



Holy Spirit
Parish
Gariwerd

Sunday May 19th, 2024
PENTECOST SUNDAY 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 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are, How many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches. (R.)

You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)

May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord rejoice in his works! May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

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

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 20:19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'



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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

26th May 2024
Deuteronomy 4:32-34. 39-40/ Romans 8:14-17/
Matthew 28:16-20

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

Mary Waring, Tom Upton, Aileen Brennan, Suzanne Leithhead 1974, Ethel Phillips 1976, Charles Portelli 1991, Mary Monaghan 2010, Jill Bryant, Paul Jellie, Monica Weddison, Tony Brady, Len Miller, Sr. Mary Antonia Thomas, Mary Ellen Atkinson 1953, Thomas Cronin, Daphne Nailon, Fr John Meade, Norman Start, Annie Schirmer, Gordon Schirmer, Monica Kelly, Celine Fernando, William Brasier 1943, Fr John Leyden, Fr Tom Bourke, Leo O'Rorke, Janet O'Rorke, Gerard Cudmore, Claud Harrison, Elizabeth Harrison, Joan Connellan, Reg Palmer, Bianca Bulger, George Osler 1965, Jack Merrett 1986, Clare Rutter 1989, Bert Setori, Veronica O'Connor, Bernard McIntyre, Tom Rees, Mary Vassalla, William Gavan 2007, Eileen Williams, John (Jack) Cavanagh, Joan Minoque, Andrew Walsh 1951, Robert Tiddy 1979, Mary Wheeler 1994, Carmel Kinsella 2000, Robert Murphy, Fr Robert Meade, Albert Spiller, Michael Carroll, Lukas Bryant, Francis Seary 1958, Ken Allan 2001, Myrna Griggs 2002, Mary Monaghan 2010.

Lake Bolac Roster

Sat May 18th Reader Tricia Higgins/ Prayers of Faithful Val Albert
Sat Jun 1st Reader Phillip Meek/ Prayers of Faithful Jane Higgins/Cleaning Jane Higgins
Sat Jun 15th Reader Leanne Breen / Prayers of Faithful Damian Phillips

Ararat Roster

Sun May 19th Facilitator Elizabeth S /Reader Teresa G /Euch Min Marg O
Sun May 26th Facilitator Harry C/Reader P Brennan /Euch Min Anna C
Sun Jun 2nd Facilitator Rebecca R /Reader Charlie R /Euch Min Mary C
Sun Jun 9th Facilitator Pat McA /Reader Jenny McA /Euch Min Nora

Stawell Roster

Sun May 19th S/Minster M Rowe /Reader C Barker / Offertory J Croton
Sun May 26th S/Minster K Ashton /Reader J Raeburn/ Offertory L Habben

The St Pat's CWL will be host a cuppa after this Sunday 19th May Mass. The piety stall will be open and our new bereavement cards will be on sale.

St Vincent de Paul Stawell next meeting Monday 20th May in the St Pat's Church Hall at 2pm.

St Mary's Construction - Good news! Construction at St Mary's is expected to begin during Term 3. To this end, the students will move into the Parish Centre from June 17. This gives us a month to be make the necessary arrangements. More info to come.

To all our wonderful volunteers, *Thank you* for all you do.

Let's come together during National Volunteer Week, embracing this theme to showcase the vast spectrum of possibilities and the transformative impact that emerges when everyone finds their meaningful role in making a difference. Each year, National Volunteer Week provides an opportunity to highlight the important role of volunteers in our community and invites people not currently volunteering to give it a go. From May 20-26, 2024 we have the opportunity to celebrate and recognise the vital work of volunteers and to say thank you and this includes people in our parishes and agencies. The theme for National Volunteer Week 2024 is Something for Everyone. It is an invitation to explore the myriad of opportunities available, emphasising that there's a place for everyone in the world of volunteering. The Volunteering Australia website has National Volunteer Week resources, certificates of appreciation, volunteer thank you gifts and merchandise available at <https://www.volunteeringaustralia.org/get-involved/nvw/>

Prayer for Volunteers

We pray for all those who volunteer in our parishes. May we value the many talents and gifts that God has given to these people. We thank them for generously offering their time to parish ministries. For all these gifts, given out of your love, we thank you, God of all goodness. Amen.

