



Holy Spirit
Parish
Gariwerd

Sunday 19th January 2025

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

Isaiah 62:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch. The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer. You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95:1-3. 7-10. R. v.3

(R.) Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. O sing to the Lord, bless his name. (R.)

2. Proclaim his help day by day, tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)

3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. (R.)

4. Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

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

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have

the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

Gospel Acclamation

See 2 Thessalonians 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 2:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews; each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them, 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink, but you have kept the best wine till now.' This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.



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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

26th January 2025
Nehemiah 8:2-6. 8-10/
1 Corinthians 12:12-14,27/ Luke 1:1-4,
4:14-21

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

Stawell Tuesday Mass on the 21st January CANCELLED
Ararat Friday Mass on the 24th January will be Prayers.

Anniversaries

Lorna McPherson, Margaret Start, Nell Laffy, Sr Agnes Lyng, Mario Diana, Liam Fitzpatrick, William Facey 1978, Harry Joyce, Peter McLean, Peter Gorst, Elizabeth Murtagh 1969, Gwyn McSparron 1970, Marie Bell 1970, Peter McLean 2001, Grace Nellthorp 2004, Michele DiDomenico, Mick Davey, Fr Charlie Fiscalini, Michael Hennessy, Patrick Kelly, Doris & Ian McCullough, Thelma Murphy, Rose Dohnt, Judith Flynn 1978, Ruth Healy 2009, Harold (John) Tavener 2010, Fr Paul Keenan SJ, Catherine Doery, Joan Quaiffe, Thelma Liston, Jan Young, Ellen McCray 1953, Jennie Wood 1975, Ron Mason, Ken Waring, John Griffen 1954, Leah Seary 1972, Gordon Douglas 2011

Lake Bolac Roster

Sat Jan 18th Reader Denise Haslett/Prayers of Faithful Val Albert
Sat Feb 1st Reader Jane Higgins/Prayers of Faithful Rosemary Liston / Cleaning Leanne Breen
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

Ararat Roster

Sun Jan 19th Facilitator Peter Brady / Reader Maria S/ Euch Min Cathy M/Charlie Reid
Sun Jan 26th Facilitator Rebecca R / Reader Elizabeth S / Euch Min Marg Olle/Sr John
Sun Feb 2nd Facilitator Peter Brady
/ Reader Harry C/ Euch Min Marg M/Teresa

Stawell Roster

Sun Jan 19th S/Minster M Howard/I Sturt/K Ashton/Reader G Madafferi / Offertory Timor E
Sun Jan 26th S/Minster M R Thomas/M Maestros/S DeLeon/Reader D Jones / Offertory Heenan Family
Sun Feb 2nd S/Minster K Ashton/J DeLeon/I Sturt/Reader H Potter / Offertory J Croton

Stawell CWL invites everyone to cuppa after this Sunday 19th Mass.

Our new parish Priest Fr. Neville Stanislaus is currently on leave and will commence Masses on Sunday 26th January

Mass for You at Home

Australia's longest-running religious television program Mass for You at Home will continue its beloved ministry in 2025. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and the Diocese of Wollongong have signed an agreement to continue producing and broadcasting the program, which first aired on Australian television in 1971. Mass for You at Home will be broadcast every Sunday at 6.00am on the Ten Network and multiple times during the week on Foxtel's Aurora (Channel 173).

Advance Notice of dates 2025

Rite of Election – Saturday, March 1, 2025 at 12.30pm, St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat.

Mass of the Oils – Monday, April 14, 2025 at 1.00pm, St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat.

World Interfaith Harmony Week 2025 – Flag Raising Event

The Ballarat Interfaith Network invites you to join their Flag Raising Event in celebration of United Nations World Interfaith Harmony Week on Monday, February 3, 2025 from 11.00am – 12.30pm at St Peter's Anglican Church, 1307 Sturt Street, Ballarat. The Welcome will be provided by Mayor Cr Tracey Hargreaves. After the raising of the unique Ballarat Interfaith Network flag, we will adjourn into the church for a keynote address from Dean Berger, Deer Park Stake President, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, short student speeches from senior leaders of Damascus, Loreto, Phoenix P-12, and St Patrick's Colleges, prayer for peace offered by representatives of many faiths, and a children's choir from Emmaus PS. Refreshments will be provided.

