



# 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 May 22, 2022 Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year C

### First Reading

[Acts 15:1-2, 22-29](#)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles  
Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders. Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them: 'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

### Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8. R. v.4](#)

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!  
1. O God, be gracious and bless us  
and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth  
and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)  
2. Let the nations be glad and exult  
for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples,  
you guide the nations on earth. (R.)  
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing  
till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

### Second Reading

[Rv 21:10-14, 22-23](#)

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse  
In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.



### Gospel Acclamation [Jn 14:23](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!  
All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

[Jn 14:23-29](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
Jesus said to his disciples: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

# 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

May 29  
The Ascension of the Lord Year C  
[Acts 1:1-11//Eph 1:17-23 //Lk 24:46-53](#)

## 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

## Changes to Masses this Week

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>** There will be no 10am Mass in Stawell. There will be Mass at 11.30am in Ararat with CWL - All welcome

## Recent Deaths:

### Anniversaries Stawell

Lucy Maher 1961, Patrick Daly 1995, Stella Kuhn 1969, Francis Rogers 1946, Nicholas Hammond 1974, Honor O'Kane 1978, Glenda Pulley 1990, Eliza Kate Rutter 1951, John McGuan 1975, Ailsa Faye Molan 2017, Ellen Earle 1945, John Smith 1955, James Walsh 1961, Frank McManus 1964, Kathleen Peters 1966, Maxwell Rogers 1995, Mary Hooper 1997, Francis Sheedy 1986

### Anniversaries Ararat

Reg Palmer, Alice Heenan, Mary Stevens, James Kelly, Cataldo Busittil, Margaret Dowd, Theophilus Coker, Bertha Coker, Josephine Coker, Joseph Coker, Sabina Coker, Mick Schwab, Kathleene Creenaune, Redmond O'Halloran, Mary Lewer, Patsy Hinchey, Peter O'Rorke, Jennifer Laidlaw, Peggy McAdie, Gladys Lister, Fr Laurie Gallagher, Eva Neulist, Brian Carr, Harold Hockley, Erik Van Opstal

### Golden Gate Roster

May 22 Jim Jan // 29 Teresa  
June 5 Teresa // 12 Harry Anna // 19 Jim Jan / 26 Teresa

### Lake Bolac Roster

Sat May 28 Reader Helen Smith // Prayers of Faithful Judy Aldous // Cleaning Rosemary Liston  
Sat June 4 Reader Michael Phillips // Prayers of Faithful Tricia Higgins // Cleaning Tricia Higgins

## Discipleship in a changed world

The **CWL Diocesan Conference** will be held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May in the St Mary's Ararat Parish Centre from 10am – 3pm. Mass will be celebrated at 11:30am. Everyone is welcome to attend Mass and all or part of the day. We will be sharing our thoughts on the way forward for the CWL in our parishes in a prayerful and friendly setting. There will be morning and afternoon tea. Cost \$10. For catering purposes RSVP by 18<sup>th</sup> May. Contact Jan Crowe -0428 916 941, Anna Collins -0427 564 214, or Margaret Rowe -53582421.

## Sacrament Meeting for Parents in Ararat

Parents of children of sacrament age (Year 3 and above) are invited to a meeting at the parish office to begin this year's program for Confirmation and First Eucharist. The meeting will be offered twice on Wednesday June 1, at 3.15pm and again at 5.30pm.

**Changes to Office Days** - Open Tuesday and Wednesday June 14/15 – Closed Thursday and Friday June 16/17

**Our Diocesan Community** - The latest edition of ODC is now available in the churches.

### **Stawell Ecumenical Service**

There will be an ecumenical church service on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May at 5pm in the Stawell Baptist Church hall. The service will be led by visiting Pastors Rob and Lyn Bailey who will preach, minister and prophecy.

