



Holy Spirit
Parish
Gariwerd

Sunday June 9th, 2024

TENTH 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 3:9-15

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord God called to the man after he had eaten of the tree. 'Where are you?' he asked. 'I heard the sound of you in the garden;' he replied, 'I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.' 'Who told you that you were naked?' he asked. 'Have you been eating of the tree I forbade you to eat?' The man replied, 'It was the woman you put with me; she gave me the fruit, and I ate it.' Then the Lord God asked the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman replied, 'The serpent tempted me and I ate.'

Then the Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, 'Be accursed beyond all cattle, all wild beasts. You shall crawl on your belly and eat dust every day of your life. I will make you enemies of each other: you and the woman, your offspring, and her offspring. It will crush your head and you will strike its heel.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 129. R. v.7

(R.) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

As we have the same spirit of faith that is mentioned in scripture – I believed, therefore I spoke - we too believe and therefore we too speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus to life will raise us with Jesus in our turn, and put us by his side and you with us. You see, all this is for your benefit, so that the more grace is multiplied among people, the more thanksgiving there will be, to the glory of God.

That is why there is no weakening on our part, and instead, though this outer man of ours may be falling into decay, the inner man is renewed day by day. Yes, the troubles which are soon over, though they weigh little, train us for the carrying of a weight of eternal glory which is out of all proportion to them. And so we have no eyes for things that are visible, but only for things that are invisible; for visible things last only for a time, and the invisible things are eternal. For we know that when the tent

that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made by human hands, in the heavens.

Gospel Acclamation

John 12:31. 32

Alleluia, alleluia!

The prince of this world will now be cast out, and when I am lifted up from the earth I will draw all to myself, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 3:20-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark. Jesus went home with his disciples, and such a crowd collected that they could not even have a meal. When his relatives heard of this, they set out to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind. The scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying, 'Beelzebul is in him,' and, 'It is through the prince of devils that he casts devils out.' So he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot last. And if a household is divided against itself, that household can never stand. Now if Satan has rebelled against himself and is divided, he cannot stand either - it is the end of him. But no one can make his way into a strong man's house and burgle his property unless he has tied up the strong man first. Only then can he burgle his house. 'I tell you solemnly, all men's sins will be forgiven, and all their blasphemies; but let anyone blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and he will never have forgiveness: he is guilty of an eternal sin.' This was because they were saying, 'An unclean spirit is in him.' His mother and brothers now arrived and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A crowd was sitting round him at the time the message was passed to him, 'Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for you.' He replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking round at those sitting in a circle about him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.'

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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

16th June 2024
Ezekiel 17:22-24/ 2 Corinthians 5:6-10/Mark 4:26-34

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

Anniversaries

Concetta Cannata, Lyell Clark, Kathleen Freeland 1970, Daniel Millington, Sadie Krelle 2019, Catherine Murray 1897, John Hearn, Ned Moloney, Terrence Peters 1971, Marie Kinane, John Brennan, Peggy Schwab, Sr. Imelda O'Collins, Terry Dutton-Bottoms, Margaret Brennan 1979, Winifred Murphy, Margaret Overington, Nancy Marx, Isabel Costello, Ena Florence Harrison, Kath Parry 1982, Kevin O'Kane 2017, Elizabeth Nyikos, Fr John Smith, Elizabeth Smith, Francis Craig 1989, Peter Pola, Eileen Downes, Ethel Foran

Lake Bolac Roster

Sat Jun 15th Reader Leanne Breen / Prayers of Faithful Damian Phillips
Sat Jun 29th Reader Deb Glasson / Prayer of Faithful Mick Brennan
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

Ararat Roster

Sun Jun 9th Facilitator Pat McA /Reader Jenny McA/Euch Min Nora
Sun Jun 16th Facilitator Pat L/Reader Jim C/Euch Min Jan C
Sun Jun 23rd Facilitator P Brady /Reader Sr John/Euch Min Teresa G
Sun Jun 30th Facilitator Kath L/Reader P Brennan Euch Min Marg M

Stawell Roster

Sun Jun 9th S/Minster K Ashton /Reader G Madafferi/ Offertory M McGaffin
Sun Jun 16th S/Minster M R Thomas /Reader K Dallinger/ Offertory Pascall/Gooden
Sun Jun 23rd S/Minster M Maestros /Reader D O'Donnell/ Offertory Heenan Family
Sun Jun 30th S/Minster M Howard/Reader M R Thomas/ Offertory J Croton

Ararat CWL meeting on Tuesday 11th June 2024, at 1.30pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

Stawell CWL will be hosting a cuppa after Mass Sunday 16th June. Everyone welcome.

Stawell St Vincent de Paul will be meeting on 17th June at 2pm in the St Pat's Church Hall.

Catholic Theological College Online Information Session Monday 17 June at 7.30pm (AEST) Register via our website: ctc.edu.au/information-session. For more information contact: Dr Maureen Saclot ctc@ctc.edu.au

Muslims in the Paper- As we move closer to opening our newest holy place in Ararat, the Ararat Islamic Welfare Association will take their rightful place on the roster for the Friday Devotions in The Advocate. This week was to be the Catholics' turn. We have given them our spot until the new roster begins in October.

