



Holy Spirit Parish Gariwerd



St Patrick's
Stawell



Immaculate Conception
Ararat



St Francis of Assisi
Landsborough



St Bernard's
Lake Bolac

First Reading

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man; he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story. The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives, he is inconsolable, nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement. And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

Responsorial

Ps 32:2-3, 17-19, 23. R. v.7

(R.) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**

2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The just call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. **(R.)**

3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **(R.)**

Second Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all

those who have longed for his Appearing. The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 18:9-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'



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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 2 Nov

Job19:1.23-27/Romans5:5-11/Matthew5:1-12

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.

Recent Death Margaret Todd

Anniversaries

John Kyatt, Catherine Vendy 1972, Brian Monaghan 2006, Patts Pratt, Patricia Kavanagh, William Radley, Kevin Westrup, Matt Pope 1944, Lino Fratin, Noel Kent, Noel Birrell, Irene O'Connor, William Byrne 1970, Mary Healy 1973, Elsa White 1991, Patricia O'Loughlin 2017, William Alfred Evans 2018, Norman Hearn, Conception Unabia, Adrian Starkie, Anna Phelan 1985, Jack Naylor 2001, Nora Todd-Culph 2006, Leo Crawford 2017, Henry Nolan, Laurie Rutter, May Uniacke 1964, Dahne Pollock 1970, John Mullen 1989, Laurence Rutter, Mary Jaensch, Juan Alforique Snr, Florentini Alforique, Aroviani Alforique, Abraham Alforique, Servando Alforique, Joshine Radley, Julian Upton, Vincent Flynn 1969, Ethel Phillips 1980, Val Gaylor 1986, Charles Turner 1999, Benedicta Bartels 2002, Bernard Browne 2007

Lake Bolac Roster

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 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

Sun Nov 9 Facilitator C Reid /Reader Cathy L / Euch Min Mary C & Barbara L

Sun Nov 16 Facilitator Rachael /Reader Harry / Euch Min Marg M & C Reid

Stawell Roster

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

Sun Nov 16 S/Minister S DeLeon & M R Thomas/Reader D Jones / Offertory Timor East

There will be no Mass in St Pat's this coming Tuesday 28th October at 10am. Instead, we will pray the rosary. The rosary is the story of the New Testament. Through the beads we follow the life of Jesus and Mary. The rosary has been an important part of Catholic life for centuries. It is a very powerful prayer. The CWL in Stawell promotes the praying of the rosary. Some members and parishioners offer to pray the rosary in their homes, usually for a week, on a roster system. We have a small statue of Our Lady of Fatima to have in our home during "our turn for Mary" to remind us that our rosary is a parish community prayer. You are very welcome to join us to offer rosaries for peace, our parish, and any personal needs. For further information or to join our "rosary and Mary's statue" roster, please contact Margaret Rowe -53582421 or Mary Rita Thomas -0438836180 or have a chat to them after Mass.

The Stawell Lions' Club is re launching the 'prescription glasses initiative'. We collect glasses that are no longer required and distribute them to needy people in the community, both here in Australia and overseas, (needy people who cannot purchase their own glasses). Glasses can be collected at your church and subsequently delivered to me at 15 Scallan Street Stawell and I will ensure they are delivered to needy people both here and abroad. If I am out, it is quite safe to leave the glasses in a carrier bag at my front door on the verandah.

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

Applications open for 2026/27 Young Catholic Women's Fellowship

The Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry is pleased to announce applications are now open for the Australian Young Catholic Women's Fellowship for 2026/2027. More information at this link <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/applications-open-for-2026-27-young-catholic-womens-fellowship/>

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

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.

Catholic Mission Month Appeal

We would like to thank you for your generosity supporting the Church in Zambia and missionaries like Sr Jane and Kayula. Thanks to your kindness, women like Sharon will have the skills to provide for their families, and mothers like Grace can give birth with dignity. Your gift will also support a variety of Church programs around the world. To learn more about the impact your support is making, please visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work. Here, you can also sign up to our regular newsletter to keep up to date with the latest news. If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at catholicmission.org.au/mission. Your action will make a profound change on people's lives. www.catholicmission.org.au/mission. Free Call: 1800257296

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate - Standing in the Humus of Life

This parable begins 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray'. But only one of them actually prayed: 'God be merciful to me, a sinner'. The other informs God how well he is doing in the piety stakes. Notice that he strings together a whole lot of verbs, all in the first person singular! This means he is in mortal danger of staying in the first person singular after death, which is Hellish.

The other is said to be 'humble'. I like the English companion word: 'humus'. He is well-grounded, knows where he is standing, sometimes in the manure of life. It takes courage and humility to admit to God exactly where we stand. We can do so in Confession, or less formally simply praying: 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner'. We could pause for a moment to humbly pray so that we may hope to hear Our Lord say: 'This woman, this man, this boy, this girl, went home at rights with God.'

Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close - Reflection by Artist

In this parable, Jesus parodies two types of men that are well known to his audience – the Pharisee and the tax collector – and he casts them as the self-righteous egoist and the humble sinner. A fundamental Kingdom value is evident here: the first will be last and the last first, or 'all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'



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



Some people like just salt on their food and other people like only pepper. Like black and white, salt and pepper seem to be opposites. But some people like them both and use them together, as complements to each other's flavour. The proud Pharisee and the humble sinner seem to be opposites, but they can also be seen as complements as well. The proud Pharisee was able to understand the good things about himself. This gave him confidence to pray in thanksgiving for his blessings. It's good to be thankful for blessings, but Jesus would probably say the proud Pharisee took it a bit too far. Why do you think so? The humble sinner was able to understand the flaws in himself. But still he had the confidence to pray for forgiveness and mercy. It's good to be aware of all your flaws, but a person could take this a bit too far as well. Do you think Jesus wants us to focus only on our sinfulness, and to be obsessed with being an unworthy, 'second-class' citizen? Why or why not? Is it possible to have a healthy pride in your talents, as well as a healthy humility in your place on earth as a servant of God? What would that look like? How would you know when you had achieved such a balance? By the way, which do you like better – salt or pepper? Or do you like them both? Do you see them as opposites or complements? black and white or shades of grey?