



St Patrick's, Stawell

St Patrick's Parish Newsletter Stawell and Landsborough

18th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C

August 4, 2019



St Francis of Assisi,
Landsborough

THIS WEEK:

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WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:

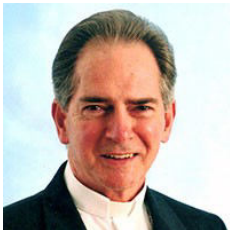
Tues; Wed; Thurs; Fri 10.00am.

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: Wednesday, in Hall, 2.00pm

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

BISHOP'S VISIT:



Our Bishop, Paul Bird, will be visiting the parish from next Friday, August 9 until Monday August 12. He will celebrate Confirmation and First Holy Communion on Sunday morning, as well as celebrating the other weekend Masses. He will also be visiting some of the housebound and visit Eventide and the Nursing Home.

The Bishop will visit the school, meet with parish groups, and will meet with individual parishioners who may like to make an appointment (A chance to unseat the parish priest) !!!!

Parish Coordinators: The coordinator of the Plenary Council, Lana Turvey-Collins, will be in the Diocese September 9-12, 2019 to train parish coordinators for the next part of the Plenary Council process. The role of these coordinators will be to facilitate the 'Listening and Discernment' encounters associated with the six themes. Each parish will need at least two coordinators who would be willing to become leaders/facilitators for the 'Listening and Discernment' encounters. Larger parishes will probably need more facilitators depending on the number of communities. Could you please advise Jane Collins at jane.collins@ballarat.catholic.org.au with the names of your chosen coordinators by **Friday, July 26**. You will be advised of venues and dates soon.

Calling for volunteers to train as parish coordinators.
Please consider volunteering, and let Fr Eric know ASAP.

Thank you. Thank you Maryanne Committi for volunteering. More Volunteers, Please.

CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION CANDIDATES:

Please pray for Thomas Jess, Torah Pickering, Laura Martin, Marli Scott and who are celebrating Confirmation and First Communion on August 11.



NEXT SUNDAY'S CUP OF TEA DAY WILL BE THE CONFIRMATION /FIRST COMMUNION BREAKFAST. ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME TO THE HALL. A PLATE OF SANDWICHES OR CAKES WOULD BE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED. PLEASE COME ALONG AND SUPPORT THE 4 CHILDREN, AND MAYBE EVEN MEET THE BISHOP.



OP SHOP VOLUNTEERS MEETING:

Meeting thid Wednesday, 2.30pm in the Hall. Cup of tea provided.

Op Shop looking for people who might open on Saturday Mornings 10.00am till noon.

OUR DIOCESAN COMMUNITY MAGAZINE is available today at the doors of the church. Please take one home with you. It is a free publication. There are a few photos from St Pat's School in this edition.

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection \$ 446.05

Parish Collection: \$ 595.00

Loose Collection: \$ 127.35

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.

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:

Just like God

My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo while I asked, "No, how are we alike?" "You're both old," he replied.

Sunday Dinner

A young couple invited their pastor for Sunday dinner. While they were in the kitchen preparing the meal, the minister asked their son what they were having. "Goat," the little boy replied. "Goat?" replied the Pastor, "Are you sure about that?" "Yes," said the youngster. "I heard Dad say to Mom, 'We might as well have the old goat for dinner today as any other day.'"

NEWS:

CHURCH NEEDS 'CULTURE OF VOCATIONS'



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2019*

Members of the Australian Catholic Diocesan Vocations Directors Conference at their Adelaide meeting this week.

Diocesan vocations directors from across Australia met in Adelaide this week to discuss opportunities for creating a "culture of vocations" in the Church in Australia.

Fr David Cartwright, executive officer of the Australian Catholic Diocesan Vocations Directors Conference (ACDVDC), said one of the clear messages from the gathering was the need to refocus efforts to promote vocations and have that reinforced at the parish level. Fr Cartwright said: "All people have a role to play in promoting a 'culture of vocations' where we can help young people listen to the voice of the Lord and help them to at least ask the question, 'What is God's plan for my life?'"

He said "the primacy of prayer for vocations" needs to be reinforced in parishes if that is to come about. At this week's gathering, the conference discussed some of the challenges that vocations directors face when discerning vocations with young men. It was noted that there are some specific issues present in rural dioceses compared with metropolitan places. "Some of us spoke about the challenges facing the Church in Australia post Royal Commission, and that certainly has had an effect on the way young people view the Church these days," Fr Cartwright said. "We talked about the importance of prayer, praying for vocations in our parishes and making the option available in schools so that young men may even think about a vocation for priesthood while in

ment, which was published following the 2018 Synod of Bishops on Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment.

