



Holy Spirit  
Parish  
Gariwerd

# Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## TWENTY - SEVENTH 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

**Genesis 2:18-24**

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed: 'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.' This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 127. R. v.5**

**(R.)** May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands, you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. **(R.)**
2. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. **(R.)**
3. Indeed, thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life! May you see your children's children. On Israel, peace! **(R.)**

### Second Reading

**Hebrews 2:9-11**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind. As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom

everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

### Gospel Acclamation

**cf 1 John 4:12**

Alleluia, alleluia!

If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

**Mark 10:2-12**

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another, she is guilty of adultery too.'



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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

13<sup>th</sup> October  
Wisdom 7:7-11/Hebrews 4:12-13/Mark 10:17-30

## 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

**Recent Deaths** Joe Pinzone and Mark Eastick

## Anniversaries

Margaret Ryan, Joe Hayes, Mary Kelly, Kaz Grabowski, Judith Haberecht-Reid, Natasha Eastick, Theresa Healy 1952, Margaret Jess 2005, John Jess 2019, Kevin Joyce, Tom Ryan, Seamus Hennessy, Elywn Lillis, Annie Larkan 1972 Frederick Waring, Carmen Claridge, Bill Canty, Glen Lister, Gerry Lillis, Ian Brown, Daniel Resnik, Daniel Francis O'Rourke 1955, Kathleen Monaghan 1961, Bernice Lane, John McLaughlin, Robert Carmody, Mary Cameron 1995, Mary Ann Rutter 1997, Esther O'Gorman 1999, Sharyn Soule 2015, Margaret Thomas, Teresa O'Loughlan, Anne Hinchey, Rachel Gration, Kevin Molloy, Rudjip Sexton 1943, Iris Gavan 2007, Evelyn Newall 2011, Dianne Nijhof, Lilian Young, Margaret Day 1967.

## Lake Bolac Roster

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 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  
Sun Oct 27<sup>th</sup> Facilitator Harry / Reader Pat L / Euch Min Anna  
Sun Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> Facilitator Peter B / Reader Teresa G / Euch Min Marg M

## Stawell Roster

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  
Sun Oct 27<sup>th</sup> S/Minster MR Thomas /Reader K Dallinger/ Offertory Heenan F  
Sun Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> S/Minster K Ashton /Reader MR Thomas/ Offertory J Croton

**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.

## Communion from the Chalice

Dear People of the Diocese,

In the early days of the Covid pandemic, one of the adjustments made was suspending the practice of sharing communion from the chalice. As Covid restrictions have been lifted, some have asked me about reintroducing the option of communion from the chalice in our diocese of Ballarat. When I wrote about this in April this year, we were actually facing a surge in Covid cases in hospitals in our diocese and medical advisors were concerned because of the greater risk of various infections in winter. So, even though some other dioceses in Australia had reintroduced communion from the chalice by then, I indicated that we would wait a while longer. However, now that we are looking towards the warmer months of the year, I consider that it is time to reintroduce the option of communion from the chalice. In the diocese of Ballarat, communities may reintroduce the option of communion from the chalice from November 1 this year. From All Saints Day, local communities will be free to offer communion from the chalice to any of the faithful who wish to take this option. I leave it to the judgment of the Parish Priest or Administrator in each place to arrange when and how communion is offered from the chalice. The practices may vary from place to place. However, the common aim is to allow the faithful to receive Christ under the appearance of wine as well as under the appearance of bread, following the words of Jesus "Take and eat" and "Take and drink". In this way, communion is more clearly a sign of sharing in Christ's heavenly banquet. In making the chalice available, care should be taken to follow good hygiene practices. The person ministering the chalice should wipe the rim of the chalice inside and out with a purifier before offering the chalice to the next communicant. Anyone who is feeling unwell should refrain from taking the chalice. After Mass, it is good to wash chalices in hot water. From All Saints Day, communicants in our diocese will again have the option of communion from the chalice. May the revival of this practice enrich our celebration of communion with Christ and with one another.

God bless you all. Bishop Paul

## October is World Mission Month

Catholic Mission invites us to celebrate World Mission Month: "Together, we have the power to create change and build a more just world for people everywhere. By supporting missionaries in their work, we can create life-changing opportunities for countless children, families, and communities worldwide. Join us in making a difference for our sisters and brothers." Pope Francis has recently published his messages for World Mission Month and World Mission Sunday, which will be celebrated on October 20. Read both of these messages at <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/worldmissionmonth> Focus for this week: In the harsh Mongolian winter, where temperatures can dip to minus 40 degrees Celsius, survival is often difficult. In two weeks, we'll share with you the story of Chuluunbaatar, who faces the realities of homelessness on a daily basis. You'll learn how your generous support will help with essential services to people in need like Chuluunbaatar. You have the opportunity to partner with this life-giving work, as your prayers and support are crucial in ensuring this program can move forward.

