



Holy Spirit  
Parish  
Gariwerd

# Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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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

**Deuteronomy 26:4-10**

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 90:1-2. 10-15. R. v.15**

**(R.)** Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' **(R.)**
2. Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. **(R.)**
3. They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. **(R.)**
4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory. **(R.)**

#### Second Reading

**Romans 10:8-13**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans  
Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and

if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

#### Gospel Acclamation

**Matthew 4:4**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

#### Gospel

**Luke 4:1-13**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.' Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

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## Mass Times

<b>Ararat</b>	Sunday 8.30am
<b>Stawell</b>	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Lake Bolac</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sundays 6.30pm Vigil Sat
<b>Landsborough</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays 12.30pm
<b>Glenthompson</b>	(Hamilton Parish) 2 <sup>nd</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays 8.30am

## Readings for next Sunday

16<sup>TH</sup> March 2025-  
Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18/  
Philippians 3:20 – 4:1/Luke 9:28-36

## 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

Amy Sertori, Tony Guinan, May Mercovich, Trevor Mast, Kieran Hennessy, Evelyn Monaghan 1967, Irene Ferguson, James Hynes, Alexander Rutter 1946, Patrick Scallaw 1953, Michael Dodd 1963, Ken Haslett, Michael Healy 1964, Fredrick Scott 2004, Fr Brian Murphy SJ, Mary Sweeney 1974, James Hennessy, John Costello, Betty Stevens, Valentine Kerr 1991, Mary Thomas 2003, John Harris, Anne Selina Moneghetti, Fr Leo Branagan CSsR, Marino Renzeli, Des Fox, Betty McNamara, Francis Bloomer 1964, Fr Jim Ryan, Maria Deininger, Caleb Gardner, Robert Gale 1978, Jeffrey O'Donnell 2019, Sophia Van Opstal,

## Lake Bolac

Sat Mar 15 Reader Rosemary Liston/ Prayers of Faithful Judy Aldous  
Sat Mar 29 Reader Tricia Higgins/ Prayers of Faithful Deb Glasson  
Sat Apr 5 Reader Mick Brennan/ Prayers of Faithful Tricia Higgins  
Sat Apr 19 Reader Rebecca Rodger/ Prayers of Faithful Phillip Meek /Cleaning Team Effort  
Sat May 3 Reader Leanne Breen/ Prayers of Faithful Mick Brennan /Cleaning Jane Higgins

## Ararat Roster

Sun Mar 9<sup>th</sup> Facilitator C Reid / Reader E Shea / Euch Min M Mason/Albert  
Sun Mar 16<sup>th</sup> Facilitator P Brennan / Reader P Brady / Euch Min Mary C / Genara  
Sun Mar 23<sup>rd</sup> Facilitator H Collins / Reader K Leggett / Euch Min Nora / Marg M  
Sun Mar 30<sup>th</sup> Facilitator Pat McA / Reader Jenny M / Euch Min Cath McA / Harry  
Sun Apr 6<sup>th</sup> Facilitator Rebecca / Reader E Shea / Euch Min Mary C / Marg O  
Sun Apr 13<sup>th</sup> Facilitator Pat L / Reader Peter B / Euch Min Marg M / Nora  
Sun Apr 20<sup>th</sup> Facilitator Ma McD / Reader Charlie / Euch Min Cath McA / Blessie  
Sun Apr 27<sup>th</sup> Facilitator Harry / Reader Maria / Euch Min Anna C / Marg M

## Stawell Roster

Sun Mar 9<sup>th</sup> S/Minster L McIntyre & M Howard /Reader D Jones / Offertory Marg McGaffin  
Sun Mar 16<sup>th</sup> S/Minster S DeLeon & M Rowe /Reader K Dallinger / Offertory G Pascall & P Gooden  
Sun Mar 23<sup>rd</sup> S/Minster K Ashton & H Potter/Reader G Madafferi / Offertory J Croton  
Sun Mar 30<sup>th</sup> S/Minster L McIntyre & M Howard/Reader H Potter / Offertory Heenan Family  
Sun Apr 6<sup>th</sup> S/Minster H Potter & S DeLeon/Reader Di O'Donnell / Offertory Lesley Habben  
Sun Apr 13<sup>th</sup> S/Minster J DeLeon & M Rowe /Reader L McIntyre / Offertory H Reid & Friend

**Lenten Reflection Meeting Ararat-** This is a very good way to help us grow in our understanding of the Lenten Sunday Readings. Please make every effort to attend at 10am each Thursday, commencing 6<sup>th</sup> March and bring along a friend, it is a very good program.

**Stawell CWL** will host a cuppa after Mass on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March. Everyone welcome.

**Stawell St Vincent de Paul** will be meeting on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in the St Pat's Church hall.