Sydney Auxiliary Bishop Tony Randazzo provided an update on progress towards the new Ratio Nationalis, a program for the formation of candidates for the priesthood, and there were group discussions on helping men discern a vocation and best practices for seminary entrance and pre-seminary formation. In addition to the conference Mass, celebrated by Bishop Greg O'Kelly SJ, the vocations directors also held a Holy Hour to pray for vocations and for their own priestly ministry.

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A PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Loving and Generous God,
it is You who call us by name
and ask us to follow You.
Help us to grow in the Love
and Service of our Church
as we experience it today.

Give us the energy and courage
of Your Spirit
to shape its future

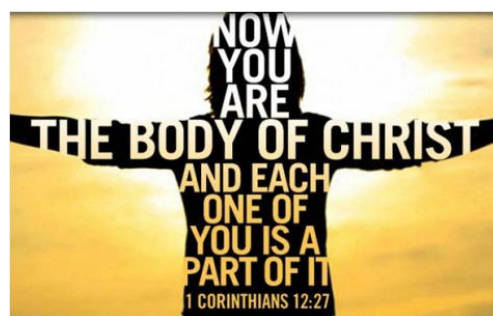
Grant us faith-filled leaders
who will embrace Christ's Mission
of love and justice.

Bless the Church of The Ballarat Diocese
by raising up dedicated and generous leaders
from our families and friends
who will serve Your people as Sisters,
Priests, Brothers, Deacons and Lay Ministers.

Inspire us to know You better
and open our hearts
to hear Your call.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*(A prayer from the American Catholic
Bishops Conference.
Prayer #3)*



NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS:

(A chance to prepare ahead for next week's readings: 19th Sunday, Year C

6.00pm & 8.30am; 10.30am

First Reading Wis 18:6-9

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage.

This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you.

The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22. R. v.12

(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.

They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. **(R.)**

2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**

3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

Second Reading Heb 11:1-2, 8-19

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

We will look for the city designed and built by God.

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended. It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the sea-shore.

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through

Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead, and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

You know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 12:32-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

See that you are prepared.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?'

The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Gospel Focus – Answer the Question!

Peter asks Jesus very specifically, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' Frustratingly for Peter (and for the audience), Jesus doesn't give the direct question a direct answer, he answers the question with another story. Throughout the gospels, this is a constant tactic used by Jesus. He almost never gives a question a straightforward answer. By doing this, he invites the questioner to reflect on their own question and their purpose in asking it in the first place. He also cleverly avoids being tied down to a yes/no answer when a matter is not that simple.

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ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (August 4)

Readers: G & K Blake

Procession of Gifts: K & L Vance

Ext Minister: M Traynor

Next Week (August 11)

Readers: J Murphy/K Vance

Processions of Gifts: D & M Browne

Ext. Minister: J Murphy

Next Week Church Care: July 27 Betty Amarant/J Murphy

Church Grounds— July: B & P Browne

STAWELL:

This Week (August 3) 6.00PM

Welcomer: M Cray

Readers: M Howard/D Jones

Ext. Ministers: M Howard/S Howard

Procession of Gifts: J Allan

(August 4) 10.30AM

Welcomer: P Gooden

Readers: D O'Donnell/S Little

Ext. Ministers: M Rowe/J Van Diesen/K Dalton

Procession of Gifts: G & G Pickering

Next Week (August 10) 6.00PM

Welcomer: N Rathgeber

Readers: J Raeburn/T Brady

Ext. Ministers: L Moloney/C Barker

Procession of Gifts: I Robinson

(August 11) 10.30AM (Confirmation/First Communion)

Welcomer: K Ashton

Readers: M Howard/

Ext. Ministers: F Harney/I Sturt/K Ashton

Procession of Gifts: First Communion Children

Counters: Today: G Pickering/ET Driscoll

Next Week: T & A Ellis

ALTAR SOCIETY : Next week: Gloria & Marie

MARY'S STATUE:

August 4-10 D McIntosh; 11-16 J Raeburn; 18-24 P & H Rathgeber; 25-31 B Walsh; September 1-7 E T Driscoll; G & G Pickering; 15-21 H Proud; 22-28 N & E Musumeci; 29—October 5 N Rathgeber.

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.



The sacraments are gifts from God that are given freely - Pope Francis



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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