



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

[Sir 35:12-14, 16-18](#)

The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor is the widow as she pours out her story.

The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.

And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 32:2-3, 17-19, 23. R. v.7](#)

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad.
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The just call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress.
3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.

Second Reading

[2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18](#)

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

[2 Cor 5:19](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; And the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel

[Lk 18:9-14](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

It is very easy for religious people to fall into a kind of self-righteousness. Their very enthusiasm and generosity can plant the seeds of religious arrogance. They know what commitment demands of them; they experience relative success in their endeavours to be faithful; they distance themselves from what they think might threaten their resolve; and then they pass judgment on those who do not share their values or experience their success. This kind of arrogance is often imperceptible, because there is enough truth in every step along the way that it is difficult to recognise when one is veering off the track.

Jesus extols the humility of the one who admits being a sinner, and can accept the implications of that admission. This is the kind of prayer that is described in the reading from Sirach and the psalm response. It is those who can admit that they are needy who turn to God in that need. It is those who trust that God will be their strength in the face of their weaknesses who are strengthened.

Paul's own prayer demonstrates the attitudes that should be ours as we pray. Like the Pharisee, he acknowledges his success. He has competed well; he has finished the course; he has kept the faith.

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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 6pm Vigil Sat
Glenthompson	(Hamilton Parish) 2 nd 4 th Sundays 8.30am

Readings for next Sunday

October 30
Thirty First Sunday Ordinary Time Year C
Wis 11:22 12.2// 2 Ps144:1-2. 8-11.13-14. R.see v1//
2Thes 1:11-2:2

Weekday Masses (usual schedule)

Tuesday: 10am Stawell (Check bulletin for occasional changes)
Wednesday: Aged Care
Thursday: 3.30pm 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 ARV

Fr Andrew is on Annual Leave. All Aged Care Masses and Ararat Friday Mass will be Communion Service. Stawell's Tuesday Masses will resume on Tuesday November 8.

Arrangements while Fr Andrew is Away

Fr Andrew will be on annual leave until November 5. During this time Fr Peter Hudson will be available for Sunday Masses and for funerals. The parish office will be open at the usual times and the parish phone (53525460) and emails will be monitored just the same. Please email the office (ararat@ballarat.catholic.org.au) as usual.

Anniversaries

Margaret Oliver, Anne Brown, Mick Chamings, Emma Crawford 1993
Bob Waring, Fr Gavin Fitzpatrick, My Ha, David Thomson, Margaret Rathgeber 1952, Bridget Mullens 1962, Monica Sullivan 2008, John Day 2011 Honorah Price, Rene Guinan, Belinda Heard, Rene Walsh, Frank Walsh, Catherine Mason 1969
Chris Carter, Margaret (Peg) Price, Simon Ring, Emily Walsh 1945, Francis Gilliland 1990, Fr. Frank Monaghan 2013
Christopher Reid, Tony Pevitt, Sr Grace Wensley RSM, Maxwell Yanner 1950, Elizabeth Whitty 1955, Mary Blackham 1988, Corinne Rathgeber 2011 Norm Reid, John Hennessy Jnr., Dot Hurley, Robert Healy 1972, Mary Ormesher 2001, Dorothy May Hurley 2012 Judy Waring, John Pola 1945, Edward Seary 1945, Gavin Jack 1969, Bridget Pickering 1993, Elsie Mary Dalziel 2008

Golden Gate Roster October 23 Jim Jan // 30 Harry Anna

Lake Bolac Roster Sat Oct 29 Reader Tricia Higgins//Prayers of Faithful Irene Meek

Ararat Roster Sun Oct23 Facil P Brady // Reader R Rodger // EMin M Mason
Sun Oct 30 Facil P McAloon// Reader J McAloon// EMin C McAdie

St Bernard's, Lake Bolac

On Saturday evening, 29th October, there will be finger food tea after Mass. There will be a giving bowl to help raise funds to support our mission in India. Please bring a plate of finger food to share.

