



Holy Spirit
Parish
Gariwerd

Sunday October 29th, 2023

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

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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

Exodus 22:20-26

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans. "If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him. "If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise: when call I am saved from my foes. (R.)

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be the God who saves me. He has given great victories. To his king and shown his love for his anointed. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

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

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in

God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 22:34-40

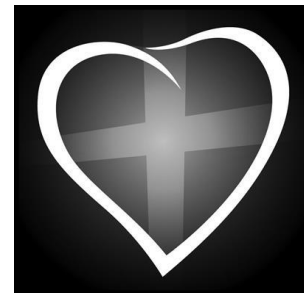
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'



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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 12.30pm
Glenthompson	(Hamilton Parish) 2 nd 4 th Sundays 8.30am

Readings for next Sunday

5th Nov 2023
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
Malachi 1:14 – 2:2. 8-10/1 Thessalonians 2:7-9. 13/
Matthew 23:1-12

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

Molly Rutter, Mons. Frank McKenzie, Betty Bulger, John Hennessy, Bill Gleeson, William Falvey 1966, Mary Atkinson 1993, Fiona Seebus 1998, Alfred Edward Hooper, Bridgit Whelan 1945, Peter Scarsi 1953, Emily Healy 1965, Mollie Rutter 1983, Joyce Hockley, Jean Carey, Elizabeth McSparron 1963, Robert Boag 1980, Peter Mornane 1999, Monica Morrissey 2005, John Kyatt, Catherine Vendy 1972, Brian Monaghan 2006, Patts Pratt, Patricia Kavanagh, William Radley, Kevin Westrup, Matt Pope 1944, Lino Fratin, Noel Kent, Noel Birrell, Irene O'Connor, William Byrne 1970, Mary Healy 1973, Elsa White 1991, Patricia O'Loughlin 2017, William Alfred Evans 2018, Norman Hearn, Conception Unabia, Adrian Starkie, Anna Phelan 1985, Jack Naylor 2001, Nora Todd-Culph 2006, Leo Crawford 2017,

Golden Gate Roster Sun Oct 29th Harry & Anna/Sun 5th Nov Jim & Jan/ Sun 12th Nov Elizabeth/
Sun Nov 19th Teresa/Sun 26th Nov Harry & Anna/Sun Dec 3rd Jim & Jan

Lake Bolac Roster Sat Oct 28th Reader Tricia Higgins/ Prayers of Faithful Val Albert
Sat Nov 4th Reader Phillip Meek/ Prayers of Faithful Denise Haslett/Cleaning Rosemary Liston
Sat Nov 18th Reader Val Albert/ Prayers of Faithful Deb Glasson

Ararat Roster Sun Oct 29th Facilitator Pat M /Reader Jenny M /Euch Min Marg M
Sun Nov 5th Facilitator Harry C /Reader Teresa G /Euch Min Mary C
Sun Nov 12th Facilitator Cathy McA /Reader Kath L/Euch Min Anna C
Sun Nov 19th Facilitator Peter B/Reader Sr John/Euch Min Charlie R

Stawell Roster Sun Oct 29th S/Minister M Maestros/ Reader D O'Donnell/ Offertory M McGaffin
Sun Nov 5th S/Minister M Rowe/ Reader Mary Rita Thomas / Offertory Pascual Family
Sun Nov 12th S/Minister K Ashton/ Reader K Dallinger/ Offertory Heenan Family
Sun Nov 19th S/Minister M Howard/ Reader J Van Diesen/ Offertory P Gooden/ G Pascall

St Bernard's, Lake Bolac, will be holding a finger food dinner after 6.30 pm Mass, on Saturday, October 28th.

Please bring a plate of finger food to share. A microwave is available to heat food if needed. There will be a giving bowl for donations to support our Indian Mission.

Stawell Inter Church Council The 29th Oct, is the Fifth Sunday ecumenical service in Stawell. It will be in St Patrick's Church at 5pm and will be followed by a cuppa in the hall. We will be praying for Peace. Everyone welcome

Stawell Catholic Women's League will hold it's Annual General Meeting in St Pat's Church hall on Tuesday 31st October at 11.30am. Everyone welcome. Afterwards we will be going out to a café for lunch."

St Patrick's Church - There is a yellow fruit box on the notice sheet table near the organ if you feel able to pop in a grocery donation for those in need in our town and region, on behalf of the Stawell Inter Church Council Welfare Cottage.

The Stawell Inter Church Council welfare Cottage is struggling to keep up with the demand for help and they are seeking grocery donations to help them help those in need. They are particularly looking for donations of tinned items like stew, soup, tuna, vegetables, spaghetti meat sauce. Also soaps, toothbrushes, shampoo, clothes washing powder and dish washing liquid. If you feel able to, could you please buy one extra item when you grocery shop and put it in the donations bin in the church?. There are many in our town and region who are having a hard time making ends meet.

Changes to Parish Pairings in Ballarat

The Diocesan Pastoral Planning people are reviewing the pairings of parishes in Ballarat, including whether our parish will look after Beaufort. More info to come.

