



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 November 14, 2021 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading

[Dn 12:1-3](#)

A reading from the prophet Daniel

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 15:5. 8-11. R.v.1](#)

(R.) Keep me safe, O God:
you are my hope.

1. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)
2. 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.)
3. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness forever. (R.)

Second Reading

[Heb 10:11-14, 18](#)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

Gospel Acclamation

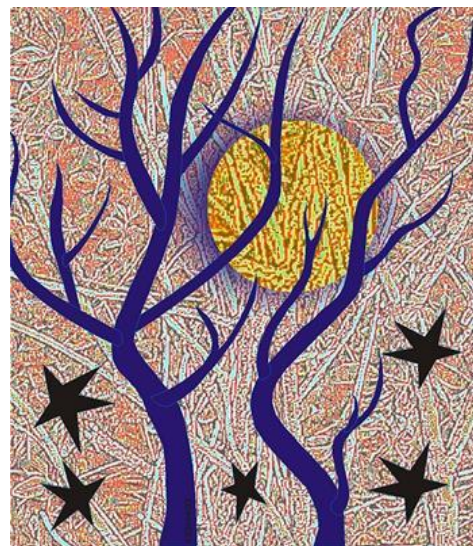
[Lk 21:36](#)

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful, and pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man. Alleluia!

Gospel

[Mk 13:24-32](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven. 'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'



Recent experiences in Europe and North America have shown how life can be disrupted and endangered by blackouts in cities. Power failures can be seriously scary! Jesus describes the beginning of the end times in terms of a vast blackout: the sun and moon are darkened and the stars have fallen from the sky. But this threatening situation is also full of promise because the changes herald the coming of the kingdom, of God's *basileia*, and the arrival of a new order. It is up to us to read the signs of the times and be prepared. [Artist: Jenny Close]

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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

Aged Care Schedule

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

Masses this Week

Stawell: Tues to Fri 10am

Ararat: Wed 17th 10.30am Garden View, Fri 19th 11am with morning tea

Readings for Next Sunday Nov 21 (Xt the King Yr B)

[Dn 7:13-14](#)// [Rv 1:5-8](#) // [Jn 18:33-37](#)

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve: Stawell 6pm, Ararat 7.30pm, Lake Bolac 9.15pm

Christmas Morning: Landsborough 9am

Recent Deaths

Anniversaries Stawell

Annie Bone 1978, Margaret Streeter 1999, Lillian Krause 1966, Brian Molan 1974, Grene Prydderch 1960, Monica McDonald 2002, Margaret Giles 2018, B Harris 1972, Jack Rathgeber 2010, John Healy 1968, Annette Simpson 2006

Anniversaries Ararat

Grace Schwab, Irene Wilson, Hughie Lees, Wilham Parker, Fr Nik Serzants, Ray Gellie, Tom O'Neill, Elma Upton, Mervyn Sherring, Irene Prydderch, Jean Cunningham, Arthur Morrison, Janine Shalders, Brian Clothier, Peter Carter, Margaret Brady, Margaret Darcy, Fr Mick Kehoe, Dorothy Woodford, Lillian Marshall, Bill Gordon, Michael Parker, Tim Joyce, Bryan Coffey, Colin Stewart, Hugh McKenzie-McHarg

Golden Gate Roster

November 14 Jim Jan // 21 Libby // 28 Harry Anna
December 5 Jim Jan // 12 Libby // Teresa // Harry Anna

Lake Bolac Roster

Sat Nov 20 Reader Helen Smith // Prayers of Faithful Rosemary Liston // Cleaning Jane Higgins
Sat Dec 4 Reader Michael Phillips // Prayers of Faithful Tricia Higgins // Cleaning Judy Upton

Lake Bolac Appeal

Thank you everyone who contributed a total of \$450 to Sister Gottfrieda's Indian Mission Annual Appeal last weekend.

Advent Discussion in Stawell

To prepare ourselves for Christmas we're offering a weekly Advent Discussion after our Tuesday Masses during Advent, (10.30am approx.) beginning on Tuesday November 30. This will include a hearing and reflection on the coming Sunday's readings. Everyone is welcome.

Stawell Parish Christmas Lunch - Thurs 2nd Dec - Parish Christmas lunch.

Stawell Ecumenical Service - Anglican Church Sunday 14th Nov at 5pm. Followed by a cuppa. Double vaccination required.

The Stawell CWL is brewing up a cuppa in St Pat's church hall after today's 10.30 Sunday Mass. Everyone welcome.

The Stawell CWL's annual general meeting will be on Thursday 25th Nov at 1.30pm in the St Pat's church hall.

Combined Parish Councils

There will be a combined Ararat parish council and Stawell's interim parish council on Wednesday 24 Nov in the Ararat parish centre at 6pm.

Reflection Dianne Bergant CSA

Although this is not the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the major theme found in the readings is the end of time. The events that will usher in and will take place during this time are described in apocalyptic terms. The struggles of life will culminate in a massive cosmic confrontation between the forces of good and those of evil. This last battle will be universal in scope, just like the first primordial conflict between chaos and God.