Pope Francis and the Buddhists - Did you see that Pope Francis is calling for greater cooperation with the Buddhists? Interfaith dialogue is very much upon us.

Moving Day June 13 - St Mary's Parish School's building program is not far away. Thursday June 13 is "moving day" when the school will take possession of the Parish Centre (for two classrooms) until the construction is complete. A letter from Roxanne to the school community is included in this bulletin.

What are we building? - In short, if you stand across the road at the Marian College fence, we are demolishing the building that you can see which runs along Princes St and replacing it with a new fit for purpose building.

What this means for the Ararat church community - We will continue to have full use of the church, but no access to the Parish Centre, which will be locked from the church, except for the use of toilets and kitchen on Sundays for Mass.

Toilets for Funerals - For funerals, we will use the toilets in the Presbytery. Follow the signs around the veranda to the newer wing which has two toilets.

Catering for Funerals - We are grateful to the Uniting Church who are making their hall available to us when available for refreshments after funerals.

Weekday Masses and Lunch - These will take place in the presbytery dining room during Winter. Then we will see.

Presbytery Side Gate will be locked - You may have noticed that the gate near the presbytery garage is locked. This is to help with child safety arrangements. As per the VRQA (government regulator) agreement, all movement will be via the front gate and children will use the footpath to and from school.

School Concert -Due to the construction, the school concert on Friday June 28 will take place in the church instead of at school.

Caritas Australia's Papua New Guinea Landslide Disaster

Remote communities in Papua New Guinea have been devastated by a catastrophic landslide that struck at 3.00am on May 24. The timing of the landslide meant most people were sleeping at the time of the disaster, with little time to escape. Thousands are feared dead. Although the initial estimate from the United Nations was that at least 670 people may have lost their lives, this number could climb dramatically from recent reports. The total population of the entire affected ward is near 4,000 people, but this number could be higher due to an increased number of displaced people who have been living in the area in recent times. The ongoing search and rescue operations are facing challenges due to the hazardous terrain and the continuous threat of landslides. As rescue efforts continue, those who have lost their homes urgently need our support now, and in the weeks and months ahead. Click or scan the QR code to donate.



Jubilee Year 2025 "Pilgrims of Hope"

Pope Francis has announced that 2025 will be a Jubilee Year, with the theme "Pilgrims of Hope". It will be a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic and the climate crisis. In the lead-up to the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis has asked that 2024 be marked as a Year of Prayer, to promote the centrality of individual and community prayer. The Dicastery for Evangelisation has made some useful resources available to help people to better understand and rediscover the value of prayer. In addition to the 38 catecheses on Prayer that Pope Francis himself presented, a series of booklets entitled, "Notes on Prayer" is being published by the Vatican publishing house. The eight titles are designed to put the need for a profound relationship with the Lord back at the centre of people's lives, through the many forms of prayer to be found in the rich Catholic tradition of prayer.



Dear families,

As we continue to strive for excellence in providing a conducive learning environment for our students, we continue to edge closer to our \$3,000,000 upgrade of the buildings at St Mary's. These improvements are aimed at enhancing the overall educational experience for our students.

During the renovation period, it will be necessary to temporarily relocate some classes to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our students and to optimise rigorous learning in all year levels. We are pleased to announce that we have secured the use of the Parish Centre as a temporary classroom space for our 5/6 students. This has been approved by the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority and supported by the generosity of Father Andrew and the Gariwerd Parish

The Parish Centre is conveniently located adjacent to St Mary's grounds, allowing for a smooth transition for our students. Father Andrew has kindly allocated this space for our use only. There will be no access to the public at all during the week; this includes weekday Masses and funerals.

On Thursday 13th June, the 5/6 Learning Community will be relocating to the Parish Centre. Students will continue to be dropped off and picked up at the usual school location. To ensure a seamless transition, our dedicated class teachers and learning support officers will safely escort students to and from the Parish Centre each day. Recess and lunch breaks will be held on St Mary's grounds, providing students with the opportunity to enjoy outdoor activities in a familiar and secure environment. Some specialist classes will also continue on St Mary's grounds. In the event that your child is running late or needs to be collected early, we kindly ask that you contact the main office and follow the existing procedures. Our staff will be available to assist you promptly and ensure a smooth process.

A thorough risk assessment has been conducted and a separate Emergency Management Plan has been developed for the Parish Centre. Student safety is our priority and relevant medical information including allergies which has already been collected will be available whilst on site at the Parish Centre as will appropriate first aid supplies. Those children who require Epi-Pens, asthma medication etc will have this in an excursion backpack which will be brought back and forth at every transition.

We understand that change can be challenging, but these renovations will contribute to creating a more comfortable and modern learning space for our students. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during this temporary transition period.

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely
Roxanne Leed
Principal St Mary's Parish School

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