### **Stawell Covid Clinic and Flu Vaccines**

Stawell Town Hall 10am-2pm Thursday May 26 – no appointment necessary

### **Dates**

**Priesthood Ordinations:** Deacons Matt Restall and Bill Lowry. July 22 St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 7.00pm.  
**Lake Bolac St Bernard's** 150 years foundation stone / 60 years new church Sun Sept 25 11am Mass and lunch  
**Portland All Saints Parish** 175th Anniversary: Weekend of August 27 & 28  
**Creswick St Augustine's Church** 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Weekend of September 17 & 18

### **Volunteer Induction and Training**

The parishes received notification this week from the diocesan office that all existing and new parish volunteers (all people on committees, Sunday ministries, gardeners, Op Shop, CWL ... just about everybody) will be asked to receive induction training, designed to meet the requirements of Standard 7 of the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards. The aim is that "personnel are equipped with knowledge, skills and awareness to keep children safe through information, ongoing education and training". More information to come.

### **Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria online event – May 25**

Sherry Balcombe, Manager of Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria, will be guest speaker via zoom on May 25, 2022 at 7.00pm. Sherry will present a brief overview of Aboriginal culture and spirituality and how it relates to today's world and will lead people to consider several key questions. This event is hosted by the Justice Action Group of St Mary of the Cross, Mordiallic & Aspendale during National Reconciliation Week (May 27 – June 3). To register go to <https://caritas.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUocemorz4tG92p9QQV4fQyLFak4guWhFYF>

### **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity for 2022: May 29 – June 5**

The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2022 was chosen by the Middle East Council of Churches "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship" (cf Matthew 2:2). Resources for use in prayer services in your parishes, local ministers associations or inter-church Councils are available at <https://www.ncca.org.au/faith-and-unity-resources/wopcu22>

### **NCLS Research to present free Webinar on 'What Australians really think about Jesus and the Church today'**

NCLS Research will be presenting a free webinar on "What Australians really think about Jesus and the Church today". The webinar will offer the latest research insights into Australian spirituality plus reflection about the impact on communities of faith. Speakers are Dr Ruth Powell, NCLS Research Director and Karl Faase, Olive Tree Media CEO. Thursday, June 9, 2022 at 11.00am (AEST) or 7.00pm (AEST). Get free tickets at: [https://whataustraliansthink\\_ncls.eventbrite.com.au](https://whataustraliansthink_ncls.eventbrite.com.au)

### **Would you like to participate in spiritual formation?**

'Taster Session', Tuesday 14 June 2022, 7.30pm-9pm (AEST), via Zoom. Are you called to be a spiritual director? A pastoral supervisor? A spiritual leader? Would you like to participate in spiritual formation that develops a compassionate, contemplative, listening heart? We invite you to join our Taster Session for a facilitated reflection and more information about Heart of Life's courses. Led by the formation team at Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Bookings via [www.trybooking.com/BZAWV](http://www.trybooking.com/BZAWV), or email [secretary@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:secretary@heartoflife.melbourne) for more details.

### **Looking to be inspired in your faith?**

Reconnect, Renew and Reimagine Catholic Community and Mission at the **Alive in the Spirit Online Experience** 26<sup>th</sup> – 28 May 2022 with one-month access. Inspiration and Formation for everyone engaged in the life of our Church. See keynote speakers, workshop information and register at [www.aliveinthespirit.com.au](http://www.aliveinthespirit.com.au)

### **Legion of Mary Reflection Day – May 27, 2022**

The Legion of Mary will host a "Day of Reflection" on Friday, May 27, 2022 in honour of Our Lady Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia. Father Nathan Rawlins of St Peter's Parish, Epping, will be the Keynote Speaker for the day. All members of the Legion of Mary Family, active, auxiliary and past members, including parishioners from all parishes of Ballarat, are cordially invited to participate in this event. The day will start at 9.15 am and finish at 3.15 pm and will be held in the St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat MacKillop/Glowrey Rooms.

