



Holy Spirit
Parish
Gariwerd

Sunday November 12th, 2023

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A

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

Wisdom 6:12-16

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom is bright and does not grow dim.

By those who love her she is readily seen and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. (R.)

3. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)

4. On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings, I rejoice. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of

us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

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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

19th Nov 2023
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31/1 Thessalonians 5:1-6/
Matthew 25:14-15. 19-21

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

Marian College Graduation Mass November 16th, 2023, 6pm

Anniversaries

Kevin Rowe, David Williams, Salvatore Cannata, Agnes Andrew 1998, David Grinter, Hazel Jewell, Denis McKey 1982, Audrey Nicholson 1997, Patricia Smith, Fr Frank Crowe, Peter Van Opstal, Jacob Weeks, Arthur (Stan) Anyon 2009, Majorie Holt, Hugh Fitzpatrick, Norma McGrath, John Evans, Frances Kearney, Margaret McRae, Gerard Mercovich, Leo Green, Keith Jerram, Betty Leonard 2005, Albert Thomas, Moira Flynn, Paddy Brennan, Hilda Cowell, Rodolfo Auxilio, Julian McKenzie-McHarg, Ivan Bates 1964.

Golden Gate Roster Sun 12th Nov Elizabeth/Sun Nov 19th Jim & Jan/Sun 26th Nov Harry & Anna/Sun Dec 3rd Teresa

Lake Bolac Roster Sat Nov 18th Reader Val Albert/ Prayers of Faithful Deb Glasson

Ararat Roster Sun Nov 12th Facilitator Cathy McA /Reader Kath L/Euch Min Anna C
Sun Nov 19th Facilitator Peter B/Reader Sr John/Euch Min Charlie R

Stawell Roster Sun Nov 12th S/Minister K Ashton/ Reader K Dallinger/ Offertory Heenan Family
Sun Nov 19th S/Minister M Howard/ Reader J Van Diesen/ Offertory P Gooden/ G Pascall

St Vinnies Shop Ararat Columban calendar 2024, now available for sale \$10.00 each.

Christmas Cards by St Mary's Students The students at St Mary's have participated in a competition to make Christmas Cards. To help raise money for the St Vinnies Christmas Appeal and Art supplies for the school, the cards will be on sale from the school and after Church on Sundays in Ararat. \$10 for 10 cards.

Stawell CWL is selling **Christian Christmas cards** in the St Pat's church hall after Sunday Masses. \$10 for a pack of 10 cards. Profits to Stawell Inter Church Council welfare Cottage Christmas distribution to those in need in our town and region."

Stawell CWL is hosting the **St Pat's Parish Christmas lunch** at The Gift Hotel on Tuesday 5th Dec at Noon. Everyone welcome for a jolly time. RSVP to Mary Rita in person, or ring or text 0438 836 180, or email gmrt@netspace.net.au by Sunday 3rd Dec."

Stawell CWL is hosting a cuppa in the St Pat's Church hall after next Sunday 19th Nov Communion Service in the absence of a priest. Everyone welcome."

Arrangements While Fr Andrew is on Annual Leave

Fr Andrew will be on annual leave from November 6 to December 1. During this time the office will still be staffed and the phone will still be monitored. Fr Peter Hudson will be available to fill in on a limited basis.

Arrangements for Sunday Masses

November 11/12 Mass as usual with Fr Peter Hudson
November 18/19 Mass as usual with Fr Peter Hudson
November 25/26 Sunday Assemblies in the absence of a priest

Arrangements for 10am Tuesday Weekday Prayers in Stawell

Tues 14th Communion Service led by Marg Rowe and Mary Rita Thomas / Tues 21st Morning Prayers led by Lesley Morgan / Tues 28th Rosary led by Marg Rowe / Tues Dec 5 Fr Andrew will be back - Mass as usual

Arrangements for Weekday Prayers in Ararat

Friday 11am each week will be prayers and Wednesday Aged Care Masses will be prayers

Arrangements for Funerals

Fr Peter Hudson will mostly be available on Fridays and Mondays. Funerals on other days will be lead by our funeral ministry volunteers.

