



Holy Spirit
Parish
Gariwerd

Sunday 9th February 2025

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 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

Isaiah 6:1-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out to one another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.' The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: 'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 137:1-5. 7-8. R. v.1

(R.) In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)
3. All earth's kings shall thank you when they hear the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the Lord's ways; 'How great is the glory of the Lord!' (R.)
4. You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:3-8, 11

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

In the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried;

and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it. But what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 5:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point. When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

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Mass Times

Ararat Sunday 8.30am
Stawell Sunday 10.30am
Landsborough 2nd 4th Sundays 12.30pm
Glenthompson (Hamilton Parish) 2nd 4th Sundays 8.30am

Readings for next Sunday

16th Feb 2025-Jeremiah 17:5-8/
1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20/
Luke 6:17. 20-26

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

Recent Deaths: Beverley Ann Campigli, Reginald John Smith

Anniversaries

David McColl, Joyce Speechley, Eunice Downes, Ron Manneke-Jones, Rachel Dunn 1972, Kavon Sanford 1988, Teresa Glass, Peg Dacey, Mary Shea, James Devery 1983, Albert Archibald 1992, Patricia Cook 2010, Alice Bulger, Daniel Barry, Robert Archibald 1992, Laurence Healy 2017, Daniel Barry, Pauline Hulsen, William Smith, Fr Timothy Lynch, Jane Renouf, Elsie Fradd, Jean Vernon, Thelma (Jane) Renouf 1999, Lyn Marks, Honora Pola, Bernard Dowler, Matilda Donovan, Molly Pola, Vera Ruzic, Kenneth Rickard 1991, Margaret Rathgeber 2011, Kevin Kelly, Win Boyd, Stephen McColl, Debra Shea, Eileen Menzies, Dorothy Shalders, Tom Hourigan, Maria Deininger, Edna Colwell, Phyllis Scaletti 1955, Marjoris O'Rourks 1996, John David Dalziel 1997

Lake Bolac Roster

Sat Feb 15th Reader Phillip Meek/Prayers of Faithful Jane Higgins
Sat Mar 1st Reader Val Albert/ Prayers of Faithful Denise Haslett /Cleaning Rosemary Liston
Sat Mar 15th Reader Rosemary Liston/ Prayers of Faithful Judy Aldous
Sat Mar 29th Reader Tricia Higgins/ Prayers of Faithful Deb Glasson
Sat Apr 5th Reader Mick Brennan/ Prayers of Faithful Tricia Higgins

Ararat Roster

Sun Feb 9th Facilitator Pat McA / Reader Jenny McA/ Euch Min Anna C /Mary C
Sun Feb 16th Facilitator Peter B / Reader Pat L/ Euch Min Sr John / Harry
Sun Feb 23rd Facilitator Teresa / Reader Pat L / Euch Min Mary C / Charlie

Stawell Roster

Sun Feb 9th S/Minster G Comitti/L McIntyre/K Ashton/Reader M R Thomas / Offertory L Habben
Sun Feb 16th S/Minster M Maestros/J DeLeon/J Raeburn/Reader K Dallinger / Offertory H Reid
Sun Feb 23rd S/Minster H Potter/G Comitti/M R Thomas/Reader D O'Donnell / Offertory M McGaffin

The Stawell CWL will be hosting a Cuppa after Mass on Sunday 16th Feb. Everyone welcome.

Stawell St Vincent de Paul will meet on Monday 17th Feb in the Church hall at 2pm.

The World Day of Prayer will be Stawell St Pat's Church on Friday 7th March at 2pm. Cuppa to follow. Everyone welcome.

Phone calls to Parish Office

If you wish to leave a message, please be patient as it rings for quite a while before you can record your message.

Livestream links for Sr Lesley Dickinson's Funeral Mass

The funeral Mass for Sr Lesley Dickinson rsm will be celebrated on Friday, February 7, 2025 at 1.00pm AEDT at St Alipius Church, Ballarat East. The livestream links are: Funeral

<https://youtube.com/live/QjBHUL1BR8?feature=share>; Burial - <https://youtube.com/live/Xj-pmWtWI4M?feature=share>

Saint Mary MacKillop's 30th Anniversary of Beatification

Celebrate the 30th Anniversary of St Mary MacKillop's beatification with a free commemorative prayer book, "Flourish with Mary's Heart", written by the Sisters of St Joseph. The book is available at

<https://www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/for-churches/prayer-book>

Jubilee Year 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope

Pope Francis has declared a Jubilee Year of Hope in 2025, centred on the theme, "Pilgrims of Hope." A Jubilee is a special year of grace and conversion, involving prayer, pilgrimage and sacramental repentance, held every 25 years, or during other years as called for by the Pope. Through a series of concrete rituals, acts and commitments, the goal of a Jubilee year is to inspire and encourage holiness of life among the faithful and therefore to strengthen the Church's witness to God's loving mercy in and for the world.

Pope Francis has written a prayer for the Jubilee Year. Prayers cards are available for parishes and schools.

