



St Patrick's, Stawell

# St Patrick's Parish Newsletter Stawell and Landsborough

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C

July 14, 2019



St Francis of Assisi,  
Landsborough

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Ellen Devery; Pauline Coughlan, Thomas Jess

### THIS WEEK:

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### WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:

Tues; Wed; Thurs 10.00am.

No parish Mass Friday as Fr Eric will be celebrating the Bishop's birthday in Ballarat.

An invitation to anyone who may have some spare time around 10.00am Tuesday to Friday. Come along to one or more of our weekday Masses. Usually take about 20-25 minutes. **GIVE SOME TIME TO GOD.... HE GIVES ALL HIS TIME TO YOU.**

**CENTERING PRAYER:** not during school holidays.

**CONFESSIONS** —Before or after 10.00am weekday Masses by request (i.e. – just ask Fr Eric.) ; 10.00am Saturdays; Landsborough—before Sunday Mass. Any other time contact Fr Eric 0419 597 063

### YOU CAN CHANGE THE WAY POVERTY FEELS.—LAST CHANCE THIS WEEKEND:



**Thank you very much to those who supported the St Vinnies Winter Appeal. Your generosity will certainly assist a local person or family in need.**

### CUP OF TEA/COFFEE



**AFTER 10.30AM MASS THIS WEEKEND. All most welcome.**

### FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection \$ 438.35

Parish Collection: \$ 2,350.00

Loose Collection: \$ 71.10

*Collection is for the clergy stipend, presbytery costs and support of the bishop and sick and retired priests. The 2nd collection is for the upkeep of the parish.*



### MASS TO CELEBRATE BISHOP PAUL BIRD'S 70TH BIRTHDAY

Mass to celebrate Bishop Paul's 70th birthday will be held next Friday, July 19, 2019 at 12.05pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat. All are welcome to attend.

### SICK LIST

Noah Amarant; Kathryn Young; Glenis Leddin; Lourdes de la Cerna; Kath Hayes (Ballarat); John Delaney; Lynn Wright; John Jess; Simon Monas; Angela Moore; Kate Sargent; Yvonne Evans; Margaret Boag; Nigel James (Canberra); Ian Kindred; Sharron Pickering; Andrew Van Diesen; Benjamin Wolfson; Bernie O'Callaghan; Patty Fenwick; Robbie Loxton; Nicole Lee (Horsham); Brian O'Loughlin; Beryl Walsh; Shirley Gerritsen; Jordan Young; Steven Oates; Maree Parkin; Rosemary Chisholm (Bendigo); Harry Comitti

**NB: A Family member of the sick person must contact the Parish Office to have names added.**

## HUMOUR:

### **Silence is golden**

A man entered a silent monastery where you were only allowed to say two words a year, to the Abbott. At the end of his first year the man was asked by the Abbott for his two words. As he had felt hungry often during the year, he replied "More food."

By the end of his second year he had often felt cold so when asked by the Abbott for his two words, he replied "More blankets."

During his third year he came to realise that he was not really suited to a silent order, so when he came before the bishop to utter his two words he told the Abbott that he had not been very happy these last three years and was leaving the order.

The Abbott replied, "You may as well go, you've done nothing but complain since you arrived."

## NEWS

### Archbishop Fisher to meet Attorney-General to discuss bill

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*Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP (ACBC)*

Attorney-General Christian Porter will sit down with Sydney Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP to discuss a way forward on a religious discrimination act, after failing to respond to requests for a meeting for more than a month. Source: The Australian.

The Catholic Weekly reports that Archbishop Fisher sent a letter to the Attorney-General on June 5 to discuss the upcoming religious discrimination bill and wider religious issues. The Australian has confirmed that the Archbishop never received a reply to his letter.

The breakdown in communication came weeks after religious officials complained that they have not been consulted yet on any final reli-

gious discrimination bill.

Mr Porter's spokesman told The Australian yesterday that a meeting with the Archbishop — who is overseas — will be arranged in coming days.

"The Archbishop's letter was received on the 13th June and a response will be provided shortly," Mr Porter's spokesman said.

"In the response the AG advises the Archbishop that there will be an opportunity for consultation with the government on the Religious Discrimination Bill which will be arranged for a mutually convenient time."

Government MPs are split over whether to back a narrow anti-discrimination bill or legislate a wider protection of "freedoms", but have praised Mr Porter's handling of the consultations.

Former Nationals leader Barnaby Joyce yesterday warned the Attorney-General must keep religious leaders close as he creates a new religious framework .

Archbishop Fisher wrote to the Attorney-General last month that he wanted to discuss the issue of religious freedom "at the earliest opportunity".

"So that we can ensure women and men of faith have the freedom to continue making their essential contributions to our community without fear of discrimination or of being the victims of 'lawfare,'" he said, as reported in The Catholic Weekly.

"With a quarter of Australians identifying as Catholic and more than half as Christians, and as the providers of education, healthcare and welfare to a very large proportion of the Australian population, you can appreciate the Catholic Church's interest in the course of any conversations about freedom of religion."

Source: The Australian

**NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS:**

**(A chance to prepare ahead for next week's**

Liturgy of The Word)

**LITURGY OF THE WORD 16TH SUNDAY**

**First Reading** Gen 18:1-10

A reading from the book of Genesis

*Lord, do not bypass your servant.*

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said, 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said, 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent,' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?

