



Holy Spirit
Parish
Gariwerd

Sunday July 2, 2023

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME YEAR 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 **2 Kgs 4:8-11. 14-16**

A reading from the second book of the Kings
One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us, he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her, and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said, 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 88:2-3. 16-19. R. v.2**

(R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.
1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. (R.)
2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss. (R.)
3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; it is by your favour that our might is exalted: for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. (R.)

Second Reading **Rom 6:3-4. 8-11**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised, we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him anymore. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation **1 Pt 2:9**

Alleluia, alleluia!
You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.
Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Mt 10:37-42**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. 'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me. 'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward. 'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'



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Mass Times

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

Readings for next Sunday

July 9th, 2023
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
Zec 9:9-10/Rom 8:9.11-13/Mt 11:25-30

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

Changes to Masses this Week

This week the Tuesday 10am Masses in Stawell will be on Thursday morning at 10am.

Anniversaries

Peter Hinchey, Michael Taylor, Norman Gow, Aileen McIntyre, Fr Maurie Dullard S.J, Judy Oliver 1984, John Healy 1989, Meryl Jacobs, Don Edwards, Dorothy Fox, Alfred Evans 1971, James Rathgeber 1990, Vincent McDonald 1998, Tanya Tobin, Nicole Holloway, Fr. Mick Fitzpatrick, Bernard Walker 1998, Bryant Grace 2007, Flo Flanagan, Norman Hoare, Jack Todd, Fr Don Gobbi, Elizabeth Shelvin, William Neilson 1952, John Fudge 1981, Veronica Stewart 1992, Tommy Eastick, Jessica Topp 1989, Gerard Lillis, Elias Alimasag, Nellie Flynn 1955, Alicia Healy 1985, Doris Smith 2009, Aileen Melbourne Mary Lea, Doreen Stephans, Bern Donovan, Robert Rutter, Ian Phillips, David Breen, Josef Neulist, John Phillips, Elizabeth Raycroft 1946, John Zala 1968, Robert Rutter 2007.

Golden Gate Roster Sun 2nd July Margaret

Lake Bolac Roster
Sat July 1st Reader Leanne Breen// Prayers of Faithful Jane Higgins/ Cleaning Tricia Higgins
Sat July 15th Reader Rosemary Liston// Prayers of Faithful Phillip Meek
Sat July 29th Reader Helen Smith// Prayers of Faithful Judy Aldous

Ararat Roster
Sun July 2nd Welcomer Lorna R //Facilitator Rebecca //Reader Elizabeth Sh //Euch Min Marg O
Sun July 9th Welcomer Blessie S //Facilitator Pat L //Reader Peter B //Euch Min Mary C
Sun July 16th Welcomer Genaro //Facilitator Cathy McA//Reader Jan C //Euch Min Jim C
Sun July 23rd Welcomer Rosalie N //Facilitator Harry//Reader Charlie R//Euch Min Anna C
Sun July 30th Welcomer Rosie//Facilitator Peter Bren// Reader Kath L//Euch Min Marg M

Stawell Roster
Sun July 2nd S/Minister Marg Rowe // Reader Kevin Dallinger / Offertory Pascall Family
Sun July 9th S/Minister Helen Potter // Reader Joan Van Diesen / Offertory Heenan Family
Sun July 16th S/Minister Kath Ashton // Reader Lesley Morgan / Offertory P Gooden &G Pascall
Sun July 23rd S/Minister Mary Rita Thomas // Reader D O'Donnell / Offertory J Croton
Sun July 30th S/Minister Marg Rowe // Reader Kevin Dallinger / Offertory L Habben

Planned Giving

A reminder that the new planned-giving envelopes have arrived for those who asked for them. **All parishioners in the planned-giving program will have new numbers.** Ararat will start having two collections from today

Stawell Baptist Church Thankyou to everyone who helped make the last Service of the Stawell Baptist Church such a great celebration. Your prayers, messages, attendance and help with the catering was a great support to the Baptist congregation. About 80 attended the Service and about 100 were able to share lunch. What could have been a sad occasion was filled with remembrance and joy.”

Collection for the Work of the Pope

This annual collection for the work of the Vatican will take place this weekend, **July 2**.

Celebration with Stawell Anglican Church - Sunday July 2

Both parishes have wonderful new additions to celebrate in our churches. At St Patrick's we have been using our beautiful new baptism font, a gift from the Anglican parish. The Anglicans are installing a new Marian shrine with a framed artwork and candle holder. The candle holder is a gift from St Patrick's. For those who are able, we will pray and bless the mutual gifts. At St Patrick's we will bless our new Marian chapel at the same time.