Ecumenical Service

The next 5th Sunday ecumenical service will be on Sunday 30th October at 5pm in the City Heart Church of Christ. Cuppa to follow. All welcome

World Mission Sunday - TODAY

Today is World Mission Sunday, a day dedicated to the great work of Mission. To celebrate this event, Catholic Mission is inviting all of us to answer our call to be missionaries. Through their international network of the Pontifical Mission Societies, Catholic Mission have created a 2022 #wearestillhere message that witnesses the dedication of missionaries around the world and is a celebration, an acknowledgment, and a thank you message to everyone who is answering the call of being missionaries wherever they are. Together, let's reach out and give life. Join Catholic Mission as a missionary and learn what Mission means to our brothers and sisters at catholicmission.org.au/wearestillhere

Diocesan Youth Booklet

The Ballarat Diocese has produced a booklet which outlines opportunities to assist young people on their faith journey. There is information about a variety of youth ministry and young adult activities, as well as details on faith formation, social justice and outreach initiatives. A range of social media networks and online forums offering choices for young people to connect with the wider Catholic community is also included. In addition, there are links to resources to support young people in prayer and spirituality. There is information about reflection days, festivals, immersions and pilgrimage experiences for them to take part in to grow in their faith, and qualifications available in theology, ministry formation, training and much more. With the support of Bishop Paul Bird CSsR, the booklet has been distributed to all secondary schools for Year 12 students and senior school leavers, as well as a small amount of copies for parishes across the diocese. If you have any questions or would like more copies, please contact the Pastoral Ministry Office pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au

SAVE THE DATE: Liturgy Formation at South West Coast Parish – Sunday, November 13, 2022

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission is hosting a Liturgy Formation Session at St Joseph's Gathering Space, Warrnambool on Sunday, November 13, 2022. Bishop Paul will celebrate Mass at 10.30am with the formation program beginning at 12.00noon on the topics of Sunday Assembly of Word & Communion and Fr John McKinnon will present a workshop on scripture reflection. All welcome to attend. More details and registration information will be available from the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

National Children's Week: October 22-30, 2022

Children's Week is an annual event celebrated in Australia held around the fourth Wednesday in October. Children's Week celebrates the right of children to enjoy childhood. The Children's Week National Theme for 2022 is based on UNCRC Article 27: All Children have the right to a standard of living that supports their wellbeing and healthy development. The Children's Week Council of Australia have developed a range of activities and tip sheets to celebrate the week and promote children's rights awareness <https://childrens-week.org.au/>

October is National Mental Health Month

National Mental Health Month is an initiative of the Mental Health Foundation Australia (MHFA) to advocate for and raise awareness of Australian mental health. It is an important time where the Australian community comes together to raise awareness and promote better mental health for all. The National Mental Health Month 2022 Awareness Campaign theme is: 'Building Resilience: Communities and Connections'. Mental Health Australia invites organisations to participate in the "Look after your mental health, Australia" campaign which will run throughout October <https://lookafteryourmentalhealthaustralia.org.au/>

Prayer for Mental Health month: Lord God, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve those challenged by serious and chronic mental and emotional illnesses. Give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that they may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

CatholicCare are seeking volunteers

Volunteers play a critical role in the delivery of services at CatholicCare Victoria. In fact, around 10% of the services provided to people in need wouldn't be possible without the support of volunteers. Volunteers run and support a range of services including administrative support at a number of offices, emergency relief intake, English conversation classes for newly arrived refugees, academic support and encouragement for disadvantaged adults enrolled in the Clemente program, event help and organisation, sewing groups, homework clubs, pastoral support in prisons and hospitals. CatholicCare are grateful for the many wonderful people who give their time, skills and experience to help respond to an ever-increasing demand for services. By volunteering, people contribute to making our community a better place and provide hope for a brighter future. Volunteers are welcome from all backgrounds, life stages and with a broad range of skills. Volunteers under 18 years of age must have written consent from a parent or legal guardian. More information available at <https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/page/47/volunteer#opportunities>

Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre (MMHC)

'Cuppa with Mary': The Mary MacKillop Museum tells the story of Mary and the SOSJ's. Entry is free. While in Melbourne, walk the Mary MacKillop Heritage trail and see Mary's place of birth. Consider organising a Parish group and have a 'Cuppa with Mary'. Group bookings which include a presentation, tour of Museum and prayer reflection in the Chapel where Mary prayed, cost \$15.00 per person. Contact Kate, ph. 9926 9300.

Open Day on Saturday, November 26, 2022 from 10.00am – 4.00pm: Fr Julian Tenison Woods co-founded the SOSJ with Mary MacKillop. The exhibition will explore Tenison Wood's work as a missionary priest, his advocacy of Catholic education for the poor, as well as his scientific endeavours and his eco-spirituality. His life was lived to the full, intertwined with faith and science. Julian is a role model for us today in prayer and sustainability. Join us for guided tours of the museum, a Mary MacKillop walking tour at 11.00am, Mass at 1.00pm in the Chapel where Mary prayed, refreshment options available for purchase. Book online to attend at <https://www.mmhc.org.au/open-days-2022/>

Mary MacKillop Gift shop: Consider supporting the work of the Sisters of St Joseph by purchasing a present from the Museum Gift Shop or a 2022 Josephite Calendar, which can be ordered at <https://www.mmhc.org.au/2023-josephite-calendar>. The shop stocks communion and confirmation gifts, devotional items, Vatican pieces, rosary beads, holding crosses, candles, cards, statues, crucifixes, books and Peruvian handmade items.

Accommodation@MMHC: When in Melbourne book your next stay at the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre - accommodation in the heart of Melbourne. Contact Kate, ph. 9926 9300.

The journey of life is full of twists and turns, but that doesn't mean we can't find our mission. When God created us and gave us a purpose to full fill. That purpose is to love one another! We all strive to find this purpose through different means and some may be more successful than others. But our trust in God will guide us through whatever life throws at us and help discover what our own mission really is!

Life is full of challenges, some big and some small. We all have our fair share of pain and suffering, but know that you can get through it.

Life is full of surprises. Some are good—you get an unexpected promotion at work or your child is accepted into their dream job—but some are bad. You have a heart attack or you lose your job.

It's important to be prepared so that when good things happen, you can take advantage of them and make the most of them. And, it's just as important to prepare in case something bad happens; if you're ready for it, then maybe you won't crumble under the weight of its blow!

Faith helps. God knows what is best for you and will guide you in the right direction. He loves you, so he has a plan for your life. The Holy Spirit will lead you to your mission and keep you on it until it becomes clear where God wants your life to go. You have a mission, and its part of who you are. It's what drives you toward your goals, it's what keeps you moving forward no matter what happens in life.

Your mission can change over the course of your lifetime. That's why it is so important to take some time out of your day and reflect on the questions, "Why am I here?" and "What is God calling me to do?"

We believe in the mission of Jesus Christ. As Christians, we are called to love our neighbour as we love ourselves. Our mission is to love one another.

Love is the most important thing in life. Love is what makes us human and it's also what gives meaning to our lives—it's the key to happiness and success, both personally and professionally. But all too often we forget about this, or otherwise let our busy schedules get in the way of loving others with all our hearts. And so, this week, let's focus on why love matters so much, how we can start applying it more in our own lives and how learning more about Jesus' relationship with his disciples should inspire us as His followers

Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close

Reflection by Artist

In this parable, Jesus parodies two types of men that are well known to his audience the Pharisee and the tax collector and he casts them as the self-righteous egoist and the humble sinner. A fundamental Kingdom value is evident here: the first will be last and the last first, or 'all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

