



Holy Spirit  
Parish  
Gariwerd

# Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 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 31:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah  
The Lord says this: Shout with joy for Jacob! Hail the chief of nations! Proclaim! Praise! Shout: The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel! See, I will bring them back from the land of the North and gather them from the far ends of earth; all of them: the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour: a great company returning here. They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble. For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 125. R. v.3  
(R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, It seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. (R.)
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. (R.)
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. (R.)
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. (R.)

### Second Reading Hebrews 5:1-6

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews  
Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have

become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

**Gospel Acclamation** See 2 Timothy 1:10  
Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel** Mark 10:46-52  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark  
As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.



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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

3<sup>RD</sup> November  
Deuteronomy 6:2-6/ Hebrews 7:23-28/ Mark 12:28-34

## Weekday Masses (usual schedule)

**Tuesday:** 10am Stawell (Check bulletin for occasional changes)  
**Wednesday:** Aged Care  
**Thursday:** 2.30pm Hopkins  
**Friday:** 11am Ararat **held in the Presbytery**(Check bulletin for occasional changes)

## Aged Care Roster

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

## Tuesday October 29, Mass in Stawell has been cancelled.

## Anniversaries

Joseph Nunan, Enid Froggatt, Angela Vazoura 1992, Francves Looby 1995 David Tas Tasman, Lawrence Logan, James Hogan, David Sweeney, Nell Smith, Fr. Paul Mercovich, Allen Sargent 1992, James Monaghan 2000, Rita Healy 2022, Nicholas Dempsey, Marc Watson, Mary Brick, Robert Milesi, Bill McKinnon, Alice Parker, Jack Parker, Joyce Henning, Mary Cawthorne 1961, Michael Shanahan 1984, Mary Rutter 1953, Ruby Seary 1969, Pascale Valente 2011, Edmund Gleeson, Margaret Johnson, Bruce Harrison, Nicholas Cosgrave 1952, Alice Tiddy 1952

## Lake Bolac Roster

Sat Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> Reader D Phillips/ Prayers of Faithful Tricia Higgins/Cleaning Rosemary Liston  
Sat Nov 16<sup>th</sup> Reader Leanne Breen/ Prayers of Faithful Jane Higgins  
Sat Nov 30<sup>th</sup> Reader Rosemary Liston/ Prayers of Faithful Phillip Meek

## Ararat Roster

Sun Oct 27<sup>th</sup> Facilitator Harry / Reader Pat L / Euch Min Anna  
Sun Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> Facilitator Peter B / Reader Teresa G / Euch Min Marg M  
Sun Nov 10<sup>th</sup> Facilitator Cathy McA / Reader Kath L / Euch Min Anna C

## Stawell Roster

Sun Oct 27<sup>th</sup> S/Minster MR Thomas /Reader K Dallinger/ Offertory Heenan F  
Sun Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> S/Minster K Ashton /Reader MR Thomas/ Offertory J Croton  
Sun Nov 10<sup>th</sup> S/Minster G Comitti /Reader L McIntyre/ Offertory L Habben

## Stawell CWL

Next meeting on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in the St Pat's Church hall.

## Stawell Liturgy

Next meeting and cuppa on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Nov after 10am Mass. Everyone welcome.

## Ararat Trinity Anglican

30 Minute Advent Studies - 11am each Sunday in December at the Ararat Trinity Anglican hall. Topic: The Lord's Prayer. All welcome.

**Ministers of the Eucharist training** - We would like all Ministers of the Eucharist to attend a refresher session please, after Masses on Sunday November 4. Please be prepared for 20 - 30 minutes. This will be especially useful now that we will have communion from the chalice at all Masses from November onwards.

## Diocesan e-News

The latest edition of e-News has been published and is available to view at <https://mailchi.mp/1cc27b72fe24/edition-119-february-15-14187629>. You can also view this edition at <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/e-news/> or you can subscribe on this page to receive future editions straight to your email address.

## Let's Building Respectful Church Communities: Brochure Launch CSSV

Catholic Social Services Victoria (CSSV) has developed a brochure and poster as resources for parishes and the wider Catholic community to raise awareness and work to prevent family violence. Parishioners are invited to join the launch on Thursday, October 31, 2024 from 1.45pm – 3.00pm via zoom. RSVP by 30 October 2024 at <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1294275>. Enquiries to Kate Stilwell, email [office@css.org.au](mailto:office@css.org.au)

## Clergy Jubilarians Mass 2024 – Choir

Mass to celebrate the 2024 Clergy Jubilarians will be held on Thursday, November 14, 2024 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 5.00pm. The 2024 clergy Jubilarians are: 50 years – Frs Eric Bryant, Paddy Mugavin & Michael O'Toole, 25 years – Fr Ed Moloney. All are welcome to attend. Members of the Diocese of Ballarat are invited to join the choir for this Mass. Choir practice will be held on Sunday, November 10, 2024 at 6.15pm (following 5.00pm Mass) in the Cathedral.

## Caritas Prayer for Peace in October

Caritas Australia have provided the following prayer for peace in October.

