



Holy Spirit
Parish
Gariwerd

Sunday June 30th, 2024

THIRTEENTH 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 Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

A reading from the book of Wisdom
Death was not God's doing, he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living. To be – for this he created all; the world's created things have health in them, in them no fatal poison can be found, and Hades holds no power on earth; for virtue is undying. Yet God did make man imperishable, he made him in the image of his own nature; it was the devil's envy that brought death into the world, as those who are his partners will discover.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. v.2 (R.) I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. (R.)
2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment: his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. (R.)
3. The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing, O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 8:7. 9. 13-15

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
You always have the most of everything – of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection – so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.

Gospel Acclamation 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 5:21-24. 35-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him. Some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it and told them to give her something to eat.



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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

7TH July 2024
Ezekiel 2:2-5 /2 Corinthians 12:7-10/Mark 6:1-6

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

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

Stawell Ecumenical Service This Sunday 30th June at 5pm in the Uniting Church, Stawell, this will be the Fifth Sunday Ecumenical Service. Cuppa to follow. Everyone welcome.

Recent Death: William Gerritsen, Fr Barry Ryan

Anniversaries: Bob Rutter, Kit Morris, Nicholas Kalomiris, Dennis Keogh, Tony Van Diesen, Bernard Maddocks, Robert Rutter 1981, John Murphy 1989, Hellen Stewart 1992, John Krause 1998, Joan Noone 2015, Bernard Maddocks 2016, Antonius Van Diesen 2016, Richard O'Neill, Tony Niccolaci, Alan McLoughlin, Ronald Seear 2003, Peter Hinchey, Michael Taylor, Norman Gow, Aileen McIntyre, Fr Maurie Dullard S.J, Judy Olver 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.

Lake Bolac Roster

Sat Jul 6th Reader Jane Higgins/ Prayer of Faithful Deb Glasson / Cleaning Rosemary Liston
Sat Jul 20th Reader Mick Brennan/ Prayer of Faithful Rosemary Liston
Sat Aug 3rd Reader Deb Glasson/ Prayer of Faithful Tricia Higgins/ Cleaning Tricia Higgins
Sat Aug 17th Reader Damian Phillips/ Prayer of Faithful Helen Smith
Sat Aug 31st Reader Leanne Breen/ Prayer of Faithful Jane Higgins

Ararat Roster

Sun Jun 30th Facilitator Kath L /Reader P Brennan /Euch Min Marg M

Stawell Roster

Sun Jun 30th S/Minster M Howard/Reader M R Thomas/ Offertory J Croton
Sun Jul 7th S/Minster H Potter /Reader G Madafferi/ Offertory Pascual Family
Sun Jul 14^t S/Minster M Rowe /Reader M Howard/ Offertory L Habben
Sun Jul 21st S/Minster K Ashton /Reader M R Thomas/ Offertory M McGaffin
Sun Jul 28th S/Minster M Rowe /Reader C Barker/ Offertory G Pascall
Sun Aug 4th S/Minster M R Thomas/ Reader Kevin Dallinger/Offertory Heenan family
Sun Aug 11th S/Minster Kath Ashton/ Reader Di O'Donnell/ Offertory/J Croton
Sun Aug 18th S/Minster Moyra Maestros/Reader Gerry Madafferi /Offertory Pascual family
Sun Aug 25th S/Minster Helen Potter/Reader Michelle Howard/Offertory Lesley Habben

Ararat CWL Coffee Afternoon on Tuesday 9th July'24 2pm at The Ararat

Fr Barry Ryan RIP

The Funeral Mass for Fr Barry Ryan will be held on Monday, July 1, 2024 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat. The Funeral Mass will also be livestreamed - more information available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/fr-barry-ryan-rip/>

Insurance

At the Council of Priests meeting on Tuesday we had a lengthy discussion about what other parishes are doing with insurance. It was telling the number of churches that are now not insured, other than public liability and the like. We spoke about the need for appropriate arrangements if we were to lose a church in the future, capacity to rebuild out of existing funds, the possibility of sharing with another denomination. For now, we're paying our \$8,000 each month. More thinking to do.

St Pat's Hall

At the Parish Pastoral Council this week we determined to move the piano from St Pat's Hall to the presbytery in Ararat, for safe storage until a time comes that we have a use for the piano. We also determined to move some blue stacker chairs from the Ararat Parish Centre to St Pat's Hall to replace the black chairs. The Parish centre chairs are nicer, and there are 100 of them. We never use them all at once. To that end, the black chairs in St Pat's Hall are free to a good home, or a donation if you are able.

Back Your Neighbour

Ararat Rural City Mayor, Cr Bob Sanders, urges the community to follow the [#BackYourNeighbour](#) campaign and sign its petition (<https://www.megaphone.org.au/.../support-people-seeking...>), which calls on the Federal Government to fulfil seven actions (Fr Andrew can only find 6) which will support asylum seekers until they can move forward with their lives in a positive way.

1. Provide everyone with a valid visa with work, travel and study rights.
2. Expand the Status Resolution Support Services (SRSS) eligibility criteria and simplify the application process so that people in need can access health care, disability, housing support and other essential services.
3. Ensure an independent, timely and fair application and merits review process for all humanitarian applications.
4. Provide people who have received a negative refugee determination under the 'Fast Track' system with a fair review process.
5. Continue to invest resources to urgently clear the backlog of asylum applications and appeals.
6. Abolish temporary visas and replace them with permanent protection visas and pathways to citizenship for all humanitarian arrivals.