## Transform Lives - theirs...and yours

Are you ready to embark on a life-changing journey that combines your professional experience with meaningful community impact and living our faith in practice? Hear inspiring stories from Palms mission participants at our Discovery Online session Wednesday 9 October. Explore unique opportunities matching your skills to sustainable solutions. 02 9560 5333 [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au)

Venue: Online via Zoom- Scan the QR or register at [palms.org.au/events](https://palms.org.au/events)

Date: Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024 Time: 7.30pm-8.30pm



## 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.



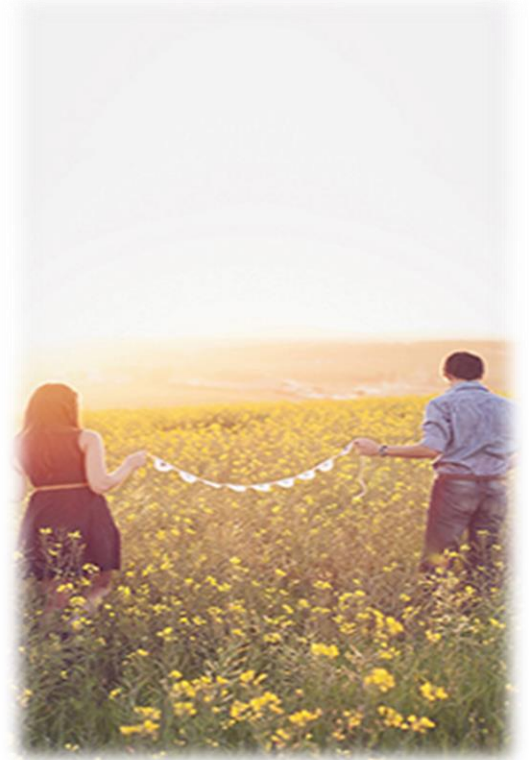
## Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close

### Reflection by Artist

God made male and female so compatible that Jesus said of them that they could be as 'one flesh'. This does not mean that they lose their individual differences, but that their relationship could be so close that it is like a melding of flesh between them. The experience of such a relationship between husband and wife is an expression of God's original design for men and women and a sign that God's *basileia* (reign) is a present reality.

### REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

In marriage, the couple does not merely receive a sacrament, they become one. They become an outward sign of the love of God. They are able to open themselves to each other in love, because God has first loved them. When they become one in marriage, they create something new, something that is a sign of the creative power of God. This in no way minimises the passionate love that they may have, or the unselfishness with which they give themselves to each other. Rather, it underscores the origin of that passion and the model of that unselfishness. We are brothers and sisters of Christ in more than one way. First, through his incarnation, he became one of us, a little lower than the angels. He shared our human existence; he knew the highs and lows of human life. Then he redefined family relationships, claiming that blood bonds were no longer the determinant for establishing kinship. Instead, those who hear the word of God and keep it, those who commit themselves to God in faithful discipleship, are his brothers and sisters. Marriage and other forms of discipleship make religious demands on us. Because we are taking a step into the unknown, they require a profound act of trust – trust in ourselves, trust in each other and, most importantly, trust in God. They also expect openness on our part – openness to give and openness to receive. Unfortunately we associate these characteristics with unpretentious children. While children may possess them because they are innocent, adults must repossess them because we have been recreated in Christ.



### REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate - Counter-cultural on Marriage

One of the differences between human beings is that between male and female. These distinctive ways of being human are surprisingly able to be integrated into a unity. In today's gospel, Our Lord is saying that when a man and a woman cleave to each other in faithful commitment, that is 'a Paradise moment' as they are incorporated into a new unity which paradoxically enhances the difference. Same sex partners can, of course, bring many virtues and loving dimensions to their relationship: enduring friendship, care in troubled times, joy. But they cannot embody the celebration of difference in the way a heterosexual couple do in their new unity. That latter deserves its own title: *Marriage*. Marriage is not a creation of the Church, but the Church celebrates this 'Paradisaal' unity by way of Sacrament. What happens when that unity is fractured? Our Lord teaches: '... what God has united, man must not divide'. This was counter cultural in the Jewish and Roman societies of his day, as it is in the Australia of today. But we all know of instances where the sad trauma of this dividing has occurred. Is the Church sufficiently a place where an injured party can find the healing presence of God? Can we have pastoral practices which give the 'medicine of immortality' to a wounded party within the communion of the Church? We could pause a moment to pray for the Church to be a minister of grace to help hold men and women together in the gender-enhancing unity of marriage, and to be a minister of mercy when that unity is fractured.