December Roster

Tues Dec 5th, 7pm Mass for the Dead in Ararat (usually held in November)
Sat Dec 16th Reconciliation Lake Bolac Dec 16th during Mass
Tues Dec 19th Reconciliation 5pm Stawell / 6.30pm Ararat
Fri Dec 22nd Carols and Supper in Ararat Parish Centre

Christmas Eve Roster

Sunday 24 December
8.30am Ararat (simple Mass)
10.30am Stawell (simple Mass)
12.30pm Landsborough (Christmas Mass)
6pm Stawell (Christmas Mass with Carols at 5.30pm)
7.30pm Ararat (Christmas Mass)
9.15pm Lake Bolac (Christmas Mass)



Making a Scene at Christmas

Over 500 Christmas

Nativities from more than 60 countries will be displayed at the Bridge Mall Ballarat and at the Catholic Diocesan Archives from Tuesday, December 5 – Friday, December 22, 2023. You can see and smell real frankincense and myrrh; see coins minted around the time the census was called that brought Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem; see hand crafted cultural nativities from Australia, Africa, Asia, North & South America and Europe (and one that went to Antarctica); nativities that prize social justice and the environment. Schools can book for an educational experience. For more information on the Ballarat Bridge Mall display, please contact Fiona Tonkin Fiona.tonkin@ballarat.catholic.org.au. Every one welcome. Entry is a gold coin donation

Australian Young Catholic Women's Fellowship 2024/2025

The Australian Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry invites applications for a fellowship from young Catholic women who are committed to their faith and who feel called to explore leadership opportunities in their chosen fields and within the Church. The fellowship welcomes those volunteering or working in Catholic ministries or roles, and those working in secular settings fulfilling their mission in the world. Fellowship participants should be open and willing to explore the diversity of the universal church and desire to identify and step into new mission fields. Applications close Thursday, November 16, 2023. For more information scan or click the QR code.



Nazareth House Auxiliary Monster Garage Sale

Will be held on Saturday, November 18, 2023 at 218 Mill Street, Ballarat at 10.00am. Furniture, books, prints,

cake and gift stall, morning tea. Cash only. Contact Margaret, ph. 0419003415.

Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close

Reflection by Artist

The Allegory of the ten bridesmaids reminds us to be alert to the coming of the Kingdom. We are entreated to keep our eyes open, our hearts aflame with hopeful expectation, and our minds focused on the right priorities in life: 'stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'



REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate The Hour and the Time

Israel was often portrayed as a bride in Jewish scriptures. So, the question was: 'When would the Bridegroom – the Anointed One of God, the Christ – appear?' Jesus' warning is to the attendants of the bride: 'Be alert, be vigilant, be prepared.' *Some* (the five foolish attendants) did miss the moment: the earthly ministry of Jesus of Nazareth.

But his warning is also for the Catholic Church which is the new Bride of Christ. We are the attendants to the Bride and the imperative applies to us also: Be alert, be vigilant. Be prepared for the eruption, the intervention of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Bridegroom, into *our* history, into *our* moment of time.

For example, is Christ coming to meet us in the modern movements which demand to hold authority accountable, or which press for just recognition of women? We can foolishly remain in the dark or we can

wisely try to throw light on these questions. Only then we will be able to discern whether indeed it is the Lord who is approaching. We could pause to pray that we be ready when the Bridegroom responds to the ancient prayer: 'Come, Lord Jesus!'

REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

God is the source of all wisdom. Wisdom is a gift of the Holy Spirit. Wisdom is what leads to success. Think of a time in your life when you weren't very wise, and you found yourself in a 'no oil for the oil lamp' situation. What happened? How did you deal with the consequences? Think of a time when you were wise – a time when you did think ahead and were prepared – and your preparation paid off because something unexpected popped up. What happened? How did you benefit?

Do you think that most of the young people you know tend to be on the wise side or on the foolish side? Why? Give some examples of how that affects your school, your church, your city or town, and the world. How would Jesus describe success?



Living the Gospel – Living in hope.

A feature of Christian faith is an approach to life that views the future with hope. In our world today many people look to the future with distrust and even fear. As Christians, we look forward with hope. When change occurs, some allow that change to happen *to* them whilst others engage in the change process and approach it with hope and expectation. Today's gospel reminds us to be ready for what the future holds; to look with hope towards what lies ahead, but to ensure that we've prepared ourselves properly. The future can only be viewed with expectant hope if

we've done the proper preparation!