



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 June 26, 2022

The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading

[1 Kgs 19:16, 19-21](#)

A reading from the first book of the Kings
The Lord said to Elijah: 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.' Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11, R. cf. v.5](#)

(R.) You are my inheritance, O Lord.
1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.'
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize. (R.)
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)
4. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. (R.)

Second Reading

[Gal 5:1, 13-18](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians
When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free.
Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery. My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community. Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because

the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

Gospel Acclamation

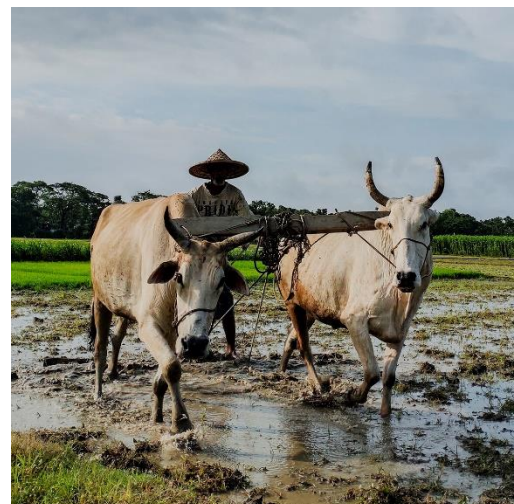
[1 Sm 3:9; Jn 6:68](#)

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

Gospel

[Lk 9:51-62](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village. As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' Another to whom he said, 'Follow me,' replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.' Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say good-bye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'



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Mass Times

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

Readings for next Sunday

July 3
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
[Is 66:10-14](#) // [Gal 6:14-18](#) // [Lk 10:1-12. 17-20](#)

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

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

Changes to Masses this Week:

Tues 28th No Mass in Stawell on Tuesday but there will be Mass in Stawell on Friday 1st at 9.30am to celebrate new parish

Recent Deaths: (Peter) John Shea, Brian Bouchier, Vin Hooper

Anniversaries Stawell

Judy Olver 1984, John Healy 1989, Alfred Evans 1971, James Rathgeber 1990, Vincent McDonald 1998, Bernard Walker 1998, Bryant Grace 2007, William Neilson 1952, John Fudge 1981, Veronica Stewart 1992, Jessica Topp 1989, Nellie Flynn 1955, Alicia Healy 1985, Doris Smith 2009, Elizabeth Raycroft 1946, John Zala 1968, Robert Rutter 2007

Anniversaries Ararat

Peter Hinchey, Michael Taylor, Norman Gow, Aileen McIntyre, Fr Maurie Dullard S.J, Meryl Jacobs, Don Edwards, Dorothy Fox, Tanya Tobin, Nicole Holloway, Fr. Mick Fitzpatrick, Flo Flanagan, Norman Hoare, Jack Todd, Fr Don Gobbi, Elizabeth Shelvin, Tommy Eastick, Gerard Lillis, Elias Alimasag, Mary Lea, Doreen Stephans, Bern Donovan, Robert Rutter, Ian Phillips David Breen, Josef Neulist, John Phillips

Golden Gate Roster

June 26 Jim Jan
July 3 Harry Anne // 10 Libby // 17 Jim Jan // 24 Harry Anna // 31 Libby

Lake Bolac Roster

Sat July 2 Reader Damian Phillips // Prayers of Faithful Irene Meek // Cleaning Jane Higgins
Sat July 16 Reader Irene Meek // Prayers of Faithful Jane Higgins // Cleaning Leanne Breen

Lake Bolac St Bernard's

150 years foundation stone / 60 years new church Sun Sept 25 11am Mass and lunch

Vinnie's Winter Appeal

Domestic violence is the leading cause of homelessness for women and children. Your support of the 2022 Vinnie's Winter Appeal will help provide emergency accommodation, financial support, as well as material assistance. To donate go to <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/winter-appeal-vic>

