

St Patrick's Stawell, Immaculate Conception Ararat, St Francis of Assisi Landsborough and St Bernard's Lake Bolac form Holy Spirit Parish, Gariwerd. We acknowledge recognise and respect the elders and families of the Barengi Gadjin and Eastern Maar people, the traditional owners of the land on which our parish gathers. We commit ourselves to walking in unity with our First Nations people.

First Reading[2 Sm 5:1-3](#)

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel.'" So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm[Ps 121:1-5. R. see v.2](#)

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.
I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing within your gates,
O Jerusalem is built as a city strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.
For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David. (R.)

Second Reading[Col 1:12-20](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians
We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light. Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers all things were created through him and for him.

Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

Gospel Acclamation[Mk 11:9. 10](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel[Lk 23:35-43](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'



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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

Readings for next Sunday

November 27th
First Sunday of Advent Year A
[Is2:1-5](#)// [Rom13:11-14](#)// [Mt24:37-44](#)

Landsborough	2 nd 4 th Sundays 6pm Vigil Sat
Glenthompson	(Hamilton Parish) 2 nd 4 th Sundays 8.30am

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

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve: Stawell 6pm // Ararat 7.30pm // Lake Bolac 9.15pm
Christmas Day: Landsborough 9am

Christmas Reconciliation

Tuesday December 20 5.30pm Stawell and 7pm Ararat
This will be 2nd Rite Reconciliation. Please bring a plate to share.
Lake Bolac Reconciliation: During Mass on Saturday December 17

Change to Landsborough Mass Time - For One Weekend Only

Landsborough's Mass on Saturday December 10 has been moved to Sunday December 11 at 12.30pm.

Recent Deaths: Alan Howlett

Anniversaries

Grace Schwab, Irene Wilson, Annie Bone 1978, Hughie Lees, Wilham Parker, Fr Nik Serzants, Margaret Streeter 1999.
Ray Gellie, Tom O'Neill, Elma Upton, Mervyn Sherring, Lillian Krause 1966, Brian Molan 1974, Irene Prydderch, Jean Cunningham, Arthur Morrison, Janine Shalders, Brian Clothier, Margaret Ralph, Grene Prydderch 1960, Monica McDonald 2002, Margaret Giles 2018, Peter Carter, Margaret Brady, Margaret Darcy, Fr Mick Kehoe, Dorothy Woodford, Lillian Marshall, Bill Gordon, Michael Parker, Tim Joyce, B Harris 1972, Bryan Coffey, Jack Rathgeber 2010, Colin Stewart, Hugh McKenzie-McHarg, Wayne Jerram, John Healy 1968, Annette Simpson 2006.

Golden Gate Roster	Sun 20 th Nov Jim & Jan Sun 27 th Nov Harry & Anna
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Lake Bolac Roster	Sat Nov 19 Reader Phillip Meek// Prayers of Faithful. Denise Haslett Sat Dec 3 Reader Val Albert// Prayers of Faithful Mick Brennan// Cleaning Leaane Breen Sat Dec 17 th Reader Denise Haslett//. Prayers of Faithful Deb Glasson
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Ararat Roster	Sun Nov 20 th Facil Peter Brady//Reader Sr John//Emin Charlie Reid Sun Nov 27 th Facil Rebecca Rodger//Reader Elizabeth Shea//Emin Marg Olle
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Stawell CWL

Will be having a shared lunch in the church hall on Thursday 24th Nov followed by their Annual General Meeting.
Everyone is welcome
The Stawell CWL will be selling packets of Christian Christmas cards after Masses – a packet of 10 cards for \$8.00.

Stawell Mass Tuesday 22nd November Will be a CWL remembrance for the past members and especially for Doreen Duffy & Kay Dalton.

Stawell St Vincent de Paul Next meeting Monday 21st Nov in St Pats church hall 2pm.

St Anne's Grandmothers' Club

St Anne's Christmas get together will be at Bernadette Harrington's home on Wednesday November 23 at 2pm. KK \$10

Ararat Mass for the Dead

This annual Mass for those who have died will be on Thursday December 1 at 7pm at St Mary's Church. Please bring a plate to share.

Stawell Inter Church Council

If you know anyone who needs help this Christmas can you please ask them to come to the Stawell Inter Church Council welfare Cottage in November. 20 Sloane St. Stawell Open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 10:30am – 12:30pm.

OLHC Parish Wendouree Christmas Day Lunch (No Cost)

OLHC Parish Wendouree volunteers are hosting lunch on Christmas Day in the Parish Hall, 482 Gillies Street, Wendouree from 12.00noon – 2.00pm. Bookings are essential as seating is limited, ph. 0419 975914. Transport to the Hall is available. If you are able to volunteer on this day, please phone the number listed to register your availability.

