



Holy Spirit Parish Gariwerd



St Patrick's
Stawell



Immaculate Conception
Ararat



St Francis of Assisi
Landsborough



St Bernard's
Lake Bolac

First Reading

Exodus 17:8-13

A reading from the book of Exodus
The Amalekites came attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

Responsorial

Ps 120. R. v.2

(R.) Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains: from where shall come my help? My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth. **(R.)**

2. May he never allow you to stumble! Let him sleep not, your guard. No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, Israel's guard. **(R.)**

3. The Lord is your guard and your shade; at your right side he stands. By day the sun shall not smite you nor the moon in the night. **(R.)**

4. The Lord will guard you from evil, he will guard your soul. The Lord will guard your going and coming both now and for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading

2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you

have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work. Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

Gospel Acclamation

Hebrews 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!

Gospel

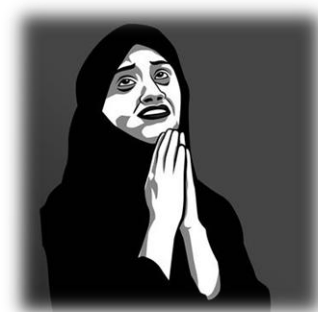
Luke 18:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."' And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you; he will see justice done to them and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

Sunday 19th October, 2025 Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

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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 26th Oct

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18/2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

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

Chris Carter, Margaret (Peg) Price, Simon Ring, Emily Walsh 1945, Francis Gilliland 1990, Fr. Frank Monaghan 2013
Christopher Reid, Tony Pevitt, Sr Grace Wensley RSM, Maxwell Yanner 1950, Elizabeth Whitty 1955, Mary Blackham 1988, Corinne Rathgeber 2011 Norm Reid, John Hennessy Jnr., Dot Hurley, Robert Healy 1972, Mary Ormesher 2001, Dorothy May Hurley 2012 Judy Waring, John Pola 1945, Edward Seeary 1945, Gavin Jack 1969, Bridget Pickering 1993, Elsie Mary Dalziel 2008 Molly Rutter, Mons. Frank McKenzie, Betty Bulger, John Hennessy, Bill Gleeson, William Falvey 1966, Mary Atkinson 1993, Fiona Seebus 1998 Alfred Edward Hooper, Bridgit Whelan 1945, Peter Scarsi 1953, Emily Healy 1965, Mollie Rutter 1983, Montgomery Millson, Joyce Hockley, Jean Carey, Elizabeth McSparron 1963, Robert Boag 1980, Peter Mornane 1999, Monica Morrissey 2005

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
Sat Nov 15 Reader Damian Phillips/ Prayers of Faithful Deb Glasson
Sat Nov 29 Reader Denise Haslett/ Prayers of Faithful Rosemary Liston

Ararat Roster

Sun Oct 19 Facilitator E Shea/Reader M McD / Euch Min Mary C & C Reid
Sun Oct 26 Facilitator Harry /Reader Anna C / Euch Min Marg M & M Olle
Sun Nov 2 Facilitator Tersea G/Reader Maria S/ Euch Min Genara & Cathy McA

Stawell Roster

Sun Oct 19 S/Minister S DeLeon & J Obi/Reader D Jones/ Offertory G Pascall/P Gooden
Sun Oct 26 S/Minister M R Thomas & D Jones/Reader L McIntyre / Offertory J Croton
Sun Nov 2 S/Minister L McIntyre & M Howard/Reader G Madafferi / Offertory Heenan Family
Sun Nov 9 S/Minister J Obi & K Ashton /Reader D O'Donnell / Offertory H Reid & Friend

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

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 this 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.

World Mission Month & World Mission Day - Sunday, October 19, 2025

Each year during October, Catholic Mission and the broader Catholic community come together to celebrate World Mission Month, guided by the theme "Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples." Together, we have the power to create change and build a more just world for people everywhere. By supporting missionaries in their work, we can create life-changing opportunities for countless children, families, and communities worldwide. Join us in making a difference for our sisters and brothers. **View a video from Bishop Paul** in support of Catholic Mission at this link: <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/service-and-agencies/welfare/mission-and-outreach/catholic-mission/PopeLeoXIV> has released a short video message inviting the global Church to stand in solidarity with communities most in need. View online at YouTube link or download from Dropbox link. **Media Releases:** From Catholic Mission: Media Release – Pope Leo XIV Delivers Historic Video Message for World Mission Sunday; From Vatican News: Pope Leo XIV: "Take Part in World Mission Sunday" (Vatican News)

Pastoral Letter to the Catholics of Victoria on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide

The State Government is seeking to amend Victoria's euthanasia and assisted suicide laws. If passed, the new laws would further weaken protections for vulnerable patients and reduce protections for nurses, doctors and other medical practitioners who conscientiously object. In response, the Bishops of Victoria have written a pastoral letter asking that we contact our local Members of Parliament and urge them to vote against these laws. You can read the letter online and find out more by scanning the QR code or via www.bit.ly/EuthanasiaBill



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.



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.



Clergy Jubilarians Mass 2025 – updated notice

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. Choir rehearsal will be held on Sunday, October 26 at St Patrick's Cathedral at 6.15pm.

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

Anti-Poverty Week: October 12-18, 2025

This week is Anti-Poverty Week. In Australia, the poverty line is generally defined as 50% of median household income. In Australia, there are more than 3.32 million people or 13.4% of the population living below the poverty line. To support the Anti-Poverty Week Campaigns, go to <https://antipovertyweek.org.au/>

REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE – by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Think of any successful scientist, any successful musician, any successful writer. None of these people became successful overnight. It usually takes a lot of time and a lot of mistakes – a lot of close attempts – before success comes. That's true in any area of life.

If you learn from every mistake you make, then nothing you do can ever be seen as a failure. Every mistake can become a valuable lesson and an important step on the way to where you want to go. What is a mistake you made that actually taught you something important?

Do you give up easily? Do you think you are a 'quitter'? Why or why not?

Are you too persistent? Are you too tenacious? Do you sometimes need help to realise when it's time to 'let it go and get on with your life'? Why do you think so?

When has persistence paid off for you?

Jesus advises us to be persistent in prayer. Prayer is our communication with God, our relationship with the Divine. Like any friendship, a prayer relationship takes time, effort and energy.

How do you keep your friendships with others fresh and fulfilling? How do you keep your friendship with God fresh and fulfilling? Do you use the same techniques for both friendships? Why or why not?

Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close

Reflection by Artist

The dramatic picture of the powerful judge and the powerless woman stands in strong contrast to the image that Jesus draws of God's compassion. God's justice is given as gift, not for the sake of expediency. How appropriate that Jesus should use a widow woman to symbolise a human cry for help.



REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate - The Urgent Widow

The judge in this story only gives in to the distraught widow when she threatens 'to give him a black eye' (in the Greek)! Jesus is not saying God is like the judge who needs to be battered into submission. Jesus is saying we need to pray like that widow.

Think of what widows in Syria or Iraq are praying for tonight. Then think of one's own prayer. God is not the slightest bit interested in my usual trivial, self-promoting prayers. But He is interested in my being such a woeful pray-er and wants to change me.

Recall an incident of really urgent, intense prayer. Most likely, it was to do with a traumatic accident or fatal disease of a baby, of a spouse, of a parent too young. Apply that intense urgency to those in the world crying out: 'give us this day our daily bread'. In short, pray The Lord's Prayer with meaning.

We could pause for a moment to pray to live out the consequences of the 'Our Father' lest we are threatened with a black eye!

