

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 Ex17:3-7

A reading from the book of Exodus

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

R.) If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

Second Reading Rom 5:1-2. 5-8

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

Gospel Acclamation See Jn 4:42. 15

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Jn 4:5-15. 19-26. 39-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again: but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes, he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'



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Mass Times

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

Readings for next Sunday

March 19th, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Lent Year A
I Sm16:1.6-7.10-13/Eph5:8-14/Jn9:1.6-9.13-17.34-38.

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 11am Lowe St
3rd Wednesday 10.30am Garden View
4th Wednesday 10am ARVillage

Changes to Masses this Week.

Scheduled Mass at Garden View on Wednesday 15th will be prayers.

Anniversaries

Fr. Gerard Gasper CSSR, Patricia Monaghan 2007, Margaret Sinnott, Fr. Wladyslali Ziolkos, Pat Kenny, Dorothy Perry 1992, Zita Thomas, Phyllis Sertori, Leo Heenan, George Edwards, Ross McSparron 1969, 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.

Golden Gate Roster

12th Mar Jim & Jan/19th Mar Elizabeth/26th Mar Teresa
Sun 2nd Apr Harry & Anna/ 9th Apr Jim & Jan/ 16th Apr Margaret/ 23rd Apr Teresa/
Sun 30th Apr Harry & Anna
Sun May 7th Jim & Jan/14th May Elizabeth

Lake Bolac Roster

Sat Mar 18th Reader Tricia Higgins// Prayers of Faithful Val Albert
Sat Apr 1st Reader Phillip Meek//Prayers of Faithful Denise Haslett//Cleaning Judy Upton

Ararat Roster

Sun Mar 12th Welcomer Mateo//Facilitator P Brennan//Reader Kath L//Euch Min Anna C

Stawell Roster

Sun 12th Mar S/Minister K Ashton// Reader L Morgan// Offertory J Croton
Sun 19th Mar S/Minister M Howard// Reader J Van Diesen// Offertory L Habben
Sun 26th Mar S/Minister H Potter// Reader D O'Donnell// Offertory Heenan Family
Sun 2nd Apr S/Minister J Van Diesen// Reader C Barker// Offertory Pascual Family

Lenten Stations of the Cross

There will be Stations of The Cross prayed each Friday at 10am in St Pat's Church Stawell. Everyone invited.

Lenten Discussion Groups

Stawell - Tuesdays after 10am Mass in the hall
Ararat - Thursdays 10am in the Office Meeting Room

St Patrick's Church

A friendly reminder our wonderful door openers could please ensure that both the side door and front doors are closed each evening. Thank you

St Patrick's Stawell There will be a cuppa after next Sunday's Mass hosted by the CWL. Everyone welcome.

St Patrick's Day Liturgy

There will be a special prayer for St Patrick's Day at St Patrick's school in Stawell on Friday 17th at 1pm. All welcome.

Easter Schedule

Holy Thursday Ararat 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday Stawell 3pm Passion
Holy Saturday Lake Bolac Easter Vigil 6.30pm
Easter Sunday Ararat 8.30am // Stawell 10.30am // Landsborough 12.30pm

Other Prayers on Good Friday

Stawell 11.30am "A walk through the Easter Story" in the Stawell Town hall carpark garden. BYO chair optional.
Ararat 11am - Anglican Stations of the Cross Alexander Gardens, Ararat
Ararat 3pm - Anglican Church Passion

Easter Sunday - 9th April. Dawn Service on Stawell's Big Hill. Beginning at 6.30am, followed by a breakfast in the Uniting Church hall.

Choir for Mass of the Oils 2023

Singers and musicians in the diocese are invited to join the music group which is being formed for the Mass of the Oils on Monday, April 3, 2023. Practice times are Sunday, March 19, Sunday, March 26 and Sunday, April 2 at 6.15pm (following 5.00pm Mass). Please contact Julie Boyd in the Pastoral Ministry Office to register your interest julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7159.

Vinnies (Victoria) Back to School Appeal

More than 1 million Victorian students headed back to – or started – school this year. For a rising number of their families, it's getting harder to find the funds to ensure that their children have everything they need in order to learn and grow. The Vinnies Education (Back-to-School) Appeal – which launched on February 1 – is needed now more than ever. To donate go to <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/back-to-school-appeal-vic-2023>

Palm Sunday Walk for Justice

This year's walk will call for Justice for Refugees: Permanent visas for all, fair processes and income support for people who are seeking recognition as refugees. While the change of government at the federal election last year has brought hope for more compassionate policies, thousands of refugees and people seeking asylum are still in limbo waiting for certainty about their future. Walk with us this Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023 at 1.00pm for a group reflection and prayer led by Fr Andy Hamilton SJ, with the official Walk for Justice music and speeches starting around 1.30pm. Meet at the far right side of the State Library of Victoria (near the Joan of Arc statue and next to Little Lonsdale Street – you'll see a large 'CAPSA', 'Jesuit Social Services' or 'Xavier Social Justice Network' or 'CSSV' banner). If you have any questions, please get in touch with Maeve at CAPSA, email info@capsa.org.au.

Project Compassion Third Sunday of Lent - 11th & 12th March 2023

Zimbabwe is experiencing an intense drought, exacerbated by climate change. With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops and started poultry farming to support her family during the current food crisis. Please donate to Project Compassion 2023. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion> or by calling 1800 024 413.

Project Compassion Prayer

God of all generations, We thank you for those who have gone before us, Especially those who have cared for your earth and Who inspire us to help respect your creation And contribute to its healing. We thank you for those with whom we share our lives today, Especially those who work for justice and peace. May we welcome the opportunity that Lent brings to walk more closely with you, especially through fasting, almsgiving and prayer. We thank you for the challenge of the future. May the cross of Jesus remind us that only love finds the way forward. As we work with big hearts, may we join with Mary in her hope that from now on all generations will experience the great things you will do through us. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**



Third Sunday of Lent 11 & 12 March



Priscilla lives in the Hwange district in Zimbabwe with her husband, Charles, and their two grandsons. Climate change continues to bring unprecedented challenges for people living in the most vulnerable and remote communities in Zimbabwe.

With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops to support her family during the current food crisis. Priscilla was able to produce a bumper harvest in her first year of practising conservation farming. Priscilla used the funds from her harvest to start poultry farming, which enabled her to sell eggs to pay for her grandchildren's school fees, books and stationery. The poultry farming provides a safety net for Priscilla and her family during times of hardship, like the current drought. While the situation in Zimbabwe and across eastern Africa remains dire, the work of Caritas Hwange means that Priscilla can learn the skills she needs to build resilience and support her family during this current food crisis.

Stella Young Statue Unveiling - Community Invitation

The community is invited to the Remembering Stella Young Statue Unveiling on 30 March 2023 at 2.15pm at Cato Park. This event will also be livestreamed. Please keep an eye out on the Northern Grampians Shire Council socials for the link.

REMEMBERING
STELLA YOUNG
Statue Unveiling

Community Invitation
Thursday 30 March 2023
Cato Park, Stawell, Victoria
2.00pm arrival
2.15pm start

Stella Young Statue Location

Please note that parking adjoining the Powerhouse will be limited on the day of the unveiling.

Northern Grampians Shire Council acknowledges the support of the Victorian Government through the Community Support Fund

At Stawell we have created a memorial statue and online platform for one of our favourite daughters.
Cato Park, Stawell, Victoria 3380
#PutHerNameonIt #WomensPublicArt #HonourHer #VicForWomen