

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 **Gen 12: 1-4**

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:

I will curse those who slight you.

All the tribes of the earth

shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22**

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **(R.)**

2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**

3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

Second Reading **2 Tm 1:8-10**

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

Gospel Acclamation **Mt 17:5**

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

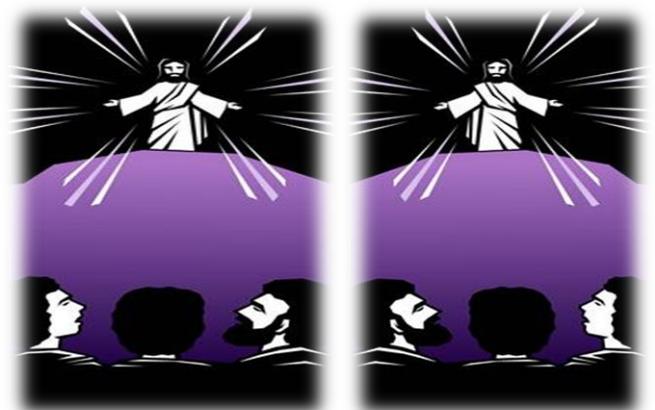
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Gospel **Mt 17:1-9**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'



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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

March 12th, 2023
Third Sunday of Lent Year A
Ex17:3-7/Rom5:1-2,5-8/Jn4:5-15.19-29.39-42

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

Masses This Week

**Tuesday 7th Fr Andrew has a meeting in Ballarat; therefore, Tuesday's Mass in Stawell will be cancelled.
There will be Lenten discussion in Stawell at 10am.
St Patrick's Church Closed on Monday 6th March due to electrical and sound work to be carried out.**

Anniversaries

Matthew Leggett, Brian Walshe, Nell Hooper, Flora Coad, Alison Burmeister, Arthur Spiller, Mary Radley, Bill Lavery, Mons Tom O'Brien, Jim Rix, Mavis Stewart, Marcia Shalders, Arthur Spiller, Thomas Smith 1962, Dulcie O'Connor 1963, William (Bill) Holzgal 1972, Dennis McMahon 1998, Peter Wister 2008, Beryl Walsh 2020, Fr Thomas O'Brien, Geoff Dohnt, Bernadette Ferguson, Julie O'Brien, Brian Toner, Bill Campigli, Keith Peters 1980, Dulcie Stewart 1982, Kaye Dalton, William Kneebone, Gwen Clark, Teresa Cairns, Robyn Millard, John Duscher 1944, Bertha Naylor 1970, Fr. Matt McGloin, James Healy 1984, John Sullivan 1999, Jason Bond, Stanley Mair 1968, Marjorie Forster 1988, Theresa Lightfoot 2003, John Heyward 2008, Francis Vernon (Frank), Tom Hennessy, Phillip Comitti 1981,

Golden Gate Roster

Sun 5th Mar Elizabeth/12th Mar Jim & Jan/19th Mar Elizabeth/26th Mar Teresa
Sun 2nd Apr Harry & Anna/ 9th Apr Jim & Jan/ 16th Apr Margaret/ 23rd Apr Teresa/
Sun 30th Apr Harry & Anna
Sun May 7th Jim & Jan/14th May Elizabeth

Lake Bolac Roster

Sat Mar 4th Reader Helen Smith// Prayers of Faithful Judy Aldous //Cleaning Jane Higgins
Sat Mar 18th Reader Tricia Higgins// Prayers of Faithful Val Albert
Sat Apr 1st Reader Phillip Meek//Prayers of Faithful Denise Haslett//Cleaning Judy Upton

Ararat Roster

Sun Mar 5th Welcomer Gwen M//Facilitator Teresa G// Reader Sr John//Euch Min Marg M
Sun Mar 12th Welcomer Mateo//Facilitator P Brennan//Reader Kath L//Euch Min Anna C

Stawell Roster

Sun 5th Mar S/Minister M Rowe// Reader C Barker// Offertory P Gooden/G Pascall
Sun 12th Mar S/Minister K Ashton// Reader L Morgan// Offertory J Croton
Sun 19th Mar S/Minister M Howard// Reader J Van Diesen// Offertory L Habben
Sun 26th Mar S/Minister H Potter// Reader D O'Donnell// Offertory Heenan Family
Sun 2nd Apr S/Minister J Van Diesen// Reader C Barker// Offertory Pascual Family

Lenten Stations of the Cross

There will be Stations of The Cross prayed each Friday at 10am in St Pat's Church Stawell. Everyone invited.

Lenten Discussion Groups

Stawell - Tuesdays after 10am Mass in the hall.

