



# St Patrick's Parish Stawell and Landsborough St Mary's Parish Ararat and Lake Bolac



We acknowledge the Djap Wurrong people, the traditional custodians of our parish land.

We pay our respects to their elders past and present. We respect the presence of the spirits of their ancestors among us.

## Sunday February 13, 2022 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

### First Reading

[Jer 17:5-8](#)

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah  
The Lord says this: 'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited. 'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.'

### Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 1:1-4. R. Ps 39:5](#)

(R.) Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

- Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked; nor lingers in the way of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders his law day and night. (R.)
- He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper. (R.)
- Not so are the wicked, not so! For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind. For the Lord guards the way of the just but the way of the wicked leads to doom. (R.)

### Second Reading

[1 Cor 15:12, 16-20](#)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians  
If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people. But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

### Gospel Acclamation

[Lk 6:23](#)

Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia!

### Gospel

[Lk 6:17. 20-26](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said: 'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God. Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied. Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh. 'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets. 'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now. Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep. 'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'



### Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close

#### Reflection by Artist

How realistic is 'blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh'? In the midst of life's troubles, it is difficult to feel the hope that this promise offers. Jesus' life gives witness to this promise, however, and it is comforting to know that he, like us, sometimes wept and lost hope.

# Parish Information – Parishes of Stawell and Ararat

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## Mass Times

<b>Ararat</b>	Sunday 8.30am
<b>Stawell</b>	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Lake Bolac</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sundays 6.30pm Vigil Sat
<b>Landsborough</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays 6pm Vigil Sat
<b>Glenthompson</b>	(Hamilton Parish) 2 <sup>nd</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays 8.30am

## Readings for next Sunday

February 20  
7<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year C  
1 Sm 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23 // 1 Cor 15:45-49// Lk 6:27-38

## Weekday Masses

<b>Tuesday:</b>	10am Stawell (Check bulletin for occasional changes)
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Aged Care
<b>Thursday:</b>	3.30pm Hopkins
<b>Friday:</b>	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

## Mass next Friday

Mass next Friday, February 18, will be in the Marian College gym to begin the school year. Parishioners are very welcome to attend. You are requested to come to the front door of the college where you will be asked to show proof of vaccination and to sign in. Please arrive before 10.45 to allow plenty of time. There will also be prayers in Parish Centre at 11am

**Recent Deaths:** Terry Weeks

## Anniversaries Stawell

Kenneth Rickard 1991, Margaret Rathgeber 2011, Phyllis Scaletti 1955, Marjoris O'Rourks 1996, John David Dalziel 1997, William Brasier 1959, Elizabeth Cowell 2008, Ivan Heinrich 2017, Shirley Gerritsen 2020, Joseph McCabe 1961, Dorothy Peters 1972, Peter Balkin 1998, William Duncan 2007, John Comitti 2008, Douglas Driscoll 2013, Ann Evans 1945

## Anniversaries Ararat

Jean Vernon, Honora Pola, Bernard Dowler, Matilda Donovan, Molly Pola, Vera Ruzic, Win Boyd, Stephen McColl, Debra Shea, Eileen Menzies, Dorothy Shalders, Tom Hourigan, Maria Deininger, Edna Colwell, Ron Baxter, Dawn Emerson, Sheila Brady, Daisy Sharman, Fr. Jim Kaye, Constance Hevey, Jim Tutton, Myra Lillis, Gerald Gleeson, Carmel Lembo, Robert Oliver, Janie Johnston

## Golden Gate Roster

February 13 Teresa // 20 Harry Anna // 27 Jim Jan  
March 6 Teresa // 13 Libby // 20 Harry Anna // Jim Jan

## Lake Bolac Roster

Sat Feb 19 Reader Irene Meek // Prayers of Faithful Michael Phillips // Cleaning Tricia Higgins  
Sat Mar 5 Reader Rosemary Liston // Prayers of Faithful Leanne Breen // Cleaning Judy Upton

## Can you spare one hour a month to prepare St Pat's church for our Sunday Masses?

We desperately need volunteers to help prepare for our Sunday liturgies by  
Changing altar clothes and colours when necessary // Arranging flowers // Dusting // Cleaning the brass  
No vacuuming or mopping involved. Ring Mary Rita Thomas -0438 836 180 or catch me after Mass. Thanks, Mary Rita

## Cuppa after Sunday Mass today at St Pat's

The CWL is hosting a cuppa after Mass in the church hall. Everyone is most welcome.