Christmas Cards by St Mary's Students

The students at St Mary's have participated in a competition to make Christmas Cards. To help raise money for the St Vinnies Christmas Appeal and Art supplies for the school, the cards will be on sale from the school and after Church on Sundays in Ararat. \$10 for 10 cards. Linda Lyons

Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal

An estimated 1 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health and psychosocial needs. "This is a period of incredible turmoil and sadness. The escalation of violence has only exacerbated needs for the people in Gaza and West Bank, who already live in dire conditions. We are working with our partners on the ground to provide comprehensive and critical support to over 17,000 families affected by this devastating conflict." Sally Thomas, Humanitarian Lead, Caritas Australia. With your support, there will be aid to help partners on the ground to assist people displaced and affected by the current conflict. Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal - scan or click the QR code.



Marist House, Fitzroy: unique living opportunity for university students

Marist House is a residential program for university students studying in Melbourne. It provides a safe, stable and supportive environment. It is hosted by a resident community of Brothers. Situated in Fitzroy it is very accessible to many universities and tertiary colleges. Enquiries for 2024 are most welcome. Contact Br Frank, ph. 0407943473. For more information scan or click the QR code



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. Mental Health Australia invites organisations to participate in the "Look after your mental health, Australia" campaign which will run throughout October. Scan or click the QR code for more information.



Remembrance Day and final viewing - Faith at War

The Ballarat Catholic Diocesan Commission archives currently displays an exhibition which explores priests from the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat who served during WWI, WWII, in Vietnam and Afghanistan. Priests that enlisted from the diocese could serve as Chaplains either in the Australian Army, Australian Royal Air Force or the Australian Royal Navy. Other priests worked at RAAF bases at Ballarat, Hamilton and Nhill where they served men and women working for the AIF. To commemorate Remembrance Day 2023, the "Faith at War" exhibit will remain on display until Monday, November 13, 2023. People wishing to visit the archives can by appointment only Monday to Friday. Alternatively, people can view the display online via the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/stewardship/diocesan-historical-commission/faith-at-war-and-the-priests-who-served-from-the-catholic-diocese-of-ballarat/>. To visit the archives please contact the archivist by email archives@ballarat.catholic.org.au

The guy goes into a pub. He orders 7 pints of beer. He drinks the first pint, the third pint, the 5th, and the 7th pint, and gets up to leave. The barman says, "Why are you not drinking the other three pints?" He says, "Doctors orders." "What do you mean by that?" asks the barman. "I am on medication and my doctor said to me the odd pint is okay."

Scriptural context – Quoting scripture

The question and response that we see in this gospel passage was a common form of scholarly debate in the Jewish tradition. The Pharisees ask Jesus which of the commandments is the greatest. Jesus responds by directly quoting the commandment from the ancient scriptures. His reply, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind,' comes directly from Deuteronomy 6:4. Further, Jesus' followup, 'you must love your neighbour as yourself,' comes from Leviticus 19:18. Deuteronomy and Leviticus are two of the first five books of the Bible that make up the Jewish Torah, or Law.

Living the Gospel – Compassion

Jesus' words call us to love our neighbour as ourselves. We are called to treat others as we would like to be treated ourselves. To be able to do this, we need to picture ourselves in their place – experiencing all that they are experiencing; not imposing our own values and circumstances. To see ourselves in the place of another is the key to responding with compassion. The origin of the word 'compassion' means experiencing with. If we are able to truly 'experience with' another person perhaps then we can genuinely recognise and respond to their needs.

Gospel Focus – Love your neighbour as yourself

There is an implicit, or understood, commandment within the command to love your neighbour as yourself. That is, we must first love ourselves. Whilst to say someone 'loves themselves' is used as a criticism of a person who is a bit too vain, that is not what is intended here. If we are to love others as we love ourselves we must first be content and happy with who we are. It is only when we are comfortable with who we are that we are able to reach out to those around us with compassion.

Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close Reflection by Artist

When Jesus names love as the greatest commandment he does not limit it to 'heart' love. We must love God, ourselves and others with our whole person and that means physically, spiritually and rationally. Jesus indicates that love is a way of life and intrinsic to biblical law and wisdom.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Our religious tradition is founded on love. Actually, life itself is grounded in love. We may not always feel this love, but if we allow ourselves to reflect on life, we will realise this truth. We have been called into being by God's love; and we will only be happy if we live in that love. Thus, when we are directed to love God and love one another, we are not being asked to do something contrary to our nature. Rather, we are being told to live in accord with that nature. We come from God who is love, and so it is in our very nature to love and to be loved. We may sometimes think that it is easier to love God than to love others. It may actually be just the opposite. Other people are tangible. We can see and hear them, interact with them. Their influence in our lives can permeate our consciousness. That is not the way it is with God. Like Moses on the mountain, we can only see the traces of divinity as God passes by (see Ex 33:23). However, we show that we love God in the way we love our neighbour. Love, the foundation of the reign of God, is contagious. When we love others, the reign of God spreads throughout the world. The compassion that we show toward others is a form of evangelisation. It proclaims much louder than any words that the reign of God has been established.

