



Holy Spirit Parish Gariwerd



St Patrick's
Stawell



Immaculate Conception
Ararat



St Francis of Assisi
Landsborough



St Bernard's
Lake Bolac

First Reading

2 Kings 5:14-17

A reading from the second book of the Kings
Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child. Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said, 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

Responsorial

Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. **(R.)**

2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. **(R.)**

3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. **(R.)**

Second Reading

2 Timothy 2:8-13

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

Remember the Good News that I carry. 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships

to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it. Here is a saying that you can rely on: If we have died with him, then we shall live with him. If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him. If we disown him, then he will disown us. We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

Gospel Acclamation

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'



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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, and pay our respects to their elders both past, present and future, for they hold the memories, the traditions and culture of our ancient land, Australia.
We honour the presence of these ancestors who reside in the imagination of this land

Mass Times

Ararat Sunday 9am
Stawell Sunday 10.30am
Lake Bolac 1st 3rd 5th Sundays 6.30pm Vigil Sat
Landsborough 2nd 4th Sundays 12 noon
Glenthompson (Hamilton Parish) 2nd 4th Sundays 8.30am

Readings for next Sunday 19th Oct

Exodus 17:8-13/2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2/
Luke 18:1-8

Weekday Masses (usual schedule) (Check bulletin for occasional changes)

Tuesday: 10am Stawell (Not on the 1st Tuesday of each month)

Wednesday: Aged Care

Thursday: 2.30pm Hopkins

Friday: 11am Ararat

Aged Care Roster

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

If there is a Funeral on Tuesdays (Stawell) or Fridays (Ararat) there will be NO Mass on that day.

Anniversaries

Honora O'Halloran, Margaret Stainsby, Betty Wallwork, James Lannen, Connie Rice, Renee Daniels, Desmond Kidd, William Rathgeber 1943, Barrie Mason 2011, Kit Tellefson, Edmund Joyce, Eileen Joyce, Jack Dowd, Lorna Clark, Gertrude Woods 1961, Jess Auld 1973, Margery Power 2001, Judith Barry, Ann Hogan, Ruby Holland, Vincent McLeod, Dorothy Beble, Allan Sinnott, Patrick Rutter 1986, Mavis Sheedy 1996, William Ormesher 2000, Leslie Williams 2006, Eileen Clark, Frank Kelly, Anthony Hucker, May Jaensch, Frances Mary Horsley, Sarah Oates 1979, Nancy Rutter 2018 Margaret Oliver, Anne Brown, Mick Chamings, Emma Crawford 1993, Bob Waring, Fr Gavin Fitzpatrick, My Ha, David Thomson, Margaret Rathgeber 1952, Bridget Mullens 1962, Monica Sullivan 2008, John Day 2011, Honorah Price, Rene Guinan, Belinda Heard, Rene Walsh, Frank Walsh, Catherine Mason 1969.

Mission Sunday

We will have a special celebration next weekend for Mission Sunday.
Special Mission Sunday envelopes will be available after Mass this weekend.

Lake Bolac Roster

Sat Oct 18 Reader Deb Glasson/ Prayers of Faithful Judy Aldous

Sat Nov 1 Reader Mick Brennan/ Prayers of Faithful Brigitte Morrissey /Leanne Breen

Ararat Roster

Sun Oct 12 Facilitator P Brady/Reader Pat L / Euch Min Nora & Teresa G

Stawell Roster

Sun Oct 12 S/Minister L McIntyre & M Howard /Reader G Madafferi / Offertory Timor East

Sun Oct 19 S/Minister S DeLeon & J Obi/Reader D Jones/ Offertory G Pascall/P Gooden

St Bernard's, Lake Bolac. A shared supper will be held after 6.30 pm Mass, on Saturday, October 18th. Please bring a plate of finger food to share. There will be a giving bowl for those wishing to donate to the missions

Stawell CWL cuppa after Sunday Mass will be next Sunday 19th October. Everyone is welcome.

Stawell St Vincent de Paul will meet in the St Pat's Church Hall on Monday 20th at 2pm.

CWL Ararat - Next meeting Tuesday 21st October in the parish centre 1pm

2026 Columban Calendars are now available from Vinnies op shop in Barkly St Ararat \$11.00

Ministries of proclaiming God's word: Why are they so important?

Bishop Paul has prepared some reflections on the importance of the ministry of proclaiming God's Word. The reflections are available from the diocesan website - scan or click the QR code.

