



Holy Spirit  
Parish  
Gariwerd

# Sunday September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## TWENTY - SIXTH 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

**Numbers 11:25-29**

A reading from the book of Numbers

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9**

**(R.)** The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

**1.** The law of the Lord is perfect; it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R.)**

**2.** The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **(R.)**

**3.** So, in them your servant finds instructions; great reward is in their keeping. But who can detect all his errors? From hidden faults acquit me. **(R.)**

**4.** From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me. Then shall I be blameless, clean from grave sin. **(R.)**

### Second Reading

**James 5:1-6**

A reading from the letter of St James

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back,

calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter, you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

### Gospel Acclamation

**See John 17:17**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

**Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark  
John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us. 'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward. 'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die, nor their fire go out.'



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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

6<sup>th</sup> October  
Genesis 2:18-24/Hebrews 2:9-11/Mark 10:2-12

## 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

## Streatham Mass Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 6.30pm.

## Anniversaries

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 Seear 1969, Pascalle Valente 2011, Edmund Gleeson, Margaret Johnson, Bruce Harrison, Nicholas Cosgrave 1952, Alice Tiddy 1952, Robert Prydderch, Alex Shields, Marjorie Stapleton, Robert Prydderch 1957, Michael Walsh 1995, Frances Woolley 2019, Thomas Turvey 1963, B. Seear 1972, William Power 2009, Nancy Gibson 2010

## Lake Bolac Roster

Sat Sept 28<sup>th</sup> Reader Helen Smith/ Prayer of Faithful Judy Aldous  
Sat Oct 5<sup>th</sup> Reader Jane Higgins/ Prayers of Faithful Val Albert/ Judy Upton  
Sat Oct 19<sup>th</sup> Reader Val Albert/ Prayers of Faithful Helen Smith  
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

## Ararat Roster

Sun Sept 29<sup>th</sup> Facilitator Pat McA / Reader J McA / Euch Min Genara  
Sun Oct 6<sup>th</sup> Facilitator Rebecca / Reader Elizabeth / Euch Min Mary C  
Sun Oct 13<sup>th</sup> Facilitator Pat L / Reader Peter B / Euch Min M Olle  
Sun Oct 20<sup>th</sup> Facilitator Pat McA / Reader J McA / Euch Min Sr John

## Stawell Roster

Sun Sept 29<sup>th</sup> S/Minster G Comitti /Reader D ODonnell / Offertory L Habben  
Sun Oct 6<sup>th</sup> S/Minster M Rowe /Reader L McIntyre / Offertory H Reid  
Sun Oct 13<sup>th</sup> S/Minster H Potter /Reader M Howard/ Offertory M McGaffin  
Sun Oct 20<sup>th</sup> S/Minster L McIntyre /Reader G Madafferi/ Offertory Timor E

**Stawell Inter Church Council** will be holding the Fifth Sunday Ecumenical Service on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 5pm in the City Heart Church of Christ. A cuppa will follow. Everyone is welcome.

**Ararat CWL Annual Meeting** Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024 9.30am start with Mass at 11.30, followed by Lunch at Chalambar Golf Club all welcome.

## Pet Blessing

Ararat Anglican Parish invites everyone to bring your well-behaved pets for a blessing. (Or bring a photo if it's not well-behaved.) Also a dry pet food collection for Ararat Dog Rescue. Sunday October 6, 9.30am.

## 110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees – Sunday, 29 September 2024

The theme of Pope Francis' Message for this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees is "God Walks With His People."

### Pope Francis' Prayer for the 110th World Day of Migrants & Refugees 2024

God Almighty Father, we are your pilgrim Church journeying towards the Kingdom of heaven. We live in our homeland, but as if we were foreigners. Every foreign place is our home, yet every native land is foreign to us. Though we live on earth, our true citizenship is in heaven. Do not let us become possessive of the portion of the world you have given us as a temporary home. Help us to keep walking, together with our migrant brothers and sisters, toward the eternal dwelling you have prepared for us. Open our eyes and our hearts so that every encounter with those in need becomes an encounter with Jesus, your Son and our Lord. Amen.

### Ordination to the Priesthood Mass & Thanksgiving Mass: Cay Trinh

Deacon Cay Trinh will be ordained a priest for the Diocese of Ballarat on Saturday, November 23, 2024 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 10.30am. All welcome to attend. A light lunch will follow in the Hall. For those not able to attend, the Mass will be livestreamed. People of the Diocese of Ballarat are invited to form the choir for this Mass (further details to come). Cay will celebrate his Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, November 24, 2024 at St Patrick's Cathedral at 5.00pm. All welcome to attend. A light supper will follow in the Hall.

### Position Vacant - Archivist

The Catholic Diocese of Ballarat requires an appropriately skilled individual to manage its extensive archives collection and take carriage of the historical engagement program across the diocese, which includes liaising with the Professional Standards team and other diocesan leadership to identify and appropriately secure historical records and artifacts throughout the diocese. There will be a requirement to travel regionally from time to time to engage with venues and artifacts of significance within the diocese and promote the significance of the collection broadly. Scan or click the QR code for more information.