<b>Lent in Stawell</b>	Mass Tuesdays 10am // Lenten Discussion Tuesdays 10.30am // Stations of the Cross Fridays 10am
<b>Lent in Ararat</b>	Mass Fridays 11am // Lenten Discussion Thursdays 10am

**Caritas Appeal for Tonga**      Donate at <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pacific/>

**Project Compassion 2022**      February 26-27, 2022 is Project Compassion Sunday - the Sunday before Ash Wednesday

## Help for Those in Need

The following are details of help available in Stawell and region for those in need. Back to school can be a very financially difficult time for families so I thought that it would be a good time to renew these details with your school office and with parents via your school newsletter. Families having trouble with back to school expenses should contact Stawell St Vincent de Paul while families might seek food help from the Stawell Inter Church Council Welfare Cottage to free up some money for those school expenses. I'm also attaching details of how to access the Red Cross Home Isolation Food Hampers.

"You, or someone you know, might need help in Stawell and region –

**For food aid** go to Stawell Inter Church Council Welfare Cottage at 20 Sloane St. Stawell Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays between 10.30am and 12.30pm. For out of hours emergencies ring – 0408 038 949

**For help other than food** contact Stawell St Vincent de Paul by ringing -0437 344 323 and leaving a message. You will be called back within 24 hours.

**If you have to isolate** at home because of covid and are in need of food aid for help accessing Red Cross home isolation food hampers ring Norther Grampians Shire – 53588700 or Grampians Community Health home isolation unit – 53587400."

Thanks and best wishes for what I'm sure will be another challenging school year.

Regards, Mary Rita Thomas, Secretary Stawell Inter Church Council, Member of Stawell St Vincent de Paul

## Palms Australia

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## World Day of the Sick: February 11, 2022

The World Day of the Sick this year has the theme: "Be merciful, as your Father is merciful" (Lk 6,36). In Pope Francis' message for this day he spoke directly to health care workers, recognising the importance of their work as infection rates and deaths from COVID-19 continue to rise. In addition to this, Catholic Health Australia CEO Pat Garcia and Bishop Karol Kulczycki SDS, Bishop Delegate for Health in Australia, have spoken out to honour health care workers. Info:

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/world-day-of-the-sick-2022-february-11/>

## Praying with Pope Francis

Pope Francis' intention for February: **For religious sisters and consecrated women:** We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women - thanking them for their mission and their courage. May they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times. [www.thepopevideo.org](http://www.thepopevideo.org)

## Position Vacant: St Columba's Catholic Church Parish Coordinator

The Parish of St Columba's Ballarat North are seeking a Parish Coordinator to ensure the efficient operation of the Parish Office, part time 16 hours (0.4) per week. Info: 03 5331 1012 or email [ballaratnorth@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:ballaratnorth@ballarat.catholic.org.au).

## Position Vacant: Diocesan Director for Catholic Mission with responsibility for the Dioceses of Ballarat and Sandhurst

info: <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/jobs-at-catholic-mission>.

