

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

[Sir 3:17-20, 28-29](#)

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

### Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 67:4-7, 10-11. R. v.11](#)

(R.) God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy.

O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. (R.)

2. Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place.

God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. (R.)

3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life. It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. (R.)

### Second Reading

[Heb 12:18-19, 22-24](#)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.



### Gospel Acclamation

[Mt 11:29](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia!

### Gospel

[Lk 14:1, 7-14](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.' Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

### Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The goodness of God is seen in the extravagant generosity with which God gives gifts. This is described in the psalm in the boundlessness and universal scope of God's generosity. Like the rain that falls on the entire landscape, the blessings of God are showered on all. These blessings are true gifts. They have not been earned, nor can they be repaid. God's openness is also seen in the reading from the Letter to the Hebrews and in the gospel. All are invited to approach the heavenly city; the heavenly banquet will be open to the poor and to those who have no way of repaying. Only the humble can receive the gifts of God. Only those who can admit their neediness are open enough to realise that God's blessings are gifts freely given, not compensation for a job well done. Without a humble spirit we are unable to receive gifts as gifts. This is either because we are too proud or we do not know how to receive with the open hearts of children, who never think that they must return in kind. This is the kind of humility recommended by Sirach. This is the kind of humility possessed by the disadvantaged pictured in the gospel. As we have received from the bounty of God, so we are called to give to others. Only those who have received with a humble spirit can give with the generosity of God, for they know that they do not deserve God's goodness and they do not require anything in return.

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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 6pm Vigil Sat
Glenthompson	(Hamilton Parish) 2 <sup>nd</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays 8.30am

## Readings for next Sunday

September 4  
Twenty Third Sunday Ordinary Time Year C  
[Wis 9:13-18](#)// [Phlm 9-10, 12-17](#) // [Lk 14:25-33](#)

## Weekday Masses (usual schedule)

**Tuesday:** 10am Stawell (Check bulletin for occasional changes)  
**Wednesday:** Aged Care  
**Thursday:** 3.30pm Hopkins  
**Friday:** 11am Ararat (Check bulletin for occasional changes)

## Aged Care Roster

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 11.15am Eventide  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 11am Lowe St  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 10.30am Garden View  
4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 10am ARV

**Change to Mass this Week:** This week the Ararat Mass will be on Wednesday at 11am instead of Friday

## Masses in Stawell for the next few weeks:

Sunday Masses will be at school.

Tuesday Masses will be in the parish hall.

The Stawell Anglican Parish have very generously made us welcome at Holy Trinity for funerals should the need arise.

**Recent Deaths:** Margaret Miethke, Maureen Pyke

## Anniversaries

Peter Shea, John Thomas, Sarah McKibbin, Ruby Davey, John Leo Thomas (Jack), Frances Fleetwood Smith 1948, Sydney Dowling 1974, Charles Rowe 1984, Monica Krohn 1998, Cecelia Moran, Ivy Mullins, Claire Miles, Fr. Peter Wood, Pauline Mornane 1984, Mary Presser 1998, John Keogh, Lawrence Keogh, Dominic Keogh, Irene Hockley, Kathleen Kennedy, Leo Stevens Jnr, Fr John Shelley, Shirley Billet, Alexander McNeil 1961, Stephen Facey 1983, Harriet O'Boyle, Vincent Kennedy, Belinda Hearn, Mary Canty, Daniel (Mick) Roche, Baly Yanner 1960, Martin Downes, Karen Vann, Gayle Harris, Mary Doyle 1944, Wallace Constable 1954, Heather Guy 1980, Margaret Maloney 1984, Margaret Neville 2000, Patrick Harrington, Lisa Van Der Spank, Anthony McMaster, Patricia Anyon 1992, Amy Dempsey, Arthur Clark, Frank Fitzpatrick, Kathleen Mulcahy, Brian Yanner 1988

## Golden Gate Roster

August 28 Jim Jan  
September 4 Harry Anna // 11 Libby // 18 Jim Jan // 25 Harry Anna

## Lake Bolac Roster

Sat Sept 3 Reader Damian Phillips // Prayers of Faithful Helen Smith // Cleaning Tricia Higgins  
Sat Sept 17 Reader Leanne Breen // Prayers of Faithful Jane Higgins

## Op Shop Volunteers Needed

St. Patrick's Op Shop is looking for volunteers. The operating hours are

Monday to Friday from 10am to 1pm and another shift from 1-4pm // Saturday morning 10am to 1pm.