In some way, all of today's readings state that good will finally prevail over evil. In the last days Michael, the angelic warrior of God, will rise up. In the epistle, Christ is pictured seated triumphantly at the right hand of God with his enemies under his foot, a sign of conquest. Finally, in the gospel, the Son of Man, the mysterious figure from apocalyptic literature, comes in the clouds with great power and glory. All of these images are apocalyptic; each of them is quite hopeful.

We read these stories at the close of the liturgical year, because we are coming to the conclusion of our yearly telling of the story of salvation. However, apocalyptic images are timely whenever we find ourselves in the throes of the battle with evil and it appears that we will succumb. These forms will remind us that good will be able to withstand evil. From this we will conclude that we need only trust in God.

Australian Women Preach

I've mentioned this one before. I'm loving this weekly 12 to 15 minute reflection on the Gospel of the Sunday. This week's reflection is by Rev. Radhika Sukumar-White who has been a Minister of the Word in the Uniting Church in Australia since 2016. www.australianwomenpreach.com.au

Stawell Inter Church Council Welfare Cottage

"You may know someone who is doing it tough. Stawell Inter Church Council Welfare Cottage, 20 Sloane St is open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10.30am to 12.30pm. For after hours emergencies ring -0408 038 949. Could you please pass onto them that to request a Christmas grocery shopping voucher from the Cottage they ring -0408 877 021 on Tuesdays and Thursdays in November between 10.30am and 12.30pm. Owing to covid 19 there will be no children's toys or books available this year."

Double Vaccinations for Ministers of the Eucharist

In line with other activities requiring double vaccinations, parishioners who visit the elderly or infirm to distribute holy communion are required to be double vaxxed.

Year of St Joseph Monthly Reflection

Each month during the year of St Joseph, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference will publish a reflection on the various aspects of St Joseph's life and character. Fr Paul Nulley is a priest of the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn and has been parish priest of St Joseph's, O'Connor since 2017. He also serves as archdiocesan vocations director and chaplain of Australian Catholic University's Canberra campus. Fr Paul reflects on, "St Joseph – A Powerful Intercessor"

<https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>

Free online Open Day Information Sessions "Getting Started in Theology"

Catholic Theological College is offering online Open Day Information Sessions across November – topics will include "Getting Started in Theology", "Pastoral and Spiritual Practice" and "Mannix Library" for anyone interested in beginning or extending their study journey. For more information and to book go to <https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/open-days/>

Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, Melbourne

Accommodation Specials - With Melbourne opening up again, events like the Boxing Day Test and Australian Open will be big draw cards! Book your next stay at the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre Accommodation in the heart of Melbourne. Contact Kate, ph. 9926 9300.

Gift shop & SOSJ Calendar 2021 – With Christmas coming up, please consider supporting the work of the Sisters of St Joseph by purchasing a 2022 Josephite Calendar (\$8.00) and/or a present from the Museum Gift Shop (communion and confirmation gifts, devotional items, Vatican Library collection, rosary beads, holding crosses, candles, cards, statues, crucifixes, books and Peruvian handmade items).

Two Steps for Entry to Mass

1 Scan your QR Code
(or have someone help you)



2 Show your Vaccination Certificate
to the Covid Marshal



New Parish

What's Happening with the parish houses?

- Fr Eric's house (convent) has now had the carpet removed. Painting will begin on Monday. Furniture that has not been sold has been moved into the pink shed. It will likely be sold in the new year.
- Audrey and Aileen Brennan have very generously bequeathed their home to the Ararat parish. This week the Ararat finance committee met to discuss our options, whether to sell the home or to keep it for rental. More information to come.

Name for the New Parish

Thanks to everyone who has already submitted an idea for a name for our new parish. You are very welcome to make more than one suggestion. Thus far the suggestions have been mostly about the geographical area. Consider also the religious or patronal name. Ideas can be placed with the Sunday collection or emailed to andrew.hayes@ballarat.catholic.org.au

These are the suggestions so far:

- Grampians Parish / Parish of the Grampians
- Grampians Gariwerd Parish
- Grampians Pyrenees Parish
- South East Grampians Parish
- Our Lady of the Grampians Parish
- Lakes District
- Hopkins Parish
- Scullin Parish (Born in Trawalla, James Scullin was Australia's ninth prime minister and first Catholic prime minister)
- St Joseph the worker (He can help us roll up our sleeves and get on with rebuilding a parish community where everyone is welcome and has a parish home and family)



Name for the New Merged Parish

The parish will comprise St Patrick's Stawell, St Francis of Assisi Landsborough, St Mary's Ararat and St Bernard's Lake Bolac
It is likely that St John the Baptist Beaufort will be included by 2025

The Combined Parish Councils will meet on November 24 to discuss your ideas. More consultation will follow

My suggested religious or patronal name for the new parish is: _____

My suggested name for our geographical area is _____

Explanation for my suggestions: