



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



We acknowledge the Djap Wurrung 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 March 6, 2022 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent, Year C

### First Reading

[Dt 26:4-10](#)

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy  
Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:  
"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

### Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 90:1-2. 10-15. R. v.15](#)

(R.) Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.  
1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' (R.)  
2. Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. (R.)  
3. They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. (R.)  
4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory. (R.)

### Second Reading

[Rom 10:8-13](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans  
Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then

you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

### Gospel Acclamation

[Mt 4:4](#)



Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
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### Gospel

[Lk 4:1-13](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.' Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

# Parish Information – Parishes of Stawell and Ararat

Parish Priest	Fr. Andrew Hayes      andrew.hayes@ballarat.catholic.org.au
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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

**March 13**  
2nd Sunday of Lent Year C  
[Gen 15:5-12. 17-18](#)// [Phil 3:17 – 4:1](#)//[Lk 9:28-36](#)

## Weekday Masses (usual schedule)

<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

## Sunday Assemblies Next Weekend

Next weekend in Landsborough, Ararat and Stawell we will have Lay Lead Assemblies. Fr Andrew will be away. There will be Mass (with Sunday readings) on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> in Ararat and Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> in Stawell.

## Recent Deaths: Kay Dalton

## Anniversaries Stawell

Patricia Monaghan 2007, Dorothy Perry 1992, Ross McSparron 1969, Evelyn Monaghan 1967, Alexander Rutter 1946, Patrick Scallaw 1953, Michael Dodd 1963, Michael Healy 1964, Fredrick Scott 2004, Mary Sweeney 1974

## Anniversaries Ararat

Fr. Gerard Gasper CSsR, Margaret Sinnott, Fr. Wladyslali Ziolkos, Pat Kenny, Zita Thomas, Phyllis Sertori, Leo Heenan, George Edwards, Amy Sertori, Tony Guinan, May Mercovich, Trevor Mast, Kieran Hennessy, Irene Ferguson, James Hynes, Ken Haslett, Fr Brian Murphy SJ

**Golden Gate Roster**      March 6 Teresa // 13 Libby // 20 Harry Anna // Jim Jan

**Lake Bolac Roster**      Sat Mar 5 Reader Rosemary Liston // Prayers of Faithful Leanne Breen // Cleaning Judy Upton  
Sat Mar 19 Reader Denise Haslett // Prayers of Faithful Irene Meek // Cleaning Jane Higgins

## Lent in Stawell

**Mass**      Every Tuesday 10am

**Lenten discussion group**      in the St Pat's Church hall each Tuesday at 10.30 after Mass.  
Beginning Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March. Everyone welcome for all, or just some, of these discussions.

**Stations of the Cross**      in St Pat's Church each Friday at 10am.

## Lent in Ararat

**Lenten Discussion**      Thursdays 10am

**Mass**      Every Friday 11am

## Holy Week and Easter Roster

**Reconciliation**      2<sup>nd</sup> Rite Reconciliation Wed April 6, 5.30pm Stawell // 7pm Ararat

**Mass of the Oils**      6.30pm Monday April 11, St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat

**Holy Thursday**      7pm Mass Ararat

**Good Friday**      3pm Passion Stawell

**Holy Saturday**      6.30pm Easter Vigil Lake Bolac

**Easter Sunday**      8.30am Ararat // 10.30am Stawell

**St Pat's CWL**      **Next Meeting:** Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm in the St Pat's church hall.

**St Pat's CWL**      **Cuppa** after 10.30 Lay Lead Sunday Assembly on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March. Everyone welcome.

**St Pat's CWL**      **Easter raffle**    tickets on sale after Mass  
2 Prizes – Wine and chocolates/a beautiful hand-made doll with carrier and a spare set of clothes.  
Tickets - \$2 for 1 or 3 for \$5.      Raffle drawn after Easter Sunday Mass

### **St Patrick's Day in Stawell**

On St Patrick's Day Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March there will be a short Liturgy at 11.30am in the Church followed by a shared Lunch at noon in the St Pat's church hall. Wear some green and come along and celebrate our patron saint and our church community.

### **Readers in Stawell**

The new roster for March and April is available for collection at the back of the church this morning. We are going to operate with only one reader for the present time. Thank you Kath Ashton

### **Navarre Chalice**

Parishioners in Landsborough and Stawell will recall that last weekend we used a chalice engraved with "Navarre Catholic Church, 1922." Consensus was that there has never been a Catholic church in Navarre. Thanks to Kath Ashton for this: Information from Church History of the Parishes of Ararat, Stawell and Ararat by J.F.Coughlin 1944 Navarre was in the parish of Landsborough and it appears to have used the Navarre hall.

The chalice has been in the Maryborough Parish for many years. We will now keep it and use it in Landsborough.

### **Project Compassion – First Sunday of Lent**

Anatercia 12, was struggling to cope with adult responsibilities after her father died. Then she participated in Caritas Australia-supported training and gained access to psychosocial supports. Now, her quality of life has improved and she can focus on school. Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help young people succeed in the future and bring stability to vulnerable youth like Anatercia. 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 [www.lent.caritas.org.au](http://www.lent.caritas.org.au) or by calling 1800 024 413.

### **Caritas Australia Prayer for International Women's Day – March 8, 2022**

Gracious God, we pray for ourselves and all women around the world. Strengthen us to stand in solidarity with our sisters experiencing poverty and injustice. Open our hearts to listen and serve. Give us the courage to hope and work for a better future for all women. Awaken us, that we may fully realise our interconnectedness to our one global human family. Guide us with your spirit, to welcome, champion, practically and joyfully love each other. Amen.

