



Holy Spirit  
Parish  
Gariwerd

# Sunday August 20th, 2023

## TWENTIETH 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 56:1.6-7**

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

#### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4**

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us.

So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)

2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice.

With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. (R.)

3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

#### Second Reading

**Romans 11:13-15. 29-32**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans  
Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will

also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

#### Gospel Acclamation

**Matthew 4:23**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

#### Gospel

**Matthew 15:21-28**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.



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## Mass Times

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

## Readings for next Sunday

August 27th, 2023  
Isaiah 22:19-23/Romans 11:33-36/Matthew 16:13-20

## Changes to Weekday Masses

**Fri Aug 25 11am in Ararat will be prayers**

## 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<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

## Anniversaries

Leslie Shevlin, Fr Tom Kiniry, Con McDermott, Len Christian, Denise Fromager, Noël Fromager, Irene Jenkinson, Thomas Mullins, Patrick Mullins, Mary-Anne McInnes, Paul Anthony Di Domenic, John Molan 1947, Joseph McGuan 1961, Paolo Ronchi 1971, Madeline Stephens 1996, Lurlene Delahunty 2006, Joan Pickering 2013, Agnes Declerq, Keith Watson 1993, Marjorie Carlson, Br. James Threadgold, Brain Pickering, Myrtle Leggett, Mary Stephens 1974, Ronald Lewis 1975, Harriet Torney 1987 Margaret Miethke. Maureen Pye, Eileen Carroll, Jean Williams, Barry McArthur, Bernadette Maddocks 1974, Christopher Tilley 1997, Eileen Gavin 2001, John Hozjan 2007, Barry McArthur 2018, Jeanette Ryan, Fr Rodger Shepherd, Barbara Caporn, Gladys Merrett 1983, John Fallon 1991, May Harrington, Kevin Moore, Michele Di Domenico, John Harvey, Berenice Rutter 1997

## Golden Gate Roster

Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Aug Harry & Anna/Sun Aug 27<sup>th</sup> Teresa/Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept Margaret/Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Elizabeth/  
Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Teresa/Sun Sept 24<sup>th</sup> Jim & Jan

## Lake Bolac Roster

Sat Aug 19<sup>th</sup> Reader Deb Glasson// Prayers of Faithful Helen Smith  
Sat Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> Reader Damian Phillips//Prayers of Faithful Tricia Higgins/Cleaning Judy  
Sat Sept 16<sup>th</sup> Reader Leanne Breen//Prayers of Faithful Jane Higgins  
Sat Sept 30<sup>th</sup> Reader Rosemary Liston//Prayers of Faithful Phillip Meek

## Ararat Roster

Sun Aug 20<sup>th</sup> Welcomer Rosalie//Facilitator Pat L// Reader Elizabeth//Euch Min Marg M  
Sun Aug 27<sup>th</sup> Welcomer Sr John//Facilitator Cathy M//Reader Peter B//Euch Min Jan C  
Sun Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> Welcomer Blessie//Facilitator Charlie//Reader Jim//Euch Min Jan C  
Sun Sept 10<sup>th</sup> Welcomer Rosalie//Facilitator Peter B//Reader Harry//Euch Min Anna  
Sun Sept 17<sup>th</sup> Welcomer Genara//Facilitator Marg O//Reader Rebecca//Euch Min Sr John  
Sun Sept 24<sup>th</sup> Welcomer Rosie//Facilitator Pat L//Reader Kath L//Euch Min Charlie

## Stawell Roster

Sun Aug 20<sup>th</sup> S/Minister Lesley Morgan/ Reader Heenan Family / Offertory Irene Sturt  
Sun Aug 27<sup>th</sup> S/Minister Marg Rowe/ Reader Di O'Donnell / Offertory P Gooden & G Pascall  
Sun Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> S/Minister M Howard/Reader C Barker/ Offertory J Croton  
Sun Sept 10<sup>th</sup> S/Minister K Ashton/Reader J Van Diesen/Offertory L Habben  
**Stawell Rosters are available for collection at the back of the church.**

## Stawell CWL

Are hosting a cuppa after this Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August Mass. Everyone welcome.