He who walks without fault;  
he who acts with justice  
and speaks the truth from his heart;  
he who does not slander with his tongue. (R.)

2. He who does no wrong to his brother,  
who casts no slur on his neighbour,  
who holds the godless in disdain,  
but honours those who fear the Lord. (R.)

3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;  
who takes no interest on a loan  
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.  
Such a man will stand firm for ever. (R.)

**Second Reading** Col 1:24-28

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

*The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.*

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

**Gospel Acclamation** See Lk 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia!

**Gospel** Lk 10:38-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Gospel Reflection

Like so much of the Gospel of Luke, this week's passage is, at its heart, all about hospitality. This theme has featured in the gospel readings for the last couple of weeks. It is a theme that the writer returns to over and over again throughout the gospel to reinforce not only the importance of welcoming the message of Jesus, but also the extravagantly generous hospitality and welcome that God extends to all people.

Taken at a literal level, this week's gospel passage can be a problematic one. Jesus is dining at the house of Martha and she busies herself trying to be a good host and serving her guest, while her sister, Mary, simply sits and enjoys the company of Jesus. Martha complains about her sister's apparent laziness and finds herself chastised by Jesus.

On the surface, Martha is doing the right thing: providing hospitality for her guest. Yet Mary is the one whose actions are affirmed. Like in the parable of the Good Samaritan last week, the gospel writer reminds us that being preoccupied with one's duty – even in service of God – is not what God desires. Martha has forgotten that the guest is also a gift! Having welcomed and shown appropriate hospitality to her guest, Martha should have then accepted the gift of the guest, that is, the company and presence of the welcome guest. Instead she continues to busy herself with serving while her sister shows true welcome: accepting the gift of the guest's company.

When we welcome a guest into our house, we can be too worried about impressing the guest with lavish hospitality and our best serving ware, rather than relaxing and enjoying the company of the guest. Like Martha, we can overlook the fact that God is present when we welcome a guest.

## **ROSTERS:**

### **LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):**

**This Week** (July 14)

Readers: J Murphy/J Browne  
Processions of Gifts: J & C Browne  
Ext. Ministers: K Vance

**Next Week** (July 21)

Readers: C Browne/M Browne  
**Procession of Gifts:** B Amarant/M Traynor  
**Ext Minister:** C Browne

**Next Week Church Care:** July 13: K Vance  
**Church Grounds—** July: B & P Browne

### **STAWELL:**

**This Week** (July 13) 6.00PM

**Welcomer:** D McIntosh  
**Readers:** J Raeburn/N Rathgeber  
**Ext. Ministers:** J Obi/A Ellis  
**Procession of Gifts:** J Croton

(July 14) 10.30AM

**Welcomer:** S Enriquez  
**Readers:** S Little/H Potter  
**Ext. Ministers:** S Enriquez/M Rowe/K Dalton  
**Procession of Gifts:** P Gooden

**Next Week** (July 20) 6.00PM

**Welcomer:**  
**Readers:** L McIntyre/L Morgan  
**Ext. Ministers:** P Price/J Raeburn  
**Procession of Gifts:** M Smith

(July 21) 10.30AM

**Welcomer:** M Rowe  
**Readers:** M R Thomas/J Van Diesen  
**Ext. Ministers:** G Little/H Potter/F Harney  
**Procession of Gifts:** Cain/Rutter Family

**Counters: Today:** T & A Ellis

**Next Week:** J Raeburn

**ALTAR SOCIETY :** Next week: Liz & Kay

### **MARY'S STATUE:**

July 14-20 G Comitti; 21-27 Di O'Donnell; 28-August 3 K & P Fenwick

### **NOTES FOR MINISTERS AT MASS:**

*Extraordinary Ministers, part of your duty is to clean the Sacred Vessels in the sacristy after Mass and prepare them for the next Mass—fill wine and water cruets, etc.  
Put filled cruets in the fridge.*

*Scripture Reader and Extraordinary Ministers are meant to process with the priest at the start and end of Mass. Reader Carries the Lectionary to the Sanctuary at the start of Mass, but does not carry it out at the end.*

**ALL MINISTERS SHOULD TRY TO BE AT THE CHURCH AT LEAST TEN MINUTES BEFORE MASS AND ADVISE THE PRIEST THAT YOU ARE THERE. THIS GIVES HIM TIME TO ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE IF THAT HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN DONE. ALL MINISTERS ARE TO PROCESS IN AND OUT WITH THE PRIEST AND SERVERS.**



### **WEEKEND MASSES YEAR C**

**Stawell:** Saturday 6.00pm  
Sunday at 10.30am.  
**Landsborough:** Sunday Mass at 8.30am.

### **WEEKDAY MASSES (YEAR 1):**

Tues; Wed; Thurs; Fri 10.00am. 2nd & 4th Wednesday of Month-Eventide-10.30am. **(Check front of Bulletin for any changes to this routine. Funeral Masses take the place of weekday Mass)**

### **RECONCILIATION:**

Stawell: Saturday 10.00 am, before or after each weekday Mass (by request) or by appointment at any time. At Landsborough: Before 8.20 am Sundays

### **MEETINGS & GATHERINGS:**

Prayer Group: every Monday, 1.30pm.

Cuppa tea Stawell—2nd Sunday after Mass;  
Landsborough—3rd Sunday after Mass.

St Vincent de Paul: 3rd Monday 2.00pm in Parish Hall.

CWL: 3rd Wednesday commencing with 10.00am Mass.

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[www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

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