



Holy Spirit
Parish
Gariwerd

Sunday April 14th, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B

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 Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15. 17-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R. v.7

(R.) Lord, let your face shine on us.

When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me, have mercy, and hear me! (R.)

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him. (R.)

'What can bring us happiness?' many say. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. (R.)

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. (R.)

Second Reading 1 John 2:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St John

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments.

Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

Gospel Acclamation

See Luke 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 24:35-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread. They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes. Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'



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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

21st April 2024
Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12/
1 John 3:1-2/ John 10:11-18

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

Anniversaries

Eric Beer, Ron McMaster, Peter Upton, Paul Pavao Japunčić, Agnes Torney 1967, Edward McSparron 2006, Jack Costello, Fr Thomas Moriarty, William McColl 1953, Keith Hurley 1956, Bronwyn Holborow 1990, Carla Bowles 2020, Thomas Naylor 1987, Kiern Devery, Noreen Bonner, James V. Liston, Hilary Robinson, Fr Michael Nelan, Seamus Hennessy, Sr Clare Stansby RSM, Jessie Hazel Christian, MaryEllen Lowe 1964, Sarah Seeary 1985, Patricia Hayes 1997, Albert Nicholson 1997, Elizabeth (Betty) Tavener 1998, Kathleen Ryan 2005, Walter Francis 2006, Noel Fiscalini, Leo, John Murray 1913, Des Phillips, Nell Phillips, Ailsa Gilders, Joyce Kelly.

Lake Bolac Roster

Sat Apr 20th Reader Rosemary Liston/ Prayers of Faithful Helen Smith
Sat May 4th Reader Helen Smith/ Prayers of Faithful Judy Aldouss/ Cleaning Judy Upton
Sat May 18th Reader Tricia Higgins/ Prayers of Faithful Val Albert

Ararat Roster

Sun Apr 14th Facilitator Pat McA /Reader Jenny McA /Euch Min Marg M
Sun Apr 21th Facilitator Cathy McA/Reader Kath L /Euch Min Nora
Sun Apr 28th Facilitator Pat L /Reader Teresa G /Euch Min Genara O
Sun May 5th Facilitator Charlie R /Reader Peter B /Euch Min Marg M

Stawell Roster

Sun Apr 14th S/Minster M Rowe /Reader G Mafadieri / Offertory L Habben
Sun Apr 21th S/Minster K Ashton Reader M Howard / Offertory M McGaffin
Sun Apr 28th S/Minster H Potter /Reader J Van Diesen / Offertory Pasqual Family
Sun May 5th S/Minster M Maestros /Reader K Dallinger / Offertory Gooden/Pascall

Stawell St Vincent de Paul will meet on Monday 15th April at 2pm in the St Pat's Church hall.

Stawell CWL will be hosting their usual 3rd Sunday of the month Cuppa after Mass on Sunday 21st April. Everyone welcome.

Stawell CWL has commissioned Kim Dallinger to make bereavement cards for our piety stall. These are lovely and are on sale from the piety stall at our cuppas after Sunday Masses.

The Catholic Women's League of the Ballarat Diocese will be holding a conference in the Mary McKillop/Mary Glowery Room at the Ballarat Cathedral on Thursday 23rd May between 10am and 3pm. Mass will be in the Cathedral at 12:05pm. There will be speakers from the Diocesan Archive, Catholiccare and Anna Krohn OAM. Registration by 13th May. Cost \$20 to cover morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. Contact Marg Rowe – 0419 114 435 or margrowe@bigpond.com

Our Diocesan Community -The latest edition of ODC is now available in the churches.

Toilets in Stawell - The next stage of the renovation of St Patrick's Church is the upgrade of the toilets. This is expected to begin within days. We expect to upgrade one half and then the other.

Choir Loft in Stawell - We expect to meet regarding the upgrade to the stairs in the coming days. More info to come.

Sale of Land in Lake Bolac - The proposed sale of the block of land adjoining the church in Lake Bolac is expected to be advertised in the coming days. More info to come.

Our Bishop Paul has invited all parishes to mark the 150th Anniversary of the Ballarat Diocese on the weekend of the 27 & 28th April with special prayers and reflections on “those who have gone before us, those who have laid the foundations of our parishes and schools and the social services and health care in our diocese today.” To help mark this special occasion **Stawell CWL will be hosting a special Cuppa after Sunday Mass on 28th April**. Everyone is welcome to bring along and display any physical remembrances that they have of earlier times in our parish and share a cuppa and a chat and about St. Pat’s parish’s history.

Diocesan History Timeline & Parish History

As part of the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat, a timeline of significant dates and events over the past 150 years has been published on the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/history-2/> There has also been an “Our History” section added to parish pages on the website for parishes to update with their own history. If you would like to add any dates to the diocesan timeline or need assistance with adding information to the parish “Our History” section, please email pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au

150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat

Bishop Paul invites parishes to acknowledge the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat at Masses on the weekend of **April 27-28, 2024**. He has invited schools to mark the anniversary during the week of April 29 to May 3, coinciding with Catholic Education Week which was brought forward for the occasion. Resources are being provided to parishes for inclusion in Masses on this weekend.