Centenary of Brigidine Sisters and Brigidine Education in Horsham

The Centenary of the Brigidine Sisters and Brigidine Education in Horsham was to have been celebrated over the June long weekend in 2020, but was postponed due to COVID. Two years on, we are now planning to proceed with a weekend of celebrations to mark the milestone. On the weekend of July 16 & 17, 2022, you are invited to participate in tours of the three schools – Ss Michael & John's Primary School, Horsham, Our Lady Help of Christians, Murtoa, and St Brigid's College, Horsham; celebratory Masses at Murtoa and Horsham; and social gatherings in the Parish Centre. There will also be a presentation of a Commemorative Quilt which will hang in Horsham's Parish Office, and the launch of a book recognising the 100 years of Brigidine Sisters in Horsham. RSVP and info: <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/pnews/centenary-of-brigidine-sisters-and-brigidine-education-in-horsham-july-16-17-2022/>

Annual Collection for the Pope (traditionally known as Peter's Pence)

The annual collection for the work of the Pope will take place in our parish next Sunday, July 3.

Ordinations to the Priesthood

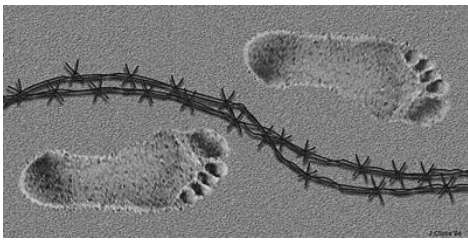
Deacons Matt Restall and Bill Lowry will be ordained priests for the Diocese of Ballarat on Friday, July 22, 2022 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 7.00pm. All welcome to attend. Livestreamed at <https://youtu.be/gnpY6nMKz3M>

Choir for the Ordination Mass - a note from Rev Bill Lowry and Rev Matt Restall:

'Hello singers! St Augustine once said that those who sing pray twice. We feel that those who help others sing may pray thrice! We would like to take the opportunity to thank you all most sincerely for the enthusiasm and commitment you are putting into this occasion. This is the first Ordination to the Priesthood in the Diocese in over nine years, so you are all involved in a rather historic occasion. You are each an integral part of the celebration and each with your gifts and talents (and angelic voices) help give worthy praise to God. We encourage you all to please continue with the practice and the caring support of each other, building up community amongst each other and all those present on the night. Please be assured of our prayers and may the intercession of St Cecilia open up those vocal chords and bring forth beautiful song!' This is a Diocesan event so choir members are welcome from across the diocese. Practice sessions will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat on the following dates: Thursday 30 June, 7.00pm, Thursday 14 July, 7.00pm, Thursday 7 July, 7.00pm and Thursday 21 July, 7.30pm.

St Vincent Pallotti Scholarships for Lay Ministry

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. Applications close on Friday, July 29, 2022. Details are available at <https://pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>



Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close

Reflection by Artist

As Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem (and the cross that awaited him there), he warned his followers about the hardships of walking in his footsteps. A commitment to accompany Jesus on his journey meant rejection, insecurity and danger.

At Home Retreat

Heart of Life is offering an "At-home Retreat: Held in Hope" – over five weeks, beginning Monday, 1 August and concluding 29 August. This at-home retreat, invites you to spend some time in prayer at home each day pondering your experiences of the day, and to be accompanied by a retreat-companion weekly, via Zoom for 45 minutes, on how God might have been present for you. A small donation will be welcome. To register your interest, please call 9890 1101 or email info@heartoflife.melbourne, no later than 18 July 2022.

Director of Faith & Mission Position

St Mary MacKillop College Swan Hill is on the search for its next amazing Director of Faith and Mission. This role in a Catholic school is vitally important. For position description and application details, go to <https://smmc.vic.edu.au/our-community/employment/>

Plenary Council

The Second Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia takes place from July 3-9. Masses and sessions will be live-streamed each day and people are invited to send messages of prayer, hope and support to the Members gathering in Sydney. Find the livestreaming schedule and the portal for sending messages at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

When the plenary Council meets there will be eight parts to the discernment

Part 1 - Welcoming the contribution of Indigenous Peoples to the life of the Church

