



Holy Spirit Parish Gariwerd



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 the traditional custodians of this land, and pay our respects to their elders both past, present and future, for they hold the memories, the traditions and culture of our ancient land, Australia. We honour the presence of these ancestors who reside in the imagination of this land and whose spirituality flows through all creation.

Sunday 20th April 2025 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

First Reading

Gen 1:1. 26-31

A reading from the book of Genesis

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. God said, 'Let us make man in our own image, in the likeness of ourselves, and let them be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven, the cattle, all the wild beasts and all the reptiles that crawl upon the earth.' God created man in the image of himself, in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them. God blessed them, saying to them, 'Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth and conquer it. Be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven and all living animals on the earth.' God said, 'See, I give you all the seed-bearing plants that are upon the whole earth, and all the trees with seed-bearing fruit; this shall be your food. To all wild beasts, all birds of heaven and all living reptiles on the earth I give all the foliage of plants for food.' And so it was. God saw all he had made, and indeed it was very good.

Responsorial Psalm 32:4-7. 12-13. 20. 22 R. v.5 (R.) The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **(R.)**

2. By his word the heavens were made, by the breath of his mouth all the stars. He collects the waves of the ocean; he stores up the depths of the sea. **(R.)**

3. They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. From the heavens the Lord looks forth, he sees all the children of men. **(R.)**

4. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

Second Reading Exodus 14:15 – 15:1

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses, 'Why do you cry to me so? Tell the sons of Israel to march on. For yourself, raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea and part it for the sons of Israel to walk through the sea on dry

ground. I for my part will make the heart of the Egyptians so stubborn that they will follow them. So shall I win myself glory at the expense of Pharaoh, of all his army, his chariots, his horsemen. And when I have won glory for myself, at the expense of Pharaoh and his chariots and his army, the Egyptians will learn that I am the Lord.' Then the angel of the Lord, who marched at the front of the army of Israel, changed station and moved to their rear. The pillar of cloud changed station from the front to the rear of them and remained there. It came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. The cloud was dark, and the night passed without the armies drawing any closer the whole night long. Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove back the sea with a strong easterly wind all night, and he made dry land of the sea. The waters parted and the sons of Israel went on dry ground right into the sea, walls of water to right and to left of them. The Egyptians gave chase: after them they went, right into the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his own horsemen. In the morning watch, the Lord looked down on the army of the Egyptians from the pillar of fire and cloud and threw the army into confusion. He so clogged their chariot wheels that they could scarcely make headway. 'Let us flee from the Israelites,' the Egyptians cried 'the Lord is fighting for them against the Egyptians!' 'Stretch out your hand over the sea,' the Lord said to Moses 'that the waters may flow back on the Egyptians and their chariots and their horsemen.' Moses stretched out his hand over the sea and, as day broke, the sea returned to its bed. The fleeing Egyptians marched right into it, and the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the very middle of the sea. The returning waters overwhelmed the chariots and the horsemen of Pharaoh's whole army, which had followed the Israelites into the sea; not a single one of them was left. But the sons of Israel had marched through the sea on dry ground, walls of water to right and to left of them. That day, the Lord rescued Israel from the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. Israel witnessed the great act that the Lord had performed against the Egyptians, and the people venerated the Lord; they put their faith in the Lord and in Moses, his servant. It was then that Moses and the sons of Israel sang this song in honour of the Lord:

Responsorial Psalm Exodus 15:1-6. 17-18 R. v.1

(R.) Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.

1. I will sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph! Horse and rider he has thrown into the sea! The Lord is my strength, my song, my salvation. This is my God and I extol him, my father's God and I give him praise. **(R.)**

2. The Lord is a warrior! The Lord is his name. The chariots of Pharaoh he hurled into the sea, the flower of his army is drowned in the sea. The deeps hide them; they sank like a stone. **(R.)**

3. Your right hand, Lord, glorious in its power, your right hand, Lord, has shattered the enemy. In the greatness of your glory you crushed the foe. **(R.)**

4. You will lead your people and plant them on your mountain, the place, O Lord, where you have made your home, the sanctuary, Lord, which your hands have made. The Lord will reign for ever and ever. **(R.)**

Third Reading

Ezekiel 36:16-28

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'Son of man, the members of the House of Israel used to live in their own land, but they defiled it by their conduct and actions. I then discharged my fury at them because of the blood they shed in their land and the idols with which they defiled it. I scattered them among the nations and dispersed them in foreign countries. I sentenced them as their conduct and actions deserved. And now they have profaned my holy name among the nations where they have gone, so that people say of them, "These are the people of the Lord; they have been exiled from his land." But I have been concerned about my holy name, which the House of Israel has profaned among the nations where they have gone. And so, say to the House of Israel, "The Lord says this: I am not doing this for my sake, House of Israel, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you have gone. I mean to display the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned among them. And the nations will learn that I am the Lord – it is the Lord who speaks – when I display my holiness for your sake before their eyes. Then I am going to take you from among the nations and gather you together from all the foreign countries and bring you home to your own land. I shall pour clean water over you and you will be cleansed; I shall cleanse you of all your defilement and all your idols. I shall give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I shall remove the heart of stone from your bodies and give you a heart

of flesh instead. I shall put my spirit in you, and make you keep my laws and sincerely respect my observances. You will live in the land which I gave your ancestors. You shall be my people and I will be your God."

