



Holy Spirit
Parish
Gariwerd

Sunday October 15th, 2023

TWENTY EIGHTH 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

Isaiah 25:6-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.

On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22. R. v.6

(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)

2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. (R.)

3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R.)

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading

Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty, or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

See Ephesians 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

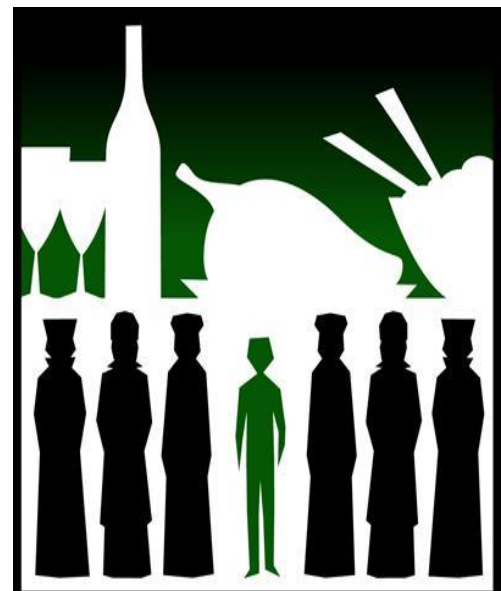
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel

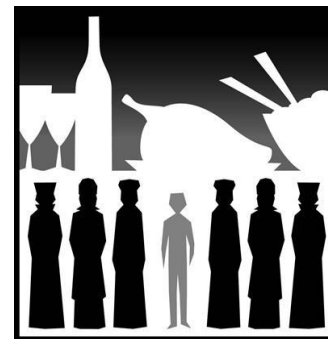
Matthew 22:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next, he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So, these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.'



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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

22nd October 2023
Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
[Isaiah 45:1.4-6/1 Thessalonians 1:1-5/Matthew 22:15-21](#)

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

1 st Wednesday	11.15am Eventide
2 nd Wednesday	11am Lowe St
3 rd Wednesday	10.30am Garden View
4 th Wednesday	10am ARVillage

Change to Mass Times - Next Friday 20th in Ararat we will have Josef Skubnik's requiem Mass at 10.30am. This will replace our usual 11am Mass.

Recent Death Josef Skubnik

Anniversaries

Margaret Stapleton, Margaret O'Connor, Matthew Brennan, Annie Brennan, Margaret Smith, William Smith, Katherine Lesley, Maurice McNiece, Jack McNiece, James Caine, Mary Caine, James Donne, Mary Donne, Mary Ryan, Kate Masterman, Alice Dowling 1973, Hugh Prowd 1995, William Rathgeber 2005, Zoe Grainger 2005, William Rutter 1971, Ellen Oates 1977, Michael Hevey, Otto Schwab, Dot Schwab, Margaret Eason, Kevin Beamish, Alfred Taylor, Jessie Merrigan 1956, Helen Robinson 1997, Ronald Healy 2003, Honora O'Halloran, Margaret Stainsby, Betty Wallwork, James Lannen, Connie Rice, Renee Daniels, Desmond Kidd, William Rathgeber 1943, Barrie Mason 2011, Kit Tellefson, Edmund Joyce, Eileen Joyce, Jack Dowd, Lorna Clark, Gertrude Woods 1961, Jess Auld 1973, Margery Power 2001, Ann Hogan, Ruby Holland, Vincent McLeod, Dorothy Beble, Allan Sinnott, Patrick Rutter 1986, Mavis Sheedy 1996, William Ormesher 2000, Leslie Williams 2006, Frank Kelly, Anthony Hucker, May Jaensch, Frances Mary Horsley, Sarah Oates 1979, Nancy Rutter 2018

Golden Gate Roster Sun 15th Oct Elizabeth/Sun 22nd Oct Teresa/ Sun Oct 29th Harry & Anna/Sun 5th Nov Jim & Jan/
Sun 12th Nov Elizabeth/Sun Nov 19th Teresa/Sun 26th Nov Harry & Anna/Sun Dec 3rd Jim & Jan

Lake Bolac Roster Sat Oct 14th Reader Helen Smith/ Prayers of Faithful Judy Aldous
Sat Oct 28th Reader Tricia Higgins/ Prayers of Faithful Val Albert

Ararat Roster Sun Oct 15th Facilitator Cathy Mc /Reader Kath L/ Euch Min Sr John
Sun Oct 22nd Facilitator Harry /Reader Charlie /Euch Min Anna
Sun Oct 29th Facilitator Pat M /Reader Jenny M /Euch Min Marg M

Stawell Roster Sun Oct 15th S/Minister K Ashton /Reader C Barker/Offertory J Croton
Sun Oct 22nd S/Minister M Howard/ Reader J Van Diesen/ Offertory L Habben
Sun Oct 29th S/Minister M Maestros/ Reader D O'Donnell/ Offertory M McGaffin

Ararat CWL change of meeting: The next meeting of the Ararat Branch of CWL will be Tuesday 17th Oct starting at 10am

St Bernard's, Lake Bolac, will be holding a finger food dinner after 6.30 pm Mass, on Saturday, October 28th. Please bring a plate of finger food to share. A microwave is available to heat food if needed. There will be a giving bowl for donations to support our Indian Mission

Stawell CWL will be hosting a cuppa after Mass this Sunday, 15th October. Please join us all welcome.

Stawell St Vincent de Paul will meet on Monday 16th at 2pm in the church hall.