Part 2 - Sorrow for abuse in the Church / Commitment to promote healing and make the Church a safe place for everyone

Part 3 - Listening to the Spirit of Christ through one another / Sharing the gospel in words and service

Part 4 - Witnessing to equal dignity of women and men / Women to have a greater role in decision-making in the Church
Support for ordination of women as deacons

Part 5 - Central place of liturgy and other forms of prayer in the life of the Church

Liturgy of the Word / Fostering good quality preaching, by priests and laity

Better understanding of sacraments of Penance; Use of Third Form Rite / Support for married couples and families

Part 6 - Formation for 1) Leadership for Mission and Ministry 2) Laity and Clergy 3) Catholic Social Teaching

Part 7 - Governance in a synodal style at diocesan and parish levels / Diocesan Synod within five years

Part 8 - Care for Creation and for the Poor / Encouragement to adopt *Laudato Si'* Action Plan

Merged Parish

This being the last Sunday of our current arrangement of parishes, it seems a good time to look back and to be thankful for the many blessings given us by God over the many many years of the parishes, and to acknowledge the hurts. The early settlers and gold rush people clashed heads and civilisations with the people who had been here forever. They clashed heads and civilisations with the Chinese. Not long after the start the gold ran out and people left the district. Some stayed. They're still digging up gold. We're thankful for the rent paid to the parish by the mine today. All along people were running fast. Things kept going, sometimes in joy and sometimes in struggle. We looked after people in the struggle, thinking the jail and J Ward and Aradale. All along we've been highway towns. Joys and struggles.

One of the Vatican documents, *Gaudium et Spes*, opens with,

"The joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the people of our time, especially of those who are poor or afflicted, are the joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the followers of Christ as well."

Speaking on behalf of more than a century of priests, we have loved you. We have shared in the joys, the hopes, the grief and the anguish. Not for the first time I apologise that the priests caused grief and anguish. Every day I look out of my office window and there are ribbons on the fence, symbols of desperately sinful and criminal acts against your children in my house. It's a fair-enough horrible front fence to have at my front door. Grief and anguish.

This might be a time to wonder that the parish boundaries have forever been changing depending on the need. Churches have opened and closed. Parishes have opened and closed. We've built schools, and now the schools have a new more professional governance arrangement. One priest. We've nearly run out of nuns but they keep going, indestructible. All the while people have gathered to say our prayers, in the biting cold and the stifling heat, in times of joy and times of desperate tragedy and mostly times of just plodding along doing what we do in the daily normal. The sun comes up.

The parish anniversaries lists are being merged. It's taking time because the computer formatting isn't the same for each document. We'll display the anniversaries books in the churches. People will be welcome to take a pen and add names. From time to time we will update the books. This collating of the books of anniversaries is a good task to be doing in these final days of the parishes. These are the saints who came before us, who built our parishes and churches and handed their faith to us. The last thing we will do, on Thursday 30th, is bury Vin Hooper and write his name into the list. The first thing we will do on Friday morning is celebrate Masses in Stawell (9.30am) and Ararat (11am) because that's who we are and what we do. Come along and begin Holy Spirit Parish with Eucharist.

In the readings today the disciples are admonished not to look back once the hand is laid on the plough. Once we begin as a new parish, next Friday July 1, 2022, remember the date, we'll begin in earnest, saying our prayers and being the people of God who are again adapting to the changing times. There will be joys, hopes, grief and anguish in the days ahead. There is much for which we might be thankful.

I am enamoured with this prayer, by St Augustine of Canterbury, and it seems apt at this time as we form ourselves into Holy Spirit Parish, Gariwerd.

Breathe in me O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart O Holy Spirit, that I love only but what is holy. Strengthen me O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy. Amen.



Parish Prayer

This is our new parish prayer to begin next Sunday:

Creator God
Gather us and form us in the image of Christ
Open our hearts to your Holy Spirit
so that we, in turn, may reach out in love
to one another in a neighbourly community
We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord, Amen



Holy Spirit
Parish