Stawell St Vincent de Paul will meet this coming Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August in the St Pat's Church Hall at 2pm.

**Congratulations** to Kath Leggett on your retirement after **40 years** of tireless volunteering as Manager of St Vincent Store Ararat, we acknowledge the legacy of hard work and dedication you leave behind. We are so in awe of the way you put your heart into your work for all these years. You not only made a huge difference, but also touched a lot of lives along the way." All good things must come to an end even when we wish they wouldn't. Thank you for everything.

### **Plan Giving Friendly Reminder**

When transferring monies to either the Parish or Presbytery accounts, please include your new plan giving number and or your name as the reference, as this enables us to correctly record amounts received. Thank you

### **Please join us for a Kitchen Table Conversation!**

A Kitchen Table Conversation is a wonderful opportunity to join with others and listen, learn and reflect on the Indigenous Voice to Parliament referendum that will be held in the coming months. Sessions will be held on 17 August 17, 29 August 29, 11 September 11 and September 28 from 3.30-4.45pm online via zoom. More information and registration details are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/aboriginal-catholic-ministry/>

### **Neil Para's 1000 km Walk for Freedom - asking the PM for a fair go for Refugees**

Neil is walking 1000 km from Ballarat to Sydney, to ask Prime Minister Albanese for fairness for refugees who've lived here in Australia for more than a decade. Neil is a refugee who fled war and persecution in Sri Lanka and has lived in Ballarat since 2013. The government's recent announcement has given permanence to 19,000 – but what about the rest? For more details and to sign the petition, scan or click the QR code.



### **McAuley House for Women and Children**

McAuley House is celebrating 15 years since the establishment of McAuley Community Services for Women, following the merger of Mercy Care and Regina Coeli. Over the past 15 years McAuley House has supported more than 13,000 women and children. The demand for services remains high. McAuley House will continue advocating for real change that will allow more women and children to remain safely in their homes after violence and avoid homelessness and further disadvantage. A donation to McAuley House supports women and children to be safe and continue this important work. Scan or click the QR code.



### **Pope Francis' Prayer for Peace in Ukraine**

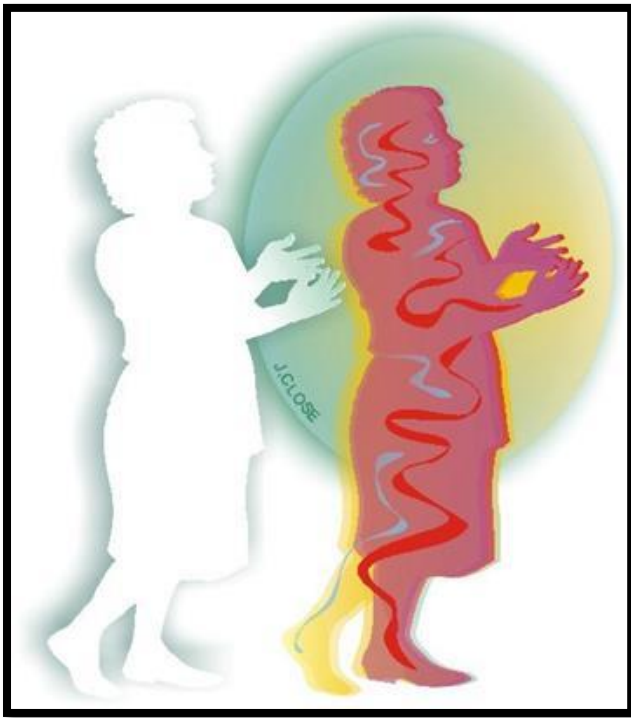
I ask you to pray the Our Father for peace in Ukraine, now and throughout this day.