If you have 3 hours a fortnight to help out at the shop please contact June on 0427 670 658.

## Food Drive - Ararat St Vincent de Paul

Ararat St Vincent de Paul Conference will be having a food drive over the next few weeks for Emergency Relief. We would appreciate any donations of non-perishable foods [eg tea, coffee, long life milk, soup, spaghetti, baked beans, pasta, cereal or anything else that you would like to give, would be helpful to us. There will be a box at the back of the Church for any donations. Many thanks for your support

**National Catholic Men's Gathering 2022** – Renew Refresh Reconnect - October 7–9, 2022 in Sydney  
menALIVE to the MAX is a national catholic gathering of men. <https://www.menalive.org.au/menalive-to-the-max/>

### **Africa Food Crisis**

Drought and conflict in the Horn of Africa have left over 18 million people facing severe hunger. Four consecutive failed rainy seasons have devastated the crops of millions across the region. We must act now and “Make Hunger History.” Your generous donation means our partners in countries like Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan and Eritrea can respond quickly to support vulnerable communities during this crisis. Visit [www.caritas.org.au/food-crisis](http://www.caritas.org.au/food-crisis) or call 1800 024 413 toll free to donate now.

### **Ballarat Clergy Support Fund**

Collection for Sick and Retired Priests – next weekend - Creating a secure retirement future for the priests of the diocese is a duty and care in which we can all participate. Seventeen retired priests are currently supported by this Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation. A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.



CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US – THE CHURCH COMMUNITY’S RESPONSIBILITY

### **CRA National Justice Seminar, “Now is the Time!”**

Registrations are now open for Catholic Religious Australia's National Justice Seminar 2022 titled 'Now is the Time!'. The seminar will be held on Wednesday, October 19, 2022 from 9.30am – 3.30pm at The Treacy Centre, 126 The Avenue Parkville, Melbourne. Speakers are Cathy McGowan AO, Geraldine Atkinson, and Brigid Arthur CSB AO. This seminar for justice animators and colleagues of religious congregations will engage you in conversations on advocacy and action and applying these to contemporary justice issues. There will be opportunities for sharing with your peers and reflecting on the speakers' inputs. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. Register at <https://bit.ly/3T8WWkQ>

### **Sisters of the Good Samaritan – Study and Mentoring Program**

Applications are now invited for the Good Samaritan Study and Mentoring (SAM) Program for 2023. This program offers financial assistance for tertiary theological study to a maximum of \$8000 per year. The grant can be spent on tuition or other expenses associated with the completion of the qualification. For more information or to request an application pack, please contact [samleadership@goodsams.org.au](mailto:samleadership@goodsams.org.au). Applications close on September 16, 2022.

### **Remembering the Martyrs of Papua New Guinea**

Am sending you an invitation to a special church service we’re having in Holy Trinity on 4th September at 3 p.m. We’re having an Evensong with the choir from the Ballarat Cathedral and the Dean of the Cathedral, The Very Rev’d Michael Davies will be preaching. It will be followed by afternoon tea. This service is to remember our Martyrs of Papua New Guinea - a group of clergy, teachers and nurses who gave their lives in World War 2 when the area in which they were serving was invaded by the Japanese. We have a special link here in Ararat as one of the clergy, Henry Matthews, was a relative of the Clugston family from Moyston. Would love to have you, your family, and members of your congregation join us. If possible, for catering RSVP: 0438 274 136 Regards. Cheryl Haines, Anglican Parish, Ararat

### **Aid to the Church in Need Australia**

ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church. In areas of crisis, churches are often destroyed by violence. Where the faith is growing new churches are needed. ACN supports the reconstruction in these areas because a church is the centre of the life of faith and even the smallest chapel provides people with hope and a spiritual home. Can you help? [www.aidtochurch.org/construction](http://www.aidtochurch.org/construction)

### **Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – Online Study**

Our partner, Dayton University, offers low-cost (\$50usd) online study and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parishes. Study cycles are over 3 or 5 weeks. The next Cycle begins September 5. There are 37 subjects to choose from – find one that interests you! Registrations are open now. More information is available on the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/pastoral-ministry/lay-pastoral-ministry-program/> or email [djurja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:djurja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or ph. 5337 7121.