International Eucharistic Congress 2028 theme announced

Pope Leo XIV has chosen "This is My Body, Given for You" as the theme for the International Eucharistic Congress to be held in Sydney in 2028. Read more at the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Jubilee of Marian Spirituality: October 11-12, 2025

The Jubilee of Marian Spirituality recognises the ways that devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary can strengthen the faith life of individuals and, in turn, the Church. Further resources for the Jubilee of Marian Spirituality are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/liturgy-sacraments/jubilee-year-2025-pilgrims-of-hope/>

Liturgical Music Workshop in Ballarat with Br Michael Herry fms – November 20, 2025

This workshop will feature special music for Advent and the Christmas season, how to sing the Responsorial Psalms each Sunday and beautiful music for prayer and worship from Marist Music on Thursday, November 20, 2025 at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, 480A Gillies Street, Wendouree at 7.00pm. Please register your attendance at the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/liturgical-music-workshop-with-br-michael-herry-fms/> or scan or click the QR code.



October is Catholic Mission Month

For women like Sharon, who must choose between feeding their children or selling their crops to survive, and Grace, who risked her life traveling 160km for safe childbirth, hope comes through Sr Jane and Kayula. Through sustainable farming, Sr Jane helps women provide for their families. At the Chilonga Mission Hospital, Kayula ensures mothers and babies receive the dignity and care they deserve. This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance the vital work of the Church. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope to the people of Zambia. www.catholicmission.org.au/mission. Free Call: 1800257296

Clergy Jubilarians Mass 2025

Mass to celebrate the 2025 Clergy Jubilarians will be held on Tuesday, October 28, 2025 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 5.00pm. The 2025 clergy Jubilarians are: 65 years – Fr Pat Flangan; 50 years – Bishop Paul Bird CSsR, Fr Eugene McKinnon, Fr Wally Tudor. All are welcome to attend. Members of the parishes of the Diocese of Ballarat are welcome to join the choir for the Mass. Rehearsal date to be advised.

Mass Setting: Mass of Healing and Hope

Star of the Sea, South West Coast parishioner, Don Stewart has been performing and writing music for much of his life. He has recently completed his first Mass setting called "Mass of Healing and Hope". Don offers this Mass setting to diocesan parishes to add to their liturgical music repertoire. Download PDF versions of the music and MP3 recordings of all the Mass parts for free from Don's website www.acornmusic.com.au. Under the "Music" menu item on the right hand side select "Mass of Healing and Hope" to download MP3's. Select "Sheet Music" to download the musical scores. To purchase printed copies of the mass or CD recordings please contact Don by emailing info@acornmusic.com.au.

Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close

Reflection by Artist

Only one of the ten lepers whom Jesus cured was able to overcome his self-absorption for long enough to give thanks. Ironically that leper was a foreigner.



REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Leprosy, AIDS and Salvation

Like the other nine lepers, the Samaritan was cured of his skin disease. Unlike the other nine, he thanked Jesus and expressed faith in Jesus as the agent of his divine healing. Only to him did Jesus say: 'Your faith has brought you *salvation*.'

So, 'salvation' is evidently more than physical cure. Every aspect of this man's personality, bodily, socially, relationship with God, was made whole. Being brought to this 'holistic' situation we call 'salvation'.

This Gospel assures us that there is nothing which makes me 'taboo' to Jesus. Jesus is only too willing to reach out to that part of me which is dis-eased, ill-at-ease with myself, other people, creation, or God. Having faith in Him allows the full force of His love to heal me, to take effect.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we might join the Samaritan walking along the road to final salvation, praising God.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The leprosy of Naaman and the ten men in the gospel serves as a metaphor for sinfulness, the condition that makes us unfit for the presence of God and despicable in the eyes of others. Separated from God and alienated from society, we are truly in a deplorable state, a state out of which we are unable to extricate ourselves. Into these seemingly hopeless conditions step the prophet Elisha and Jesus. Each in his own way brings the healing power of God, the saving grace of God. Paul is such a mediator as well. He brings the gospel to those who are in need of salvation. When people are open to his preaching, they are transformed and made ready to receive eternal glory.

After healing come gratitude and praise. Both Naaman and the lone Samaritan are so filled with gratitude that they return to the one responsible for their healing. They are not so preoccupied with their good fortune as to forget that it came to them as a gift. Their response is the kind of thanks and praise that is proclaimed in the psalm and that is also celebrated at each Sunday Eucharist. We have been saved from our alienation from God and from each other so let us give thanks to the Lord.

Those who know that they have been healed, who realize that this was a gift freely given to them, and who return to give thanks have, by these acts of devotion, stepped over a threshold into a new way of living. Their thanks and praise usher them into a new age, the age of eschatological promise.