### **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 of 2022 begins March 7. There are 39 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 [djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or ph. 5337 7121.

### **CatholicCare Family Relationship Centre: Pre-marriage education**

The pre-marriage education program provides an opportunity for engaged couples to strengthen communication skills and explore together, the essential ingredients for creating and maintaining a lasting and satisfying marriage. The program has been informed by Dr John Gottman's extensive research into what makes marriage work. The day incorporates his findings in a fun and interactive way, through private couple discussion time and group learning. 2022 group program dates are Sunday, March 20 and Sunday, May 15, 2022 from 9.30am – 4.00pm both day at the Family Relationship Centre, 34 Peel Street North, Ballarat. Cost: \$220 per couple / \$110 concession (lunch included). For registrations and enquiries, ph. 1300 303 988 or email [ballaratfrc@centacareballarat.org.au](mailto:ballaratfrc@centacareballarat.org.au)

### **Position Vacant: Diocesan Director for Catholic Mission with responsibility for the Dioceses of Ballarat and Sandhurst (West Victoria)**

For a position description and short video on what it is like to work at Catholic Mission, go to <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/jobs-at-catholic-mission>. If you are interested, please submit a cover letter of 1 page and a resume no longer than 3 pages to [employment@catholicmission.org.au](mailto:employment@catholicmission.org.au).

### **Position Vacant: St John of God Healthcare Ballarat - Pastoral Practitioner**

The hospital has an exciting opportunity available for a dedicated and committed Pastoral Practitioner to join our Pastoral Services team in promoting and providing holistic pastoral services to patients and clients. <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/employment/>

### **Positions Vacant: Recruitment for Residential Care for two new CatholicCare homes in Horsham and Ballarat**

Due to the expansion of our program, CatholicCare we are currently recruiting for a variety of roles at our new Residential Care homes in Ballarat and Horsham. House Workers work as part of a core care team providing full-time quality care for the young people, using trauma informed, child centred, family focused therapeutic interventions. In collaboration with the Senior House Workers, Team Leader - Residential Care, Therapeutic Practitioner and Education/Vocation Specialist, House Workers establish a homelike, therapeutic, caring and nurturing environment to assist young people to develop a sense of safety, stability, security and trust. House Workers work closely with the Senior House Worker and Therapeutic Practitioner to develop respectful and responsive levels of communication with other House Workers and professionals in a Care Team approach, and participate in relevant case conferencing as indicated to assess and develop goals in the young person's best interests. For further information regarding these positions and how to apply, go to <https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/page/181/current-job-vacancies>

### **Position Vacant: School Chaplain at Mortlake**

Your Dream School Programs are a School Chaplaincy Provider who works with schools and churches to find candidates for chaplaincy positions in local schools. The Department of Education school in Mortlake is looking for a School Chaplain for two days per week and this is a paid position. Applicants require an endorsement letter from a local church they attend, Certificate IV in chaplaincy, youth work, community services, or ministry or equivalent. (Equivalent study contain these two units: CHCCS016 Respond to client needs & CHCMHS001 Work with people with mental health issues). Please also note that degrees such as teaching, social working, nursing, counselling, and psychology cover those particular units. Applicants are able to work and study at the same time. Applicants must have or be able to obtain a current working with children check. For a copy of the position description or for more information call 1300 792 856.



### **Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close: Reflection by Artist**

Stones and the loaves of bread can be similar in shape, colour and texture, but appearances are as deceptive as the tempter in this story from Luke's gospel. The inducement to turn stone into bread plays on the basic human need for nourishment, but also it plays on the desire to get something for nothing – like magic or three wishes from a genie in a bottle. Jesus can accept the harsh reality of stone in the short term because his worldview also encompasses the promise of God's kingdom – the place of plenty.

### **Reflection Dianne Bergant CSA**

Lent is a time when we are reminded that there is nothing we can do to win our salvation. It is a pure gift from God. Like Jesus in the wilderness, we are to allow God's plan to unfold in and through us. Lent is a time for us to enter actively into the mysteries of the death and resurrection of Jesus, and there to marvel at what God has done for us.

The temptations of Jesus are the same temptations that we face when we are inclined to think that somehow we are in control. While the goals of the temptations may be admirable – feed the hungry, bring the world under the control of good, trust in God's power to protect us – we often choose to accomplish them in ways that are less than admirable. We try to perform the extraordinary so that what we do reflects favourably on us. We use brute force in order to achieve control. We put God to the test rather than live peacefully with God's plan as it unfolds within and around us. We seek to become the super-hero, the super-minister, the super-Christian on our own. In his responses to the tempter, we see Jesus constantly deferring to the power of God: It is not by bread alone . . . worship only God . . . do not put God to the test. In a real sense, these temptations are a reminder that the fundamental temptation is to deny our human limitations and refuse to let God be God for us.

### **Reflection by Mary Coloe PBVM**

In the rhythm of the Church year Lent is the time to stop and look within, facing the inner truth of our lives. The ashes of Wednesday remind us of the stark reality of our humanness, our finitude. Our identity is shaped by our mortality and yet in the busyness of our lives we can try to deny this. 'I am invincible!' we cry with our new technologies, and new medical triumphs. This is the core human temptation – to deny our humanity and forget our utter dependency on the God who holds us in life. Our life is not our own. It is God-given. It is lent.