### **'Interludes of Your Making - Spiritual Journalling' (via Zoom), Saturday 10 September 2022, 10am-3pm (AEST).**

You are invited to step aside for a personal interlude - a day to be supported as you quietly listen to your heart and allow the Spirit within to lead you gently forward. Through intervals of creative expression and private reflection, individuals can foster new ways of attuning, sensing and articulating inner experiences. Playful use of mixed media expands the contemplative attentiveness. A focused process facilitates a gentle unfolding of self-understanding and meaning. Spiritual journalling will enable participants to notice emerging possibilities, capture otherwise fleeting insights and ponder a path of growth and change. This is a private, companioned journey with no necessity to share. You can enter into your process at your own pace. No art experience is necessary. The outcome will be fresh awareness of your inner self. Led by Margaret Trainor, qualified in spiritual direction and art therapy. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost \$60. Book and pay via [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne), email [secretary@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:secretary@heartoflife.melbourne), or tel (03) 9890 1101.



**Catholic Social Justice Statement**

This year’s Social Justice Statement, *Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse*, invites us to engage with a complex and confronting social reality. It explores the roots of violence and abuse, honours the voices of victims, offers a social and theological exploration of the reality of violence, especially against women and children, and invites us to develop relationships in all parts of our lives ‘marked by equality and reciprocity rather than domination and violence, respect and freedom rather than coercion and control.’ We welcome this urgent call from our Church to deepen our faith through full and frank discussion and dialogue, advocacy and action. <https://bit.ly/SJS22-23>

**Respect: Confronting violence and abuse**

points out that the roots of domestic and family violence “lie in the abuse of power to control and dominate others” and that “this stands in contrast to the relationships to which God calls us”. Our relationships should be “marked by equality and reciprocity rather than domination and violence, respect and freedom rather than coercion and control”. We support women in calling for respect in relationships; their lives and those of their children are sacred.

The statement, released on 3 August, 2022, forms the centrepiece of Social Justice Sunday celebrations on 28 August.

**Prayer for Social Justice Sunday**

Loving God, you made each of us in your image and likeness. Open our eyes to recognise one another as equals, replacing domination and control, violence, and abuse, with mutuality, reciprocity, respect, and freedom. Help us to love like you. Jesus Christ, you rejected the use of religious traditions to justify violence. Teach us to unmask manipulations of our faith used to justify violent, abusive, or coercive behaviour. Teach us to be people who show tenderness, respect and care for others as you did. Holy Spirit, you are with us always, showing us the way. Move us to assist those who experience violence and abuse, and support their call for justice. Empower us to hold perpetrators of violence and abuse responsible, encouraging them to change their behaviour. Amen.

**Upcoming webinar to unpack the Plenary Decree on Deacons and Women**

A webinar will be held on Saturday, September 3, 2022 from 10.00am – 12.00noon to explore the permanent diaconate and women’s diaconal ministry, following the Plenary Council’s decree, “That, should the universal law of the Church be modified to authorize the diaconate for women, the Plenary Council recommends that the Australian Bishops examine how best to implement it in the context of the Church in Australia.” Brought to you by Australian Catholics Exploring the Diaconate and supported by Catholic Religious Australia, the webinar will be a chance to pray, learn, discuss and be inspired by diaconal ministry past, present and future. Register free webinar <https://liturgyonthemargins.org/events/>

**Safety in Lake Bolac**

Two new sections of railing have been installed in Lake Bolac to make the ramps safer, with a piece being added to each end of the verandah. Matthew has done an amazing job of matching the new railing to the old. In the photo the old railings finished at the downpipe, leaving people vulnerable to tripping off the end of the ramp.



**Renovation: What’s Happening at St Patrick’s?**

Painting: There’s not much to see yet. So far a lot of filling of cracks, sanding and preparing. Was said to me this week that 90% of painting is in the preparation. Won’t be long and it will start to look like something.

Marble: This week the tabernacle marble has been cleaned and looks wonderful.

Mary Chapel: The porch on the East side that will become the Mary chapel has also been opened up, ready for the Our Lady statue to be installed. We had been imagining a curtain around behind Our Lady. Now that the chapel has been opened up we wonder about leaving the chapel very open, just painted. Mary will sit on a pedestal with spotlights. We’ll find a safe way to have candles to light.