## Liturgy Brisbane Online liturgical formation & training courses

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission recommends the following online courses offered by Liturgy Brisbane: Ministers of the Word (Readers); Lay Ministers of Communion Course; Combined Course: Ministers of Word & Communion. You can learn at your pace when you want to learn with comprehensive, multi-modal and engaging training, all from the comfort of your own home. Immediate training for new volunteers or an excellent refresher for experienced ministers. A certificate will be issued on course completion. More information is available from <https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/online-courses/>

## Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation

offers an online one-year, part-time Spiritual Leaders Program for those engaged in various positions of leadership in faith communities and outreach ministries. Now accepting applications for the Program. [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne)

## Scripture Commentary Dianne Bergant CSA

Jesus singles out four life situations that make people blessed. He then identifies their opposites and declares them as being woeful. The blessed are those who are poor, hungry, sorrowful, or persecuted, while the woeful ones are the rich, the satisfied, the joyful, the respected. Jesus has overturned the standards of this age and has established new standards, those of the reign of God. Perhaps the heart of this teaching is found in the last beatitude and the last woe. The followers of Jesus will be hated and marginalised and scorned; they will be like the prophets of old. Conversely, the disciples should be wary when they are accepted and esteemed; this could mean that they enjoy approval because they deliver a message that contains no call to conversion.

## It's Been a Big Couple of Weeks in the News

### January 30

Raphael Nadal won the tennis in an amazing game, to become the winningest grand slam champion of all, except for all the women who have won more. Women get overlooked sometimes.

### February 9

Did you stop this week to watch the National Press Club? Two brave women spoke about the awful consequences of a mismatch of power, and of the men in power not seeing through the eyes of the other.

*I didn't want his sympathy as a father.*

*I wanted him to use his power as Prime Minister [Brittany Higgins]*

*Grace Tame's story is so powerful but so too is listening to the voices of the female journalists in the room crack with emotion upon hearing her tell it. Every woman feels this deeply. We are tired and we are angry and so many are traumatised. This has to be a turning point. [ @jillastark ]*

### February 10

In an attempt to protect vulnerable religious groups from discrimination the Religious Discrimination Bill nearly allowed religious groups to discriminate against other very vulnerable people.

### February 13

Sunday February 13 is the anniversary of Kevin Rudd's Apology to Australia's Indigenous People, first issued in 2008. I remember where I was, driving from Casterton to Edenhope for mid-week Mass. I had to slow down because I couldn't see for the tears in my eyes.

*... The kids were found; they ran for their mothers, screaming, but they could not get away. They were herded and piled onto the back of the truck. Tears flowing, her mum tried clinging to the sides of the truck as her children were taken away ...*

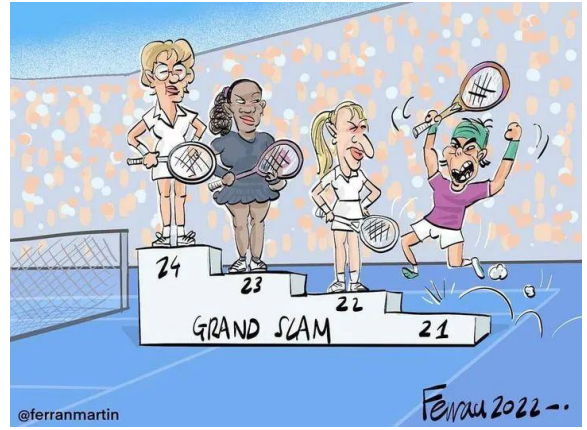
*... The kids were simply told to line up in three lines. Nanna Fejo and her sister stood in the middle line, her older brother and cousin on her left. Those on the left were told that they had become Catholics, those in the middle Methodists and those on the right Church of England. [Kevin Rudd Feb 13, 2008]*

### February 14

It's was a cruel joke that they made us begin our seminary training on Valentine's Day. Never-the-less, I started my training 34 years ago this week. 34 years of not buying flowers. Blessings to all the people who do have to buy flowers tomorrow.

There's a common thread in the news. People without power being duded by people with. This week it's been about women, LGBTIQA+ and Aborigines.

The Gospel this week calls for us to see the world through God's eyes. That's conversion. That's redemption. *Fr Andrew*



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