10am Anglican Mass at Holy Trinity

10.30am Catholic Mass at St Patrick's (30 minute Mass)

11.15am approx Prayer and Blessing of Marian shrine at Holy Trinity

11.45am approx Prayer and blessing of baptism font and Marian chapel at St Patrick's

12.15pm approx Lunch in St Patrick's Hall

For catering purposes please RSVP to gariwerd@ballarart.catholic.org or phone 53525460

St Vincent de Paul Need a bit of help with donations of food over the winter months. There is a food bin in the foyer of St Marys Ararat church for you to put any items you choose to donate into. Suggested items; soup, spaghetti, baked beans, noodles, tea, coffee, sugar, long life milk, cereal, or any other non perishable items are always gratefully accepted. We thank you for your support

Vinnies Winter Appeal

The St Vincent de Paul Society's annual Winter Appeal will focus on the number of older women experiencing and at risk of homelessness. Vinnies are also experiencing an increase in the number of people seeking assistance for the first time. Donations can be made at <https://www.vinnies.org.au/nswwinterwarmthappeal> on 13 18 12 and at all Vinnies Shops. Donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible.

One Journey, Together

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) has launched a new website called "One Journey, Together" for Catholics to learn about the Indigenous Voice Referendum. The website hosts voices from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and organisations, Catholic figures and Catholic organisations. On July 2, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday, NATSICC is launching its Kitchen Table Conversation resource and encouraging parishes, schools, families and other Catholic groups to host a morals-based discussion on the referendum on Sunday or in the coming weeks. NATSICC invites Catholics to consider the upcoming referendum reflectively and prayerfully. Visit www.indigenousvoice.church to access the Kitchen Table Conversation resource or find out more.

Sea Sunday: July 9, 2023

Next week is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be an Appeal for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. Funds collected will be used to provide practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously. To donate or for more information go to www.stellamarisaustralia.org.

Victorian container deposit scheme fundraising opportunities

Fundraising opportunities will be available through the Victorian container deposit scheme (starting in November 2023) which will see 10 cents refunded from each eligible container that is returned to a refund collection point. Charities and community groups have the opportunity to benefit through fundraising by collecting containers, registering to receive donations or refunds from others, initiating a collection drive and apply to run a refund collection point. More information available from the CSSV website <https://css.org.au/opportunities-for-fundraising-through-new-victorian-container-deposit-scheme/>

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate Christianity not a Cult

In the early Church, Christianity ripped families apart. Good Jewish families would have been appalled to see their sons and daughters go off to follow a crucified blasphemer. Good reason to keep apart in the synagogue, avoiding damnable pollution. This sectarianism contrasted with the Christians who fearlessly went out into the world.

St John Paul II personified what it is to be Catholic. But, he pressed a prayer into a crack in the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem and as an old man shuffled across the floor of a Mosque in Syria.

Of course, there was no compromise of belief and faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, denied by both Jews and Muslims. But his actions were not those of one with the siege mentality of the member of a cult. Rather, he was able to respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit to take these steps recognising what was good amongst the *adherents* of those faiths.

We could pause for a moment to implore the Holy Spirit to break us out from any constricting cult-like tendencies so that we can go out into the world powerfully proclaiming the resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we are faced with the cost of discipleship, but we are also comforted by the promise of the providence of God. Baptism is for us both death and life. Through it we enter into Christ's death and we die to lives of selfishness and sin. Through it we rise with Christ to a new life freed from everything that previously held us down. As glorious as this new life might be, it requires death to our old ways of living, and this is always difficult.

The cost of discipleship cuts right to the core of our beings, it lays bare the very structures of kinship. Baptism recreates us as children of God; through it we are given a new life and born into a new family. The bonds of discipleship are now even stronger than the bonds of blood. Discipleship requires our very lives. As disciples we can no longer put ourselves first. We must be willing to spend ourselves and to be spent, to serve others in the day to day unfolding of life. We may find such commitment very demanding, but that is part of the cost of discipleship. God promises that if we lose our lives in this way, we will really gain them. If we are unselfish in the way we share ourselves with others, we will be enriched through our generosity. If we spend ourselves and are spent in our service of others we will be filled with blessings unimaginable.

LECTIONARY ART and REFLECTION by Jenny Close

Reflection by Artist

Again Jesus calls his trusted twelve to him and describes what it means to be a disciple. Among other things it means being compassionate and generous, which the gospel writer represents as offering a cup of cold water to 'these little ones'.

REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

In today's Gospel Jesus talks to us about service.

If Jesus appeared to you in the flesh and asked you to be a special disciple, what do you imagine that might entail?

How do you picture 'big-time' service – living in the inner city? volunteering at a shelter? spending a week at a mission? doing voluntary work for a summer? or joining a missionary order and spending the rest of your life in Africa?

How do you picture 'ordinary' service? Give some examples. Some jobs have great potential for simple human service, for example, smiling and being extra friendly as you bag groceries, looking out for what the children may need as you babysit, noticing whose coffee cup is empty as you wait on tables, or being sure the newspapers you deliver are always placed close to your customers' door.

What are some simple things that you might do every day that can be compared to giving someone a cup of cold water?

What kind of reward do you think comes to someone who serves another?

