



Holy Spirit  
Parish  
Gariwerd

Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 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

Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah  
See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 50:3-4. 12-15. R. v.12

**(R.)** Create a clean heart in me, O God.  
Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.  
In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt. and cleanse me from my sin. **(R.)**  
A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **(R.)**  
Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you. **(R.)**

### Second Reading

Hebrews 5:7-9

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews  
During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

### Gospel Acclamation

John 12:26

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

### Gospel

John 12:20-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: 'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!' A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. 'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.' By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.



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## Mass Times

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

## Readings for next Sunday

24<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
Isaiah 50:4-7/Philippians 2:6-11/Mark 15:1-39

## Weekday Masses (usual schedule)

<b>Tuesday:</b>	10am Stawell (Check bulletin for occasional changes)
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Aged Care
<b>Thursday:</b>	2.30pm Hopkins
<b>Friday:</b>	11am Ararat (Check bulletin for occasional changes)

## Aged Care Roster

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

## Easter Schedule

Reconciliation (2<sup>nd</sup> Rite) (Bring a plate to share) Tues March 19<sup>th</sup> 5.30pm Stawell // 7pm Ararat  
Lenten Discussion February 13<sup>th</sup> – March 21<sup>st</sup> Stawell after 10am Mass on Tuesdays / Ararat 10am on Thursdays  
Holy Week in Stawell Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> – Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup> Each day during Holy Week Moira will lead stations of the cross at 10am. Everyone welcome.

Monday March 25 11.30am Mass of the Oils, St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat  
Holy Thursday Mass 6.30pm Lake Bolac  
Good Friday Passion 3pm Stawell  
Holy Saturday Vigil 6.30pm Lake Bolac  
Easter Sunday 8.30am Ararat // 10.30am Stawell // 12.30pm Landsborough

## Anniversaries

Ken Haslett, Michael Healy 1964, Fredrick Scott 2004, Fr Brian Murphy SJ, Mary Sweeney 1974, James Hennessy, John Costello, Betty Stevens, Valentine Kerr 1991, Mary Thomas 2003, John Harris, Fr Leo Branagan CSsR, Marino Renzeli, Des Fox, Betty McNamara, Francis Bloomer 1964, Fr Jim Ryan, Maria Deininger, Caleb Gardner, Robert Gale 1978, Jeffrey O'Donnell 2019, Sophia Van Opstal, Fr John McDonell CSsR, Astrid Nyhagen, Henrietta Phillips, Rosanna Weiss 1976, Samuel Evans 1993, Arthur Harrington, Mons James Timmons, John McLean 1972

## Lake Bolac Roste

Sat Mar 16 <sup>th</sup>	Reader Denise Haslett/ Prayers of Faithful Tricia Higgings
Sat Mar 30 <sup>th</sup>	Reader Phillip Meeks/ Prayers of Faithful Damian Phillips/Cleaning Team Effort
Sat Apr 6 <sup>th</sup>	Reader Val Albert/ Prayers of Faithful Denise Haslett/ Cleaning Leanne Breen

## Ararat Roster

Sun Mar 17 <sup>th</sup>	Facilitator Cathy McA/Reader Peter B /Euch Min C Reid
Sun Mar 24 <sup>th</sup>	Facilitator Charlie R /Reader Teresa G /Euch Min Mary C
Sun Mar 31 <sup>st</sup>	Facilitator TBA /Reader TBA /Euch Min TBA

## Stawell Roster

Sun Mar 17 <sup>th</sup>	S/Minster K Ashton /Reader J Van Diesen / Offertory Pasqual Family
Sun Mar 24 <sup>th</sup>	S/Minster H Potter /Reader C Barker / Offertory Gooden/Pascal
Sun Mar 31 <sup>st</sup>	S /Minster M Maestros /Reader K Dallinger/ Offertory Heenan Family

**St Patrick's Day** cuppa hosted by Stawell CWL this Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> after Mass. Everyone welcome, to be sure, to be sure.

**Stawell St Vincent de Paul** conference will meet in the Church hall on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm.

**Can you help us?** St Pat's Church is open every day between approximately 10am and 5pm. Our church building being open enables us to "pay a visit" but also ensures that others, not necessarily of our parish or faith, can find a quiet restful space in Stawell to be with God. This happens because we have a team of seven parishioners, and a back up person, who each take on a particular day of the week and open and close the church on that day, or who arrange for our back up person to open and close the church on that day. We Need Someone to Take on Opening and Shutting St Pat's Church on Wednesdays. Please give Mary Rita a ring on -0438 836 180 or chat to her after Mass.

### **Stawell Inter Church Council Ecumenical Services in Stawell for Good Friday and Easter Sunday**

**Good Friday - 29<sup>th</sup> March** a combined service at 11am in the Town Hall carpark garden. Optional BYO chair. If the weather is inclement the service will be in St Matthews Uniting Church.

**Easter Sunday – 31<sup>st</sup> March** a Dawn Service on Big Hill at 6am, followed by breakfast in the Uniting Church Hall. Everyone is welcome.

**Harmony Day in Ararat** The Grampians/Gariwerd Rural Australians for Refugees and the Ararat Rural City Council are pleased to invite the Parish of Gariwerd (Stawell & Ararat) to the Ararat Rural Harmony Day 2024 event.