Mission One Heart Many Voices Conference 2025

The MOHMOV 2025 conference will be informed and enlivened by and contribute to the ongoing journey of the Plenary Council, the Synod on Synodality and the celebration of the Jubilee Year with "deep faith, lively hope and active charity". Inspired by Jesus and mindful of this time of critical choices, this conference will focus on themes of encounter, inclusion, reconciliation, ecology, governance, justice, formation, celebration, synodality and challenge participants to consider, discern and choose a path to be agents of hope and mission. The conference will be held in Sydney from May 19-21, 2025. More information available at <https://2025.mohmv.com.au/>

Scriptural context – The Call of the disciples

In the other two synoptic gospels – Matthew and Mark – the call of the disciples is one of the first recorded actions of Jesus' adult life. Luke, on the other hand, delays the call until after Jesus' public ministry has commenced. By this stage of the gospel, Jesus has made a public declaration about the nature of his ministry and begun to enact it. In this way, the sort of ministry Jesus will undertake is already established when the disciples a

re called to join it. It becomes a more conscious decision by the disciples – they know what they're getting in to!

Have you thought? – Do not be afraid

When Peter is overcome by the catch of fish and falls on his knees before Jesus, the response Jesus makes is to simply say, 'Do not be afraid'. This phrase is the most often repeated phrase in the Bible. It appears more than 60 times throughout the Bible – depending on which translation one uses. This is an extraordinary number of times for the one phrase to appear. And the references stretch from the first book, Genesis, to the last, Revelation. It is God's message to us echoing throughout the Bible: Do not be afraid!

Living the Gospel – Hearing the Call

Like Isaiah and Peter, each and every one of us is called. It may not happen through Jesus stepping into our boat, but when we quieten our minds and our hearts enough to really listen, we become aware that God truly is calling to each and every one of us. The call comes to us through our friends; our experiences; our hopes and our fears. Sometimes we are so afraid of hearing the call that we fill our lives with noise and distractions. We fear that the call will involve hardship, or at the very least: unpopularity. But that's no excuse!



**REFLECTION by Fr
Unsung Heroes**

Michael Tate -

Today's gospel ends: 'He let his glory be seen.' Where? In a nondescript Galilean village at a wedding feast about to become a disaster for the couple. The wine is running out. A fiasco is impending. A hero was needed to step in and save the situation. Jesus and Mary are good candidates for hero status. But, it is the servants who are the unsung heroes. They take a huge risk. They are going to look utterly stupid if they give the steward water to ladle out. Nevertheless, they follow the stranger's directions exactly and end up serving the best of wines, saving the couple from terrible embarrassment. The Divine Glory is not going to enter people's lives with great pyrotechnics. Rather, when we do as Jesus requires, even if it looks ridiculous to the crowd, His healing and enhancing Presence can enter and save a situation of apparent disaster. We could pause for a moment to pray for a certain naïve trust in the Lord as we follow his directions, so that Cana may enter someone's life, so that His glory may be seen.



REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

Discretion, Pope Francis says, is a theme which runs through this Sunday's Gospel. It is a recurring motif in the story of the wedding at Cana.

'Everything took place with discretion,' the Pope stresses, beginning with Mary's low-key turn to Jesus for help. 'It is Our Lady who became aware of the problem,' the Pope points out, 'and discreetly brought it to Jesus' attention.' Then Jesus himself, as the Pope puts it, 'intervened without fanfare, almost without being noticed.'

In highlighting these discreet actions, the Pope wants us to appreciate that the miracle took place 'behind the scenes' in a most unexpected corner of the wedding feast. Jesus was not making some flamboyant gesture designed to attract attention and adulation.

'This,' the Pope explains, 'is how God acts: with closeness and with discretion... This is how Jesus is – he helps us, serves us in hiddenness.'

Which means that we too should be open to serving the world with discretion and hiddenness. Like Jesus, we would do well to start evangelising the world with what the Pope characterised as 'a domestic gesture' that meets a real need. We might not turn water into wine, but we can surely do something to make our world a little bit brighter.

Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close

Luke's story of the wedding in Cana provides an interesting image of the family and community life of Jesus and Mary. These are country people who have a wide network of friends and relations. Mary, as a Jewish mother, clearly has a lot of influence with her son. Here, in this very ordinary place and time, Jesus gives the first sign of his glory – not because of an overt call from God but because of a poignant human dilemma and a request from a loving mother.

