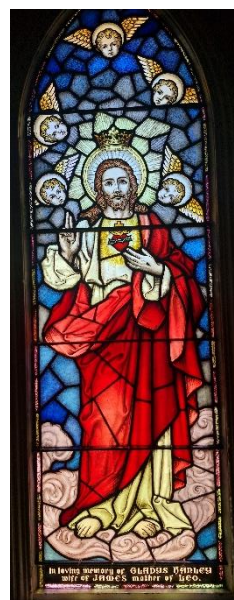
## Stawell Roster

Sun Dec 29<sup>th</sup> S/Minster H Potter/L McIntyre/ S DeLeon/Reader D O'Donnell / Offertory L Habben  
Sun Jan 5<sup>th</sup> S/Minster J DeLeon/K Ashton/M Rowe/Reader M Howard / Offertory H Reid

**Lake Bolac** - A finger food tea will be held after Mass, at St Bernard's, Lake Bolac, on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Please bring a plate of food to share.

## Landsborough Window

Remember back to the vandalism of the Sacred Heart window at St Francis of Assisi in Landsborough. Delighted to share that the window has been fixed and it is a masterful job. Those at Mass last Sunday agreed that "you would never know it had been broken." It's beautiful and worth a visit to see it. Thanks, too, to the anonymous donor who paid for the work to be done.



*Safe and Happy New Year to you all.*