Date: **Saturday, 16 March 2024** // Time: 10.00am to 1.00pm // Location: Ararat College , 4 - 30 Barkly St // Cost: Free. No RSVP required . The event will be filled with many mesmerizing performances, delectable cuisines, and engaging activities, showcasing the rich tapestry of cultures within the Ararat Rural City community in a vibrant celebration of cultural diversity. All members of the community, families and children are welcome.

**Pomonal Fire Recovery** On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm there will be a fundraising dinner at the Stawell uniting church hall. Please bring food to share and \$5 each as donation. Funds will go to Pomonal fire recovery as determined by the Pomonal church relief hub. Queries to Julie Andrew 0407461135

### **Fair Trade Easter Campaign**

The Fair Trade Easter Campaign aims to contribute to the broader global Fair Trade movement by advocating for the purchasing, sales and consumption of ethically produced chocolate at Easter time. By buying cocoa beans that are certified Fair Trade, Rainforest Alliance or UTZ Certified, these chocolate producers ensure there is no forced labour or trafficked labour on cocoa plantations (check for logos like these on the packaging). Join millions of people around the world in an effort to make all chocolate slavery-free <https://acrath.org.au/fair-trade-chocolate-for-easter/>

### **Ballarat Rural Australians for Refugees – Palm Sunday Rally and Walk for Justice and Peace**

With wars in so many countries Australia needs to offer compassionate protection to those who flee from war and persecution. All governments and citizens must protect human rights, protect civilians and seek to build peace. All are welcome to the Palm Sunday Rally and Walk for Justice and Peace on March 24, 2024 from 2.00pm – 3.30pm at the McDonald Bandstand, Lake Wendouree Foreshore, opposite the Floral clock in the Botanical Gardens, between Pipers and large playground. Further information is available from the Ballarat Rural Australians for Refugees facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/BallaratRAR/>

### **Funeral Mass for Sr Joan Dagleish rsm**

The Funeral Mass for Sr Joan Dagleish will be held on Monday, March 18, 2024 at St Alipius Church, Ballarat East at 10.30am. The funeral will be livestreamed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AhWByNDRhcM> and the burial at <https://youtube.com/live/49AmMba25Ms?feature=share>

### **Mass of the Oils 2024 & 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat**

The Mass of the Oils this year will incorporate acknowledgement of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat and will be held on Monday, March 25, 2024 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 11.30am (please note change of time). Lunch and displays will follow in the Hall. At the Mass we are inviting 1 – 2 volunteers from each parish to present a symbol or photo that best represents their parish.

**Wife: "How would you describe me?"** Husband: "ABCDEFGHIIJK." Wife: "What does that mean?" Husband: "Adorable, beautiful, cute, delightful, elegant, fashionable, gorgeous, and hot." Wife: "Aw, thank you, but what about IJK?" Husband: "I'm just kidding!"



### Partnership in action

The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with the dedication, passion and tenacity of our local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground, working tirelessly behind-the-scenes every day to create a better future for their communities.

Caritas Australia partners with the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) to support communities living in urban slums in the Philippines. FCJ runs a number of programs that include house renovating, food processing, basic literacy skills, urban gardening, upcycling and income generating activities. They also have a clinic visited weekly by a doctor and community nurse.

Caritas Australia partners with Caritas Samoa to assist communities to have increased access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene to ensure human health and well-being by providing water tanks and sanitation facilities.

Caritas Australia partners with the Catholic Development Commission in Malawi through the A+ program. Since 2016, the A+ program has helped 7,397 families across Malawi improve their food security, access to basic water and sanitation, boost women's income generation and strengthen child protection.

### Please donate to Project Compassion.

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 and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.

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## Gospel Focus – Love of life

Jesus says, 'Anyone who loves (their) life loses it; anyone who hates (their) life in this world will keep it for the eternal life.' This can seem pretty tough! It challenges us about how much we cling to the 'things' of this life. Are we concerned about the labels on our clothes; the number of our friends; how much money we have; the sort of house we live in? If this is the 'life' that we place meaning on, then we will surely lose it. However, if we put aside the world's focus on material things and focus our attention on others then we are assured of eternal life.

## Scriptural context – The Final Days

Today's reading reminds us that we are closing in on the events of the Passion that we will remember more closely over the next couple of weeks. Although the Gospel of John appears to have Jesus in and around Jerusalem quite often, the events described in this week's reading take place in the preparation for Passover, immediately before the final days leading up to Jesus' death and resurrection. It is a fitting culmination to the Sunday gospels of Lent. It prepares us for the account of the Passion that will be the gospel next week.

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

Part of growing older is learning how to accept the experiences of loss in our lives, and to have hope in the experiences of growth and new life to come. Experiences of loss could be felt when moving to a new town, after a breakup of a close relationship, or after the death of a friend or relative. Experiences of growth and new life could include meeting new friends in a new town, having a different but honest relationship with someone you care about, or feeling peacefulness in your heart with the memory of someone who has died. What are some experiences of loss in your life that have been followed by experiences of growth or new life? Jesus said the ones who serve would follow him and the ones who would lose their lives would live forever. What do you think these words of Jesus are all about? What does it mean to follow Jesus? What do you think it means to lose life in order to life forever?