**St Mary's Primary School** On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February, 9 students from Grade 5 & 6 represented St Marys at the Black Ranges Division Swimming Carnival which was held at the Horsham Aquatic Centre.

The following students represented St Mary's Ararat:

Scarlett Bibby - 11 y/o 50m Freestyle

Lachlan Blandford - 11 y/o 50m Freestyle & 50m Backstroke

Eva Brady - 12/13 y/o 50m Freestyle & Backstroke

Jack Christie - 12/13 y/o 50m Backstroke

Isabel Day - 12/13 y/o 50m Backstroke

Libby Harrington - 11 y/o 50m Freestyle

Isobel Lewis - 11 y/o 50m Breaststroke

James Roberts - 12/13 y/o 50m Freestyle

Loella Thomas - 12/13 y/o 50m Freestyle & Breaststroke

We also had a 12/13 y/o Girls Freestyle and Medley relay teams.

Well done to all for representing your school with pride and humility, and for the way in which you celebrated each individual's effort on the day.

### **St Patrick's Cathedral Choral Scholarships**

St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat provides Choral Scholarships for Years 3–6 students with musical interest and aptitude. The Scholarships provide \$1000.00 per annum towards students' education and/or musical tuition. Choral Scholars sing and rehearse regularly at St Patrick's Cathedral and occasionally at community events. The Choral Scholarships are modelled on the Melbourne, Sydney and Perth Cathedrals, with children being taught an exciting range of repertoire, including traditional styles of sacred music and contemporary church hymns. There are opportunities for musical, vocal and personal development in a safe, fun environment. Children audition for a place in the choir. If they are successful, they join the Cathedral's Cantate Domino Choir, which is currently made up of 25 adults and children. Auditions are held by arrangement with applicants. For more information and to request an application form, please contact the Choir Director, Mr Vincent Sully, at [cantatedomino@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:cantatedomino@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or ph. 0407 310 115.

### **Damascus College Ballarat 2025 Reunions**

Damascus College warmly welcomes the Classes of 1985, 1995, 2005 and 2015 to celebrate the 2025 Reunion Day! Join us as we reconnect, reminisce, and honour these milestone anniversaries on Saturday, March 29, 2025 at Damascus College, 1412 Geelong Road, Mt Clear. The day will begin with a free welcome reception from 2.00pm – 4:00pm (doors open at 1.30pm for registration). Enjoy light refreshments, drinks, a campus tour, and some simple formalities during this shared gathering, followed by a group photo. The after party for each cohort will continue at their own private individual locations from 7:00pm onwards. Full event details and tickets at <https://www.damascus.vic.edu.au/community/alumni/alumni-reunions-events>

### **Vinnies Back To School Appeal 2025**

Over one million Victorian students began the 2025 school year recently, but many families are struggling to keep them at school. Vinnie's Back to School Appeal aims to ensure every family has the resources for learning and growth so that children can start their academic year well-equipped with the necessary supplies and nutritious meals. To donate click or scan the QR code.



## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate - Temptations

After his baptism Jesus was driven by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness where the devil put him to the test. Jesus was offered three shortcuts to his living in harmony with the will of his Heavenly Father. First, when he was hungry there would be bread out of stones. Second, when he wanted to change the world he could have absolute political power. Third, when he needed to take risks, angels would keep him safe. Our baptism does not insulate us from the same threefold pattern of temptation. Do you find yourself saying: I want the whole world to change to satisfy me, or I want to exercise power over others, or I want to take stupid risks and come out unharmed, or all three! What must we do when such temptations assail us? Realise that such temptations are much less powerful than they seem – the last gasp of the vanquished devil. Imitate Jesus in going to the Scriptures, preferably the Gospels, in order to have the words to hurl back at the devil as you are tested. We could pause to make a Lenten resolution to read a Gospel, and to do so confident of our Baptismal identity as beloved daughters and sons of God.

## Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close

### Reflection by Artist

Stones and the loaves of bread can be similar in shape, colour and texture, but appearances are as deceptive as the tempter in this story from Luke's gospel. The inducement to turn stone into bread plays on the basic human need for nourishment, but also it plays on the desire to get something for nothing – like magic or three wishes from a genie in a bottle. Jesus can accept the harsh reality of stone in the short term because his worldview also encompasses the promise of God's kingdom – the place of plenty.



# PROJECT COMPASSION



**First Sunday of Lent**  
8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of March 2025

Project Compassion 2025 shares three stories from around the world. We'll meet **Toefuata'iga** - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) from Samoa, **Lam** from Vietnam and **Irene** from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

Each of this year's stories reflects diverse challenges, yet they are united by the shared determination to overcome adversity and create better futures for themselves and their communities.



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