Responsorial Psalm 41:3. 5; 42:3. 4 R. Ps 41:2

(R.) Like a deer that longs for running streams, my soul longs for you, my God.

1. My soul is thirsting for God, the God of my life; when can I enter and see the face of God? **(R.)**

2. These things will I remember as I pour out my soul: how I would lead the rejoicing crowd into the house of God, amid cries of gladness and thanksgiving, the throng wild with joy. **(R.)**

3. O send forth your light and your truth; let these be my guide. Let them bring me to your holy mountain to the place where you dwell. **(R.)**

4. And I will come to the altar of God, the God of my joy. My redeemer, I will thank you on the harp, O God, my God. **(R.)**



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Mass Times

Ararat	Sunday 9am
Stawell	Sunday 10.30am
Lake Bolac	1 st 3 rd 5 th Sundays 6.30pm Vigil Sat
Landsborough	2 nd 4 th Sundays 12am
Glenthompson	(Hamilton Parish) 2 nd 4 th Sundays 8.30am

Readings for next Sunday

27th April 2025
Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16/
Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19/ John 20:19-31

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

NO Ararat 11am MASS on Good Friday 18th April

Ararat Mass on Friday Anzac Day 25 April to commence at 10am

Easter Mass Times

Maundy Thursday 17th April Lake Bolac 5pm & Ararat 7pm
Good Friday 18th April Stations of the Cross Alexandra Oval Ararat 11am
Good Friday 18th April Good Friday Ceremony Stawell 3pm & Ararat 3pm
Easter Saturday Vigil 19th April Lake Bolac 5pm & Ararat 7pm
Easter Sunday 20th April **Ararat 9am** & Stawell 10.30am

Anniversaries

Emanuel Jotn Penza-Vella, Peter Raycroft 1958, Bernard Rathgeber 1967, Ronald Heal 1975 , Gregory Phillips, Ellen Hennessy, Edward Bulger, Ruby Killeen 1946, Mayarellen Barry 1963, Mary Crouch 1966, Ron Dwyer 2001, Ramond Jose 2009, Margaret Parry 2015, George Shea, Eric Carter, John Walters 1959, Thomas Healy 1994, Joan Byrne 1995, Jim Brennan, Colin Gleeson, Albert Stainsby, Jim Lavery, Ian Kirkham, Val Gemmola, Audrey Mary Brennan, Kathleen Purbrick, Sr Catherine O'Halloraran, Alex Murray, May Richards, Cosmos Fernando, Thomas Prydderch 1964, Baby Nicholson 1971, Ewan Cameron 1976, Catherine Kerr 1987, Tom McGrath, Len Davies, Martin Keogh, Clare Heard, Peter Sheehan, Kevin Shea, Eileen Looby 1993, Margaret Jess 1994, James Lannen, Nora Hogan, Mary Lugg, John McGuan 1945, Walter Hooper 1965, Elizabeth (Bessie) Phelan 2000

Lake Bolac

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
Sat May 17 Reader Deb Glasson/ Prayers of Faithful Damian Phillips

Ararat Roster

Sun Apr 20th Facilitator Ma McD / Reader Charlie /Euch Min Cath McA / Blessie
Sun Apr 27th Facilitator Harry / Reader Maria / Euch Min Anna C / Marg M

Stawell Roster

Good Friday S/Minster K Ashton/Reader M R Thomas & K Dallinger
Sun Apr 20th S/Minster S DeLeon /Reader M R Thomas / Offertory M McGaffin
Sun Apr 27th S/Minster J Obi & L McIntyre/Reader G Madafferi / Offertory Timor E
Sun May 4th S/Minster J Raeburn & K Ashton /Reader H Potter / Offertory G Pascall & P Gooden

The Stawell Inter Church Council will be holding a combined Good Friday service in the carpark garden of the Stawell Town Hall at 11.30am. And a Resurrection Service on Easter Sunday on Big Hill at 6.30am with a breakfast in the Uniting Church hall. Everyone welcome.

Stawell CWL Sunday cuppa will be after Mass on Sunday 27th April.

Stawell St Vincent de Paul next meeting will be on Monday 28th April in the church hall at 2pm.

Divine Mercy Sunday is to be celebrated on 27th April (the Sunday after Easter Sunday) at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat. 1pm Confessions. 1.45pm Holy Mass. 3pm Hour of Mercy Enquiries : Pete 0403 192 933

All celebrations around the State, City and Country, are noted on the brochure at the back of the Church, with some leaflets which you are free to take to familiarise yourselves with this wonderful day, celebrated each year on the Sunday following Easter Sunday.

Good Friday 18th April Stations of the Cross Alexandra Gardens Ararat 11am (Ararat Christian Churches) All welcome. We encourage you all to participate in this special event.

The Australian Electoral Commission will be using our Ararat Parish Centre from Tuesday 15th April - Monday 5th May Therefore Ararat Friday 11am Mass will be held in the Church and Lunch in the Foyer. Affected Fridays are 18th April/25th April & 2nd May. During this time the parish centre and the toilets are out of bounds, however Marian College have kindly allowed us to use their outside toilets.

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

(R.) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' **(R.)**
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. **(R.)**
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Gospel Acclamation

1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.