The National Centre for Evangelisation have prepared resources for parishes and individuals for the 36 events that will be acknowledged throughout the 2025 Jubilee Year, highlighting special aspects of Church life. These resources can be accessed from the diocesan website.

Jubilee of the Armed Forces, Police and Security Personnel: February 8-9, 2025

The Church recognises that military personnel can contribute enormously to the stability of our world and to the establishment of peace. This Jubilee will celebrate the efforts all members of the armed forces and police, municipal police, security operators, veterans, military associations, military academies, chaplaincies and military ordinariates provide for peace. Further resources on the Jubilee of the Armed Forces, Police and Security Personnel is available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/liturgy-sacraments/jubilee-year-2025-pilgrims-of-hope/>

Prayer for the Jubilee of the Armed Forces, Police and Security Personnel

Lord our God, we thank you for the service and sacrifice of all who have made possible the freedom we enjoy and the heritage we have been given. We commend to you all who serve our nation in the Armed Forces, Police and Security. Shelter them in danger, and in time of peace keep them from all evil. For ourselves, we pray that you will help us to persevere in loyalty and courage and grant us to be worthy of those who have gone before us. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Word of God Sunday: February 9, 2025

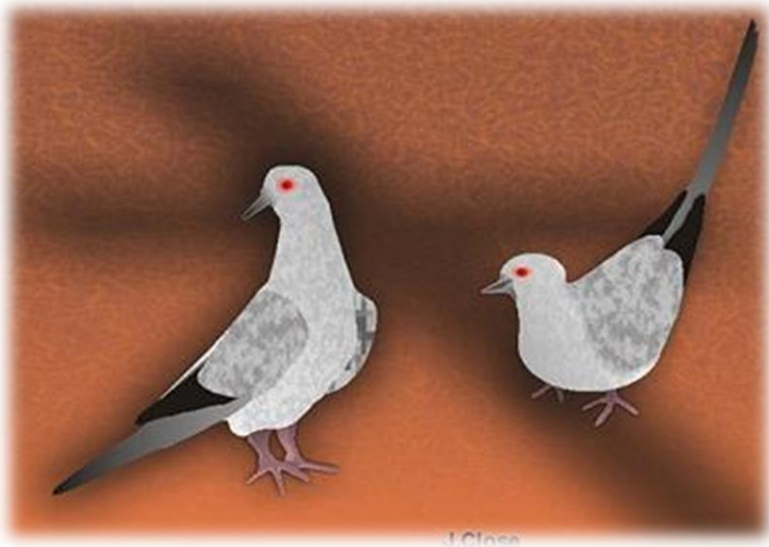
The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on February 9 in 2025. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to "the celebration, study and dissemination" of the Word of God. Visit www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodSunday to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.

Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal

We urgently need your support. The ceasefire means more aid can assist people in Gaza, but the need is immense and the recovery long. Gaza's people cannot recover alone. They need the support of the global community to survive and rebuild. Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal. You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate -*The Word of God for young and old*

In a time (in the Western world at least) when there seems to be a growing gap between the old and the young, it is good to reflect on this Gospel incident. A young woman, still in her teens, a newly-wed cradling her newborn son in her arms, places that baby in the arms of a very old stranger who embraces her child with all the fervour of a *now* fulfilled hope. Is this the model for overcoming the distance between young and old in our culture? Can the young, like Mary, listen to the wisdom of tradition from an elder? Can the old like Simeon still be open to a moment of serendipity mediated by the young? The answer is: 'Yes, when young and old come together around Jesus.' As Pope Francis remarks of this encounter: 'Jesus is at the centre.' (*Homily 2 Feb 2018*) At whatever age we find ourselves, Mary is only too willing to place Jesus in *our* arms to fulfil our hopes and our yearnings. Perhaps we could pause for a moment to accept the gift of Jesus placed in our arms and hearts so that we can say with Simeon: 'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace.'



Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close

The token price that Mary and Joseph paid to 'buy back' Jesus was two pigeons – a modest price for a poor family. Jesus was only on loan to them. Not all the riches in the world could ransom him from his destiny and he lived in the shadow of the Cross all his life.

REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

Pope Francis draws our attention to the way that today's feast is about encounter. He is particularly interested in how this episode takes place 'between the young and the old'. This was a profound spiritual moment shared by 'two newlyweds,' as the Pope describes Mary and Joseph, and the elderly and faithful Simeon and Anna. The Pope draws our attention to their respective dispositions. Mary and Joseph are not just going through the motions. They clearly really believe that what they are doing is important, even if they wonder what it all means. Meanwhile, Simeon and Anna were clearly 'guided by the Holy Spirit' and 'full of life!' Their encounter was not only between generations, therefore, but was also what the Pope calls 'a unique encounter between observance and prophecy.' 'It's good for the elderly to communicate their wisdom to the young,' the Pope reminds us, 'and it's good for the young people to gather this wealth of experience and wisdom, and to carry it forward ... addressing the challenges that life brings.' Perhaps we might pray this week for the wisdom to respond to the promptings of the Spirit, and for the Grace to leave a joyful mark on all the people we might encounter, young or old.