God of peace and healing, we hold out to you the agony of your world and ask that your Holy Spirit may work wonders, reaching past our bruises to renew our inmost being. We are deeply afflicted. For a year, your children have been at war. The suffering in the Middle East has been indescribable. During this past year, we have been pained by wars throughout the world, in Sudan, Ukraine, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Myanmar, West Africa and other places. Why does this happen? Why do we never learn? We have nowhere to turn but to you, who loved us to the death of your son and who loves us still. Hear our lament as we stand with Mary at the foot of the cross of Jesus. May your kingdom come, a kingdom of peace, justice and love. We pray this with burning hearts, Amen.

Written by Michael McGirr

## Scriptural context – Blindness

Blindness is a powerful metaphor that is used repeatedly throughout scripture. It is almost always a metaphor for blindness of heart or blindness of mind rather than a purely physical affliction. There are multiple accounts of healing blindness in the gospel. Saul/Paul is blinded on the road to Damascus and only has his sight restored when he is baptised. The Pharisees are described as being 'blind fools' and there the prophets make numerous references to blind seeing as a sign of the Messiah's arrival. It is a very powerful image of being 'blind' to truth and 'blind' to the teaching of Jesus.

## Have you thought? On the side of the road ...

When Jesus encounters Bartimaeus he is sitting by the side of the road – a reject of society sitting off to the side as the world passes him by. There are times in all of our lives when we feel like this: hurt; ashamed; unloved; rejected; cast aside. It is at these moments in our lives that Jesus really wants to 'break through' into our experience. If we allow ourselves to hear his voice calling us to him, then we too can 'throw off our cloak' – our old life – and join him on the road.

## Living the Gospel – Bartimaeus, a model?

Bartimaeus is a man who has almost nothing in life. His blindness has made him outcast and he is reduced to begging on the side of the road. When he is called to Jesus he jumps up and casts off what may well be his only real possession – his cloak. Yet what he does have in abundance is faith and hope. When asked what he wants Jesus to do, his answer may seem obvious, but his desire to see goes beyond physical sight. He asks for the sight of one who truly believes and to whom the truth of Jesus is revealed. In this way, he is a model to all who would be disciples.



## Rest in Peace Fr Gustavo Gutiérrez O.P.

Liberation theology is a theological movement that emerged in Latin America in the 1960s and 1970s. It is rooted in the experiences of poverty, oppression, and injustice faced by the majority of people in the region. Liberation theologians argue that the Christian faith should be a force for social and political change, particularly for the marginalized and oppressed.

Gustavo Gutiérrez is considered one of the founding fathers of liberation theology. A Peruvian priest, Gutiérrez's writings and activism played a crucial role in shaping the movement. His most influential work, "Theology of Liberation," published in 1973, outlines the key principles and themes of liberation theology.



Key themes of liberation theology as articulated by Gutiérrez:

- \* Preferential Option for the Poor: Liberation theology emphasizes a commitment to the poor and marginalized. It argues that the Christian faith should prioritize the needs and struggles of those who are most vulnerable in society.

- \* Incarnation and Liberation: Gutiérrez connects the concept of the Incarnation (God becoming human) with the struggle for liberation. He argues that Jesus' life and ministry were a demonstration of God's solidarity with the oppressed.

- \* Praxis and Reflection: Liberation theology stresses the importance of both reflection and action. It encourages theologians to engage in social and political activism while also reflecting on the theological implications of their experiences.

- \* Collective Liberation: Gutiérrez emphasizes the importance of collective liberation. He argues that the struggle for justice is not just about individual salvation but also about the liberation of entire communities and societies.

Gutiérrez's contributions:

- \* Contextual Theology: Gutiérrez called for a theology that was rooted in the specific historical and cultural context of Latin America. He argued that the Christian faith should be relevant to the lives and experiences of the people.

- \* Critique of Colonialism and Neoliberalism: Gutiérrez criticized the legacy of colonialism and the impact of neoliberal economic policies on the region. He argued that these systems perpetuated poverty and injustice.

- \* Emphasis on Dialogue: He emphasized the importance of dialogue between theology and other disciplines, such as sociology, economics, and political science.

Gutiérrez's work has had a profound impact on theology and social activism worldwide. Liberation theology has inspired movements for social justice in many parts of the globe, and its principles continue to be relevant today.

## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate - Jumped up Bartimaeus

Bartimaeus sat on the side of the way, having pilgrims throw coins onto his cloak spread out before him. But the presence of Jesus encouraged him to abandon his cloak, jump up from his ground level existence and ask to truly see the way from Jesus' perspective.

Jesus responded to this act of faith by curing the disease so that Bartimaeus could see ahead in the same way as Jesus and follow him on 'the Way' (the earliest name for Christianity).

You and I can remain with the security of a familiar existence, hoping to be tossed a few coins of consolation to satisfy our various hungers. But Jesus wants us to take courage, to jump up and to share his vision.

This takes faith, but we are in a better situation than Bartimaeus. *He* knew only that Jesus was on the way from Jericho to Jerusalem. *We* believe that, in Jerusalem, Jesus was lifted well above ground level and then had the astounding victory over the worst that death could do.

We might pause for a moment to pray for the courage to abandon whatever is keeping us grounded, so that with Bishop Richard of Chichester we may see Christ more clearly, love him more dearly, and follow him more nearly.