Wisdom at the Cathedral

All are welcome at the Cathedral parish to hear Dr Patrick Kennedy present "Victor Hugo's Les Misérables: A Catholic Novel?" for the next Wisdom at the Cathedral event on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 7.00pm. Patrick, whose doctoral research centred on the works of the great French author, will explore ways in which we can engage with fiction in light of Catholic Wisdom. The talk and discussion time will go for an hour in the parish centre and will be followed by a cup of tea. Entry by donation. For all enquiries please contact Fiona Bradley at fionalouisebradley@gmail.com

Caritas Australia’s Sudan Crisis Appeal

Following the outbreak of conflict in Sudan a year ago, 25 million people - including 14 million children - now need humanitarian assistance and support, according to the [United Nations](#). 9 million have been displaced from their homes making Sudan the largest displacement crisis in the world! Damage to infrastructure has impacted access to food, water, healthcare services, and even banking. Sudan now teeters on the edge of a famine. Since the outbreak of violence Caritas partners in Sudan have distributed food at 17 gathering points for internally displaced people, as well as delivering multipurpose cash assistance, water and hygiene services, and gender-based violence protection. Partners also have access to remote border towns in Chad and South Sudan, enabling them to support those displaced overseas. As late as the end of last year, one partner reported seeing 4,200 refugees arrive there each day, around 90% of them women and girls. The Sudan Catholic Bishops Conference has raised concerns “the international community has forgotten the Sudan crisis” and called on the Caritas network across the world to “engage their respective governments, donors, and the wider international community to urgently pick up and advocate for the needed resources to avert the looming famine.” Caritas Australia take solace in the breadth of our partner network in the region. Their tireless work ensures the generosity of our supporters here in Australia reaches people in need. **Please donate to Caritas Australia’s Sudan Crisis Appeal**. You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/sudan or phone 1800 024 413 or click or scan the qr code.



Worth a Look

The new stairs have been installed at the rear of the OP Shop in Stawell. They are fine stairs. Patron saint of stairs? St Alexius of Rome who lived under the stairs for seventeen years!



REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate Ghosts, meals and humanity

When Jesus appeared to them, the disciples thought they were seeing a ghost, a sort of projection of a human image on the screen of the world but with no human depth and vitality. In fact, ghosts seem to drain life and warmth from those they encounter. The disciples became convinced that they were in the

presence of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ when he assumed a characteristic way of acting – sharing a companionable meal (of fish). His bodily presence of *that* sort is now withdrawn from us. But we are now encountered by him in the Mass which has many dimensions, one of which is that of a sacred meal. When we share in the sacramental signs of his Real Presence in the Heavenly Bread and Spiritual Drink of Holy Communion, he brings us the life and warmth of the Risen Son. In fact, he shares his very life with us, and because his life is gloriously fully human, we become less ghost-like as he heals those parts of our personality which drain goodness and vitality from the world. We could take a moment to pray to take greater opportunities to share in the Real Presence of Our Risen Lord under the appearance of bread and wine. This will move us from the illusion of being alive to that vitality which is nourished by his glorified humanity.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The first sentence of the gospel reading sets the context for the themes of today: 'Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.' Who is the Jesus that they recognised? And what does this recognition require? Jesus is the servant of the God of the early ancestors, the long awaited messiah, and the innocent sufferer portrayed in the prophetic tradition. He is the fulfilment of our deepest aspirations. When we gather around the table for the sacramental meal, we encounter the Risen Lord. There the sacred traditions of our religious heritage are opened for us and we are enabled to recognise him in the traditions and in the breaking of the bread. In order to encounter the Risen Lord in the breaking of the bread and in the breaking open of the word, we need docile hearts ready to embrace the deepest meaning of our religious heritage. We need hearts that have been purified in the love of God; hearts that have been totally transformed. The commandment of love requires nothing less. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people described in the first reading, must live reformed lives. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people addressed in the second reading, must be obedient to God's commandment of love. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the disciples portrayed in the gospel, must preach the good news of God's forgiveness to all nations. Easter faith assures us that all of this is possible.

Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close / Reflection by Artist

The disciples are 'terrified' when they see Jesus after his resurrection; but Jesus puts them at their ease by sharing a meal. It is only then that the disciples are ready to listen and to open their minds to the wisdom that Jesus has to offer.

Gospel Focus – Peace be with you

When Jesus appears in the midst of the disciples, his first words to them are, 'Peace be with you!' His appearance among them obviously agitated the disciples who were already hiding, in fear of their lives and devastated by the loss of their leader days earlier. Jesus' calming and reassuring words, 'Peace be with you!' recognise the reality of what state the disciples are in. The words demonstrate that Jesus is meeting the disciples 'where they are' – he recognises their distress and fear and responds with words that accept what they're feeling but reassure them of his love and care. They are words that Jesus speaks to us too!