## **IDAHOBIT - International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Interphobia & Transphobia**

I attended the IDAHOBIT events in both Ararat and Stawell this week, in support of people marginalised in their gender or sexuality. It was a profound experience for me. I learnt many things that matter. This one was the biggest surprise. I decided to dress in a loud colourful striped jacket that I wear when I'm on stage, playing the piano or at the eisteddfod. When I'm performing on stage it makes sense to me to wear bright clothes. I never wear the jacket anywhere else. I wore it on Tuesday because I thought that's what you wear to a thing like IDAHOBIT. It did help to start a couple of conversations. After the Stawell event I headed out to my car and thought I'd wander up the street a bit and find a shop to get a drink. Here was the light bulb moment. I looked in a shop window and then looked at what I was wearing and thought, "I don't actually feel comfortable going in here just now. There are too many people to judge me. I didn't feel overly safe." So I didn't go in. I went back to my car and drove home. I wondered whether that's how a lot of people feel every day, judged and not safe. Just for a moment I walked in the shoes of the other, and it was horrible. That's why these initiatives matter. As Catholic parishioners, are we the people in the shop while others look in through the window, feeling judged and not safe? Or are we in the shop and not judging at all, but the people in the striped jackets don't know that? Or are we supportive, but could learn more? My friend sent me some badges to wear. One said "He / Him." When it's not obvious it's helpful to display the pronouns you'd like people to use. Another badge said 'Ally,' as in, "no I'm not gay, but I'm supportive." I'll go again next year. It was good.

### **Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

The new city of God is built on the foundation of the apostles, but on its gates are inscribed the names of the tribes of Israel. These names represent the openness to all nations, races, peoples and tongues. The resurrection of Jesus has radically transformed the way we live together and the way we live with God. What must we do to be saved? The question put to Jesus centuries ago is still asked today, and the answer is still the same. We must believe and we must love God and love one another. We will be recognised as resurrection people by our active faith and by our unselfish love, not by an exterior mark, regardless of how sacred. This change in requirements for membership does not diminish the rigour of our religious obligations. Rather, it suggests that we may always have to reinterpret the law, for what is appropriate at one time and in one place may be inappropriate in another. With the early Christians, we will need the guidance of the Holy Spirit in this very delicate process. This is why the departing Jesus assures us that the Spirit will come to us to teach us all things. The final gift that Jesus promises to give is his own peace, a peace that he has won by overcoming sin and death. This peace issues from the union that Jesus enjoys with God, a union which we are now invited to share.



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

#### **Reflection by Artist**

Jesus offers the disciples wisdom and peace. Jesus stresses that this is not a peace that comes from everyday experience but something more: it comes from God. God's peace will enable the disciples to be untroubled and unafraid as they journey into the future without Jesus. God's peace will not make the disciples separate from everyday life, but singular within it.

### **Common Prayer for the 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Laudato Si' (also attached)**

Loving God, Creator of heaven and earth and all that is in them,  
You created us in your own image and made us stewards of all your creation.  
You blessed us with the sun, water and bountiful land so that all might be nourished.  
Open our minds and touch our hearts, so that we may attend to your gift of creation.  
Help us to be conscious that our common home belongs not only to us,  
but to all of your creatures and to all future generations, and that it is our responsibility to preserve it.  
May we help each person secure the food and resources that they need.  
Be present to those in need in these trying times,  
especially the poorest and those most at risk of being left behind.  
Transform our fear and feelings of isolation into hope and fraternity  
so that we may experience a true conversion of heart.  
Help us to show creative solidarity in addressing the consequences of this global pandemic.  
Make us courageous to embrace the changes that are needed in search of the common good.  
Now more than ever may we feel that we are all interconnected and interdependent.  
Enable us to listen and respond to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.  
May the present sufferings be the birth pangs of a more fraternal and sustainable world.  
Under the loving gaze of Mary Help of Christians,  
we make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.