Let us ask the Lord to grant that the country may grow in the spirit of brotherhood, and that all hurts, fears and divisions will be overcome. We have spoken about the Holocaust. But let us think too that [in Ukraine] millions of people were killed [1932-1933]. They are a people who have suffered; they have suffered from hunger, suffered from much brutality and they deserve peace. May the prayers and supplications that today rise up to heaven touch the minds and hearts of world leaders, so that dialogue may prevail and the common good be placed ahead of partisan interests. Please, no more war.

### **CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal**

The CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal is held in August each year in partnership with parishes and is their major annual fundraiser. CatholicCare Victoria delivers programs and services to support families, children, young people and individuals to help everyone reach their full potential. The services include counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care in hospitals and prisons, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.

**The children were lined up** in the cafeteria of a Catholic school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large tray of hot dogs. The nun posted a sign on the hot dog tray "Take only one, God is watching". Further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. One child whispered to another, "Take all you want. God is watching the hot dogs."



## Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close

### Reflection by Artist

When a Canaanite woman kept bothering Jesus and his group they looked at her and saw an outsider. By her annoying persistence she virtually forced Jesus to look again and he saw something different – she was no longer a non-person, but someone who challenged him. This unnamed woman, out of her anguish for her daughter, was able to nudge Jesus into reconsidering the nature of his mission, and broadening his vision. Matthew's story is a conversion story with a twist because it is Jesus who experiences a transformation and the catalyst for this change is an anonymous woman.

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

In Jesus' time the Jewish faith had very strict dietary laws regarding what foods could be eaten and what kinds of dishes the food could be eaten from. On the other hand, Gentiles

could eat anything. Some Jews likened them to dogs, who would often be given leftover food to eat off the ground. So when Jesus and this woman speak about children and dogs, they are definitely talking about the Jews and the Gentiles.

This Gentile woman is brave, standing up to the disciples and even to Jesus. She has a point to make, and they listen. Have you ever been that persistent in a conversation with someone who had 'higher' status than you? If so, what happened?

Does our society think of some people as 'dogs'? If so, who are the dogs of our society? Who is seen as holding lower status? What is your usual response to people such as these? What would be the Christian response that Jesus calls us to? What makes that such a difficult response?

Do you have any close friends who are Jewish? If you have friends who are Orthodox Jews, then they still obey certain dietary rules. Have you ever heard them talk of kosher foods? What kinds of things do they eat?

### REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The overarching theme derived from today's readings is the question of insider-outsider. We see here that the divisions and barriers that emerge out of human experience have been shattered by the graciousness of God. Jesus' openness to 'the other' finds a precedent in the prophetic tradition. Isaiah spoke of a time when outsiders would join insiders in worshipping God, thus dissolving the categories of insider and outsider. He was, of course, referring to the age of eschatological fulfillment. This age dawned with the coming of Jesus. Jesus himself moved out of the constraints of his own cultural worldview, and he directs us to do the same. People are either excluded because of gender, culture or religious perspective, or included only because they are able and willing to conform to discriminatory standards. In the reign of God, this should not be the case. People are accepted along with their own cultural profiles.

God's embrace first enclosed even those who rejected Jesus, and then God's plan of salvation unfolded in a new way. An invitation to enter the kingdom was issued to the Gentiles, those who had been considered outsiders. If outsiders are now insiders, what has happened to the former insiders? Paul insists that they are still insiders. God has not simply shifted the identifying boundaries; God has dissolved them. In the interim between the dawning of the eschatological age and the end of time, the invitation to be included remains open to all.

### From the perspective of ... A disciple.

As we passed through a little village near Sidon this Canaanite woman suddenly started calling on the master to help her daughter. We all expected the master to help her out as usual but he really put her in her place! He told her that his ministry was not for pagans like her. That should have stopped her, but she kept on and on, even turning the master's words back on him! She was so rude. We were about to push her out of the way so that the master could move on when he suddenly told her that her faith was great and that her daughter was better. Great faith? A Canaanite? He never ceases to surprise us!