### "Ecumenical and Interfaith Works in the Local Churches: hopes, dreams and challenges" - online event

The Commission for Christian Unity and Inter-Religious Dialogue of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference is conducting an online event, "Ecumenical and Interfaith Works in the Local Churches: hopes, dreams and challenges", on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, from 7.00pm - 9.00pm (AEDT). This online gathering offers an opportunity for interconnection and formation for Catholics working in ecumenical and interfaith works in their local Church. Fr Anthony Curren, who has worked in the Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity and who is currently ministering in the diocese of Hexham and Newcastle in the United Kingdom, will be providing the keynote address. Fr Curren will bring his understanding of the ecumenical world, especially in Anglican and Methodist relations, along with practical considerations for the local level. Following the address from Fr Curren, there will be an opportunity to engage in small group discussions to discuss what is happening locally and seek ideas as to anything that would assist in this work. For further information, contact Mrs Louise Zavone [louise.zavone@catholic.org.au](mailto:louise.zavone@catholic.org.au)

### Have you thought? Jealousy

The disciples are portrayed as being jealous of someone healing in the name of Jesus. It is almost an intellectual property argument – you can't use Jesus' name to heal, only we can 'cause we're with Jesus. Their attitude sounds quite childish but it is an attitude we encounter all the time – and are perhaps guilty of ourselves at times. In our world that encourages competitive behaviour at every turn, Jesus' attitude is a challenging one – if good is being done, why care who gets the credit for it? Perhaps politicians would get more done if they weren't concerned about getting credit for what they do.

### Living the Gospel – Cut it out!

The thought of cutting off a hand or foot or tearing out an eye seems a bit extreme if taken literally. Whilst Jesus didn't mean for us to do a bit of self-surgery, if we find ourselves caught in behaviour that is self-destructive or hurtful to others, the only solution is quite literally to 'cut it out'. We know within ourselves when our actions are life-giving or life-harming. Surprisingly we often persist with harmful behaviour even when we know it's harmful. Jesus' solution is simple: cut out the negative behaviour and get back on track. That's the principle behind Reconciliation.

If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ, you will not lose your reward. Whoever gives water to drink to one of these little ones who believe in me, he will certainly receive the reward of me. If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ



## Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close - Reflection by Artist

Jesus is calling on his disciples to be generous and life-giving in this reading from Mark's gospel. Even the gift of a cup of water is a valuable service when Christ is recognised in the transaction.

## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate - Beyond the Boundaries

An easy way to deal with this Gospel: 'anyone who is not against us is for us,' would be to emphasise the transformation of the relationship of Catholics with Protestants. Too easy. But what about our relationship with the Muslims? There is a huge gulf between Muslims and us about Jesus Christ. Muslims do not even believe that he was killed on the cross, let alone raised to life. We hold to the testimony and the faith of the Apostles. But Catholics also believe that the Divine Wind blows where it pleases amongst all people of all religious traditions (and of none). In the

early Church this was expressed by saying that the Seeds of the Word were sown by the Holy Spirit in the hearts of all human beings. We need to recognise the Seed of the Word in Islam – our shared belief in the one God, Creator of the cosmos, Lord of history, merciful and just. The task of the Church is to bring that Seed closer to the illumination of Divine Light so that it may eventually grow in belief that God is indeed One in the loving relationship of Triune life.

The world is holding its breath over the encounter of the Catholic Church and Islam. There is a history of mutual violence and contemporary barbarities which are inhumane and blasphemous. But, in the face of indifference and hostility to religion, at least in the West, it is good to acknowledge what we share in common. We may take a moment to pray for the grace to relate to those Muslims whom we know in our own society in light of our faith that the Divine Wind has sown and is nurturing the Seed of the Word amongst them.



## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The question of legitimacy of ministry is not a new one. There is a certain amount of tension between the institutional and the charismatic aspects of the church. To say that one is Spirit-driven and the other is not is to misunderstand Jesus' promise to remain with the church until the end of time. God normally calls ministers through the structures of the community. The authorities of the church are usually the ones who make the ultimate decisions about the needs of the church, how these needs are to be met, and who is to meet them. That is one of the responsibilities of their office. However, God calls in other ways as well. A solid biblical tradition maintains that the Spirit is not confined to human structure or custom. We see this in the judges, the prophets, and even the early kings. The Pentecost story describes the coming of the Spirit upon all people – sons and daughters, young and old, slaves and free. When God calls it is up to us to recognise that call and to test its spirit. Perhaps the primary criterion we have for judging is the biblical measure: By their fruits you shall know them. Today we also see that those who benefit from exploitation of the vulnerable will reap the fruits of their sin. This warning stems from the belief in the justice of God. Just as we believe that God will not allow the righteous to go unrewarded, so we are confident that neither will the wicked escape punishment.

**The Anglican Parish of Ararat**

# HYMIN FEST

**Come and Sing  
Top 10 all time favorite hymns  
accompanied by  
internationally acclaimed  
organist, Scott Harrison and  
Dave Tolputt, member of Ararat  
City Brass Band.**

**6<sup>th</sup> October 3pm @**

**Holy Trinity, Ararat**

**Followed by country style lavish  
afternoon tea**

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