St Vincent de Paul Flood Appeal

The St Vincent de Paul Society has established a Victorian Flood Appeal. Contributions can be made by:

- Calling 13 18 12;
- Visiting <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022>

You can also:

- make a monetary donation through any Vinnies Shops at point of purchase;
- via your local IGA where the purchase of a token supports the recovery of Victorians devastated by these recent floods.

Please contact us at mysteryandmissionconference@gmail.com if you require any further details.

Synod of Bishops Continental Stage

The Church around the world has entered the Continental Stage for the Synod of Bishops on Synodality. Groups around the country are praying with and responding to the Document for the Continental Stage, which was published recently. Download prayer resources, including for use in liturgies, read the document and access the submission portal at www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch

Groups invited to prepare for next phase of Synod on Synodality

The National Centre for Pastoral Research is inviting groups of seven to 10 people to express their interest in participating in the next round of consultation for the global Synod of Bishops on Synodality. Groups – using the working document and assisted by a reflection guide being produced by the national Synod of Bishops committee to support prayer, discernment and response – will be able to gather and share their feedback through an online portal. People wishing to coordinate groups for discernment on the Document for the Continental Stage should email the NCPR's Stephen Reid (stephen.reid@catholic.org.au) to express interest in coordinating a group that meets the following criteria:

- Groups should be comprised of a mix of clergy, laity and religious.
- Group members are expected to be aware of Church matters at the diocesan and national level.
- Group members should be able to read and reflect prayerfully on the document and have experience doing so with similar documents.

Online Disability Focus Group to discuss the Synod of Bishops Continental Report

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Disability Project Office invites people with disabilities and carers of people with disabilities to be the core participants of a focus group to consider the Synod of Bishops Continental Report. This focus group meeting will be held on November 24, 2022 from 3.00pm – 5.00pm (AEDT) via Microsoft Teams and will be hosted by Damien Gardiner, Disability Projects Officer for the ACBC. For further information email Damien.gardiner@catholic.org.au

World Children's Day – November 20, 2022

Discover what's happening this World Children's Day – UNICEF's annual day of action for children, by children. From climate change, education and mental health, to ending racism and discrimination, children and young people are raising their voices on the issues that matter to their generation and calling for adults to create a better future. Kids are standing up for a more equal, inclusive world <https://www.unicef.org/world-childrens-day>

Roll up your sleeves; make a difference overseas

Do you require professional renewal, or are you seeking a retirement challenge? Communities abroad are asking for qualified and experienced Australians able to mentor their people in education, health, administration, trades, agriculture and more. Imagine yourself re-engaging your vocational passion in Africa, Asia or the Pacific. Since 1961 Palms Australia has been recruiting Australians able to offer mentoring that will allow overseas counterparts opportunities otherwise unattainable. Sharing your skills will strengthen the capacity of workers overseas to serve their communities for generations to come, long after you return home. Communities in American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Zambia are seeking to fill a variety of roles. Enquire about those roles via www.palms.org.au or by calling 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567

CatholicCare Victoria Giving Tree Appeal

The last two years of the COVID pandemic have had a devastating impact on low-income families. Unemployment, rent prices and mental and physical health issues are just some of the things which can lead to financial crisis. Please help a family in need this Christmas. To donate go to <https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/campaign/donate/19/giving-tree-appeal>

Vinnies Christmas Kindness Appeal

Aussie families are struggling to survive the increasing cost-of-living pressures this Christmas. Your generosity can provide urgent relief for a family who's doing it tough this Christmas and give them hope for a better future. To donate go to <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/christmas-appeal>

Pope Francis' Prayer for Peace in Ukraine!

I ask you to pray the Our Father for peace in Ukraine, now and throughout this Day. Let us ask the Lord to grant that the country may grow in the spirit of brotherhood, and that all hurts, fears and divisions will be overcome. We have spoken about the Holocaust. But let us think too that [in Ukraine] millions of people were killed [1932-1933]. They are a people who have suffered; they have suffered from hunger, suffered from much brutality and they deserve peace. May the prayers and supplications that today rise up to heaven touch the minds and hearts of world leaders, so that dialogue may prevail and the common good be placed ahead of partisan interests. Please, no more war.



REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The Power of Remembering

If you memorise a tune or your 'times tables', you are said to 'know it by heart'. The sort of person who will always remember me is someone who 'knows me by heart'.

Here, a tortured criminal starts his plea: 'Jesus . . .'. This is one of only two instances where Jesus is addressed by his name which means 'The Lord saves'. The good thief went on: 'remember me when you come into Your Kingdom'. Jesus 'knows him by heart' and promises that He will re-member him in Paradise.

This is an exercise of sovereignty which befits 'Christ the King'. This is all the Kingly power which you or I will ever need, but to confidently invoke it we need to position ourselves alongside Jesus, like the 'good thief'. We do this by our practical concern for the poor and by coming to Mass which re-members the Body of Christ.

We could pause for a moment to pray: 'Jesus, remember me, know me by heart, for when you do I will be in Paradise.'