Ararat - Thursdays 10am in the Office Meeting Room

Easter Schedule

Holy Thursday Ararat 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday Stawell 3pm Passion

Holy Saturday Lake Bolac Easter Vigil 6.30pm

Easter Sunday Ararat 8.30am // Stawell 10.30am // Landsborough 12.30pm

Other Prayers on Good Friday

Stawell 11.30am "A walk through the Easter Story" in the Stawell Town hall carpark garden. BYO chair optional.

Ararat 11am - Anglican Stations of the Cross Alexander Gardens, Ararat

Ararat 3pm Anglican Church Passion

Holy Saturday 6.30pm Easter Vigil Lake Bolac

Easter Sunday - 9th April. Dawn Service on Stawell's Big Hill. Beginning at 6.30am, followed by a breakfast in the Uniting Church hall.

8.30am Ararat

10.30am Stawell

12.30pm Landsborough

Ritchies IGA Stawell are renewing their Loyalty Card Program. All points on the new loyalty cards must be allocated to a Community Benefit Program organization.

The Cottage helps those in need in Stawell and region who are suffering food insecurity. The Cottage is run by Stawell Inter Church Council welfare. If you would like to support us, please nominate Stawell Inter Church Council as your points beneficiary. 100% of this points money will be used to buy food for the Cottage to distribute to those in need in our area."

Vinnies (Victoria) Back to School Appeal

More than 1 million Victorian students headed back to – or started – school this year. For a rising number of their families, it's getting harder to find the funds to ensure that their children have everything they need in order to learn and grow. The Vinnies Education (Back-to-School) Appeal – which launched on February 1 – is needed now more than ever. To donate go to <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/back-to-school-appeal-vic-2023>

Competition for Jubilee 2025 Hymn

The Dicastery for Evangelization invites entries for the Hymn for the Holy Year 2025, encouraging interested persons to set to music a provided text which expresses the essence of the Jubilee event. Interested participants in the competition are invited to set to music a text proposed by the Dicastery's Section for Fundamental Questions regarding Evangelization in the World, which expresses the essence of the jubilee event. The hymn is intended to have a liturgical purpose and should be capable of being sung by a Church congregation and by a schola cantorum. Entries close on March 25, 2023. More information available from <http://www.evangelizatio.va/content/pcpne/en/news/giubileo-2022-09-19.html>

ACRATH: Students respond to Pope Francis' call for change makers

With support from ACRATH member Sr Colleen Jackson rsc, Australian and New Zealand Catholic secondary school students are responding to a call from Pope Francis to be the change makers in the struggle against human trafficking. Through contributing to a video made by ACRATH and Talitha Kum, they hope to influence other young people to act and help eradicate forced labour from the production of chocolate, clothing and technology. The video and further information is available at <https://acrath.org.au/videos/our-pilgrimage-for-dignity/>

ACRATH: Take the bitterness out of chocolate

Easter chocolate is already on the supermarket shelves, so let's recommit to using our chocolate dollars to buy slavery-free chocolate this year. It's also the right time to tell our families, friends and communities about the exploitation of children in chocolate production. Encourage them to start buying slavery-free chocolate now – and to keep going after Easter. You can find the Be Slavery Free Chocolate Scorecard at <https://www.beslaveryfree.com/chocolate>. The scorecard published in 2022 and updated before Easter, features most of your favourite brands and explains how they rate in several key areas including child labour, payment of a living income and the impact on climate.



**Sun, 5th March,
10:00AM**

Victorian Open Mosque Day

1 - Birdwood Avenue, Ararat . VIC 3377

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ASSOCIATION AND ICV WOULD
LIKE TO FORMALLY INVITE YOU
TO ATTEND OUR ANNUAL
STATE-WIDE MOSQUE OPEN
THIS YEAR

Everyone is welcome to participate - The Victorian Open Mosque Day is a celebration of dialogue, respect, and understanding between and amongst all the communities that comprise this state's rich mosaic



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Second Sunday of Lent 4 & 5 March



Thu lives in Vietnam. When Thu was 12 years old, he stepped on an unexploded land mine and lost his leg.

Living with a disability in rural Vietnam presented many challenges for Thu, who worked mainly as a rice farmer. Thu also took on the role of caring for his wife, Linh, after she suffered a stroke.

Determined to turn their lives around, Thu and Linh joined the Empowerment of People with Disabilities program, run by Caritas Australia's local partner in Vietnam, the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development (SRD).

For Thu, the greatest impact the program has had is enabling the change in Linh's physical and mental wellbeing. With the support of a physiotherapist, Linh can now walk short distances with the aid of a walking stick.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow ***For All Future Generations.***

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