Laudato Si' Week: May 19-26, 2024, "Seeds of Hope"

Laudato Si' Week is a celebration held annually in May to mark the anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical on caring for creation. Sponsored by the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, this global celebration unites Catholics to listen and respond together to the cry of creation, rejoice in the progress we have made in bringing Laudato Si' to life, and intensify our efforts through the Laudato Si' Action Platform as well as other opportunities for education and action. Laudate Deum is a reminder about the urgency of the Laudato Si' message and the need for both personal and cultural transformation amidst our ecological and climate crises. Laudato Si' Week offers a great opportunity as a springboard for promotion and encouragement on the journey towards the Laudato Si' Goals and commitment to developing a Plan. The theme for Laudato Si' Week this year is Seeds of Hope – inspired by the symbol for Season of Creation 2024, "first fruits." Let us be seeds of hope in our lives and our world, rooted in faith and love. Resources are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/catholic-earthcare-ballarat-diocese/laudato-si-2024/>

Damascus College Ballarat Reunions

Damascus College warmly welcomes past students and staff of Sacred Heart College, St Martin's in the Pines and Damascus College to our 2024 Class Reunion's. This year, we are thrilled to host 'class of' reunions for:

Class of 2004 – 20 Year Reunion Celebration – Saturday, May 25

Class of 2014 – 10 Year Reunion Celebration – Saturday, May 25

Please note: An all-years St Paul's Reunion will be held in 2025.

For further details and booking links for each class reunion, please visit

<https://www.damascus.vic.edu.au/community/alumni/alumni-reunions-events>. Scroll down to 2024 'CLASS OF'

Reunions and click the + to view details and book your ticket. Enquiries: connecting@damascus.vic.edu.au

St Bernard's Church Bacchus Marsh 150th Anniversary

St Bernard's Church Bacchus Marsh will mark the 150th Anniversary of the blessing and opening of the church with a special Mass on Sunday, June 23, 2024 at 11.00am. A 300 page history focussing on the priests and people who built the parish has been compiled. Prepaid orders are essential by May 10. \$75.00 per copy. Details are available on the church website <https://stbernardsbacchusmarsh.com.au/>

St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. More information and application forms are available at <http://pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship>. Closing date is July 31, 2024.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate - Divine Energy and being Catholic

The term 'Holy Ghost' is an unfortunate rendering of 'Holy Gust', the divine wind, the breath of God, the Holy Spirit which can come into the lives of individuals and communities, sometimes as the merest whisper of a breeze, sometimes at gale force. This is what happened at Pentecost. St Luke, writing the Acts of the Apostles, grasps for imagery to portray the force of the Holy Spirit's descending on Mary and Peter and other disciples. This divine flaming Gust cleared away the undergrowth of timidity and anxiety imprisoning those disciples in the upper room. Then they became like seed pods germinating in the ashes, allowing a new community to take root, a community where barriers of language, ethnicity and race were overcome. The primary task of St Peter, then as now, is to present the Resurrection in a way understandable by people of every language group around the world. Everything else his successor does is secondary to his preaching 'the marvels of God'. Pope Francis is doing this by word and deed. We could take a moment to pray for forgiveness for the wind breaks which we, individually and as a parish or larger church community, erect to shield us from the Holy Spirit gusting into our lives. Let us ask for the courage to allow ourselves to be a windswept people ignited by Divine Love.

Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close

Reflection by Artist

In the readings for the feast of Pentecost there are some interesting connections between fire and water. In the gospel for the Vigil the Spirit is described as 'rivers of living water' flowing out of the hearts of believers. In the Acts of the Apostles the experience of the Spirit was likened to 'tongues of fire'. In liminal moments like this, when natural logic is confounded, the boundaries between seeming opposites are blurred and new meanings emerge.



REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Pentecost brings the Easter season to a close, celebrating the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. The plan of salvation has been brought to its conclusion. The Risen Lord is exalted in his rightful place next to God and has sent his own Spirit to fill the earth with God's power. The world is charged with divine energy; it needs but a spark to ignite it with life and excitement. If this has all really happened, why does our world look the same? Why is there so much religious and ethnic rivalry? Why do we continue to make distinctions between Jew and Gentile, slave and free, woman and man, distinctions that favour one at the expense of the other? Why is there so little peace, or comfort, or solace? Why do we refuse to forgive or to be reconciled? Is Pentecost merely a feast that we celebrate in red vestments? Has the face of the earth really been renewed? The answer is yes! Resoundingly, yes! The Spirit has been poured forth and works wonders wherever human hearts are open to its prompting. The earth is renewed each time rivalries are resolved, distinctions are recognised as merely expressions of diversity, peace is restored, comfort and solace are offered, and forgiveness is granted. We are immersed in the vigour of the Spirit of God; all we have to do is open ourselves to it and the reign of God will be born in our midst.