Collection for the Work of the Pope

The annual collection for the work of the pope will be taken up at Masses this weekend.

Sport can lead the way to Christ

Like many other countries, Australia is passionate about sport. But how are the Church, faith and sport connected and why should they be? Whether competing, supporting or encouraging play for health, sport is part of our family and social life. In sport we experience community and teamwork, sacrifice and dedication, the benefits of rules and fair play, the highs of success and the learnings that come with defeat. We learn from coaches, parents and friends as we put in the extra effort to train or to attend games. Sport forms us not only in the skills of play or competition, but in life experiences that form our personal human development. The Church and sport can learn from each other in many ways. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has published a new document that explains how sport is a gift that can draw people closer to Christ.

Catholic teachers and leaders offered a new certification in Catholic Social Ecology

The Catholic Institute of Western Australia (CIWA) has expanded its course offerings to encompass a distinctive Professional Certificate of Catholic Social Ecology. The certification will provide students with advanced standing options towards either a Master of Education or a Master of Education (Religious Education) degree at the University of Notre Dame Australia. The certification is comprised of two courses, both of which are based on resources from Caritas Australia and Catholic Earthcare Australia: CIWA 6080, Catholic Social Teaching; CIWA 6120, God and Integral Ecology. These courses will be delivered by staff from the CIWA, a recognised tertiary and educational body established by the Catholic Bishops of Western Australia. Find out more at https://catholicinstitute.wa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Term-2-CIWA-Courses-for-Teachers_Leaders-and-University-Students-2024-2.pdf.

REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

Reflecting on this Gospel passage, Pope Francis points out that the key protagonists are not disciples of Jesus in the strict sense of the term. They are drawn to him. They reach out to him for help. They are followers, of a sort, but not yet fully-fledged disciples. Nonetheless, it was with such people open to faith that Jesus worked miracles. As the Pope suggests, these protagonists 'show Jesus as the wellspring of life, as the One who restores life to those who trust fully in him.' 'From this,' the Pope affirms, 'we understand that all are permitted on the Lord's path.' The Pope reminds us that 'no one should feel as an intruder, an interloper or one who has no right.' Our parishes therefore should always be places of welcome and inclusion. 'To have access to His heart,' the Pope says, 'there is only one requirement: to feel in need of healing and to entrust yourself to Him.' That is true for us, and true for those who wish to join us. The Pope wants us to remember that Jesus 'has brought us the infinite mercy of the Father' and that we 'are called to learn and imitate' him. With our words, our gazes, our actions, and our attitudes, we are called to welcome and nurture the gift of faith wherever we might find it.

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel passage presents two miracle accounts, one, in effect, 'interrupting' or being framed by the other. Jesus is approached by the synagogue official, Jairus, to come and heal his dying daughter. In the milling and surging crowd, Jesus suddenly becomes aware of being touched by someone. The story of the woman with a haemorrhage is a story of social and religious isolation as much as it is a story of illness and pain. Because of the Jewish prohibitions against blood, the woman would have been regarded as permanently impure and unclean. She would have been unable to engage in any worship; she could not touch another person without also making them unclean; she was effectively outcast for the 12 years of her illness. She knew it would be forbidden for her to touch Jesus openly but took her chances of being unobserved in the crowd – she risked all on the belief that even touching Jesus' cloak might heal her. Jesus immediately stopped and drew attention to the woman. By doing so he made it clear to her that it was her faith that had healed her (a feature of healing stories in the Gospel of Mark). His actions also made it clear to the crowd that she was now healed and should not be shunned any longer; she was publicly declared fit to re-enter society and religious participation. After 12 years of virtual non-existence, the woman was now able to begin her life again. The delay, however, meant that Jairus' daughter was dead by the time Jesus arrived. Undeterred, Jesus performs another miracle and raises the girl from death. The girl was 12 years old – the same 12 years the woman suffered with a haemorrhage – and now she too was able to begin her life again. There is a neatness and a completeness about the two stories.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate - Subverting the Social Order

Jesus is on his way to fulfil the request of a named male synagogue official who has given voice on behalf of his ill daughter. Jesus is stopped in his tracks by an unnamed voiceless female who has been ostracised from the social and religious life of the town. Part of her healing is to get her voice back. She tells Jesus everything and he addresses her with the beautiful title, 'Daughter'. Imagine the joy of this woman hearing such a term of affectionate relationship. Jesus went on: '... your faith has made you whole: go in peace and be healed of your disease.' Jesus did not regard this as an interruption to his journey to heal the daughter of Jairus. Stopping was an absolute priority subverting the expectations and power structures of society. The healing presence of Jesus was, and is, radically egalitarian. Perhaps we could take a moment to pray that we have the courage to touch the hem of Our Lord's cloak in Confession. There we can tell him everything which has left us ill-at-ease in our relationship with God, our fellow human beings and in ourselves. With confidence in his Divine power, we can ask him to heal the disease in some part of our personality. Hear him respond: "Daughter (or son), your faith has made you whole: go in peace and be healed of your disease". Then, share in the joy of the woman of our Gospel story.