Stawell Inter Church Council There will be a ecumenical prayer service on the 5th Sunday at 5pm on Sunday 29th October in St Patrick's Church. Fr Andrew will lead us. The theme will be Peace in our world. Cuppa in St Pat's church hall afterwards." Everyone welcome

St Patrick's Church - There is a yellow fruit box on the notice sheet table near the organ if you feel able to pop in a grocery donation for those in need in our town and region, on behalf of the Stawell Inter Church Council Welfare Cottage.

The Stawell Inter Church Council welfare Cottage is struggling to keep up with the demand for help and they are seeking grocery donations to help them help those in need. They are particularly looking for donations of tinned items like stew, soup, tuna, vegetables, spaghetti meat sauce. Also soaps, toothbrushes, shampoo, clothes washing powder and dish washing liquid. If you feel able to, could you please buy one extra item when you grocery shop and put it in the donations bin in the church?. There are many in our town and region who are having a hard time making ends meet.

Liturgy Formation at Ballan – Sunday, November 5, 2023

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission is hosting a Liturgy Formation Session at St Brigid's Church Ballan Gathering Space on Sunday, November 5, 2023. Bishop Paul Bird CSsR will celebrate Mass at 10.30am with the formation program beginning at 12.00noon on the topics of Sunday Assembly of Word & Communion and scripture reflection. All welcome to attend. The program for the day and registration information is available from the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Diocesan Social Justice Statement launch

The Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission have released presentations for the diocesan launch of the Social Justice Statement 2023: **Listen Learn Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.** This event is pre-recorded and in digital format so that parish and school communities, along with individuals, can access these resources at their convenience <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/social-justice/social-justice-statement/>

Faithful invited to pray for Synod of Bishops

The Vatican is asking all baptised people, regardless of whether they will be in Rome, to participate in October's assembly of the Synod of Bishops with their prayers. More information available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/for-a-synodal-church-communion-participation-and-mission/>

Prayer for the Synod

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

Special Social Media Channels for the XVI Assembly

You can follow the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on these specific social channels: Facebook: [@16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops](https://www.facebook.com/@16thOrdinaryGeneralAssemblyoftheSynodofBishops) / Twitter: [@16SynodAssembly](https://twitter.com/@16SynodAssembly) / Instagram: [@16ordinarygs](https://www.instagram.com/@16ordinarygs)

A police recruit was asked during the entrance exam, "What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?"
He said, "Call for backup."

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

As incredible as it may seem, some people turn down the invitation to the eschatological banquet. This is the case, both in the parable and in our world today. This invitation seems much less interesting than a sports event, the latest movie, or some social affair. So much of our time and energy is spent either climbing the economic ladder or just trying to keep our heads above water. Even if we are interested in the banquet, we do not seem able to afford the time and energy that it might require. And so we send our regrets: I cannot come. What a shame! We seem to have forgotten that everything is tending toward the end; all of our plans, interests and distractions will cease. Only the banquet will remain. All God asks of us is that we receive the blessings that have been prepared for us. We need not work for them. In fact, we cannot work for them on our own. All we can do is enjoy them. Enjoyment of the eschatological time of fulfilment is open to all, but guaranteed to none. One theme seems to connect all of the readings for this Sunday, our total dependence on God. God spreads the banquet table and invites the guests; God punishes those who are indifferent to or antagonistic toward the eschatological banquet; God supplies whatever we need in whatever circumstances we find ourselves. We do not have to bargain with God, or make reservations. All we have to do is accept what God has to offer.

Lectionary Art and Reflection - by Jenny Close

Reflection by Artist
The generosity of God and human self-interest are at odds in the parable of the marriage feast: a free invitation is answered with outrageous and insulting refusals. This is an extension of last week's idea that the kingdom will be taken from those who are not worthy. By contrast, the ability to accept God's open-handed invitation with reciprocal generosity is shown to be a worthy attribute.



REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE - by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

What a story! It's not your typical wedding. The king is God. The first people invited are those who reject God's way of living. The second people are those who don't expect the invitation but are delighted when it comes, and they accept it wholeheartedly. And the person not properly dressed represents those who may say that they have accepted God's invitation, but whose life choices show that they have not yet really said yes to God. When have you been among the first group – those who don't care about church, who don't want to be involved with anything 'churchy', and who don't think faith is relevant today? What do you think Jesus would say to you about this attitude? When have you been among the second group – those who see that faith is important, who try to live their faith by doing works of service, and who aren't embarrassed by their relationship with God? What do you think Jesus would say to you about this attitude? When have you been among the third group – those who say that faith is important and yet don't really practise their faith. What do you think Jesus would say to you about this attitude?

REFLECTION Wedding Garments at Baptisms! - by Fr Michael Tate

The servants of the king went out and gathered in 'all whom they found, good and evil alike'. They respond, drawn by the attractive prospect of sharing in the life of the Lord of the Feast, and they are welcomed, whether good or evil. What about the king's (God's) question to the wedding guest? 'My friend, how come you are here without a wedding garment?' The guest might have replied: 'Because of dire poverty', or 'Lack of time', but the story goes on, 'But the guest was silent'. The guest was tongue-tied because he was caught out having decided not to enter into the spirit of the occasion. That is why, at every baptism, we look for a signal of commitment to respond to the spirit of the occasion, by the wearing of a white garment. This anticipates the later receiving of Holy Communion which is a foretaste of the Feast of Heaven. We could pause for a moment at this Mass to enter into the Spirit of the occasion wearing the garment of our baptismal commitment.

