



St Patrick's, Stawell

St Patrick's Parish Newsletter Stawell and Landsborough

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C

September 22nd, 2019



St Francis of Assisi,
Landsborough

THIS WEEK:

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RECENT DEATHS: Kathleen O'Kane (Facey). Kathleen's funeral will be at St Patrick's next Friday , September 27 at 11.00am.;

ANNIVERSARIES: Arch McSparron, Lorraine Preuss

WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:

Tues; Thurs: Fri 10.00am.

Wed—Eventide 10.30am

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

PLANNED GIVING CAMPAIGN:

One of the matters raised by the Diocesan Offices in their preparatory work for the Bishop's recent Pastoral Visit to Stawell was the difficulty we have in meeting our recurrent costs—ability to pay our bills. I have been contacted by a company called Planned Giving Counselors who are interested in coming to Stawell to consult parishioners as to how we may address the issue. The proposed date for this gathering is Tuesday evening, October 1st at either 6.00 or 7.00pm. Any advise regarding this would be gratefully received. (Fr Eric)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/ CONFESSION:

Children of our parish will be celebrating First Confession next term. St Patrick's School Children will be assisted by their teachers in preparation for this Sacrament, as well as taking part in the Parish Based Program. Any children in Government Schools in year 2 o0r above who are due to recieve the Sacrament need to be enrolled in the Parish Program. Please

see Fr Eric or Maryanne Comitti (St Pat's School), in the next three weeks, if you wish your child to take part. Thank you.

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection \$ 409.65

Parish Collection: \$ 452.10

Loose Collection: \$ 118.20

Clergy Support Fund Collection (to date) \$ 464.50

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.

Social Justice Sunday – September 29

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on next Sunday, September 29, 2019. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled, "Making it real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world." It shares Pope Francis' challenge to us to 'boldly become citizens of the digital world'. It points out that we are called not just to be inhabitants of this world, but active citizens shaping it. For further details and resources go to

www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

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, Doreen Duffy, John Dalziel; Mollie Barton; Barry Healy.

NB: A Family member of the sick person must contact the Parish Office to have names added. They must also have the permission of the sick person if they are able to give it.

HUMOUR:

Forgive Your Enemies

The preacher's Sunday sermon was Forgive Your Enemies. Toward the end of the service, He asked his congregation, "how many of you have forgiven their enemies"?

About half held up their hands. He then repeated his question. As it was past lunchtime, this time about 80 percent held up their hands. He then repeated his question again. All responded, except one small elderly lady.

"Mrs. Jones?" inquired the preacher, Are you not willing to forgive your enemies?

"I don't have any." she replied. smiling sweetly.

"Mrs. Jones, That is very unusual. How old are you?" "Ninety-nine," she replied.

"Oh Mrs. Jones, what a blessing and a lesson to us all you are. Would you please come down in front of this congregation and tell us all how a person can live ninety-nine years and not have an enemy in the world."

The little sweetheart of a lady tottered down the aisle, faced the congregation, and said "I outlived 'em all."

NEWS:

THROUGH SIN AND SCANDAL, GOD'S CHURCH REMAINS, POPE FRANCIS SAYS



Pope Francis speaks at the general audience Sept. 18, 2019.
Credit: Daniel Ibanez/CNA

Vatican City, Sep 18, 2019 / 04:34 am (CNA).- Because of sinfulness, human projects will always fail, but the Church remains steadfast, even in times of scandal, because she is sustained by the Holy Spirit, Pope Francis said Wednesday.

"Let us think of the history of Christians, including the history of the Church, with so many sins, with so many scandals, with so many bad things in these two millennia. And why did it not collapse? Because God is there," the pope said Sept. 18.

"We are sinners, and so often we even give scandal. But God is with us," he added. "But the Lord always saves. Strength is 'God with us.'"

In contrast, human projects always fail, Pope Francis noted, pointing to the many political projects of history, including the empires and dictatorships of the last century.

"They felt very powerful, they thought they dominated the world. And then they all collapsed," he stated. "Even today, think of today's empires: they will collapse, if God is not with them, because the strength that men have in themselves is not lasting. Only the strength of God endures."

During his weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square, Pope Francis continued his catechesis on the Acts of the Apostles with a reflection on the importance of the Holy Spirit.

In the fifth chapter of Acts, the Apostles are facing opposition from Jews, but they "respond with courage," showing they possess the "obedience of faith," Francis said.

They have this courage, he said, because from Pentecost they are no longer alone, but the Holy Spirit is working through them.

"They feel they cannot say, 'I' alone," he added. "Strengthened by this covenant, the Apostles do not let themselves be intimidated by anyone. They had an impressive courage!"

Pope Francis noted that at Jesus' arrest, the disciples ran away like cowards. "But, from cowards they have become so brave. Why? Because the Holy Spirit was with them."

"The same happens to us: if we have the Holy Spirit inside, we will have the courage to move forward, the courage to win many struggles, not for ourselves but for the Spirit that is with us," he said, pointing to the martyrs, who gave their lives and never hid their Christian identity.

The pope recalled, in particular, the Coptic Orthodox Christians who were killed in Libya in 2015. "But the last word they said was, 'Jesus, Jesus.' They were filled with the Holy Spirit," he said.

In Acts, the Apostles are living like "megaphones" of the Holy Spirit, and this "makes the Jewish 'religious system' tremble," feel threatened and respond with violence and death threats, Francis explained.

However, the pope said, one Pharisee in the Sanhedrin, Gamaliel, tries to stem this reaction, showing how to practice discernment. He shows that what is of God will last while human projects may first succeed but then become "shipwrecked."

"Gamaliel concludes that, if the disciples of Jesus of Nazareth believed an impostor, they are destined to disappear into thin air; if instead they follow one who comes from God, it is better to give up fighting them; and warns: 'Do not happen to find yourself even fighting against God' (Acts 5:39). He teaches us to make this discernment," he stated.

Gamaliel's reasoned words teach people to "recognize the tree by its fruits."

"We ask the Holy Spirit to act in us so that, both personally and as a community, we can acquire the habitus of discernment," Francis concluded.

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NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS:

(A chance to prepare ahead for next week's readings, especially for our Lectors)

Sunday 29 Sep 2019

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time C

First Reading Am 6:1. 4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos

You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion
and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria.
Lying on ivory beds
and sprawling on their divans,
they dine on lambs from the flock,
and stall-fattened veal;
they bawl to the sound of the harp,
they invent new instruments of music like David,
they drink wine by the bowlful,
and use the finest oil for anointing themselves,
but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all.
That is why they will be the first to be exiled;
the sprawlers' revelry is over.
The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 145:6-10. R. v.2

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. *(R.)*
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. *(R.)*
3. He upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. *(R.)*

Second Reading 1 Tm 6:11-16

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

Obey the commandments until the coming of the Lord.

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who at the due time will be revealed
by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all,
the King of kings and the Lord of lords,
who alone is immortal,

whose home is in inaccessible light,
whom no man has seen and no man is able to see:
to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.
The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 16:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things come your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Living the Gospel – Paying attention

It's easy to be distracted by 'having' and forget to pay attention to 'being'. There is no suggestion in the gospel passage that the rich man is in any way wicked or sinful, other than his lack of attention to the needs of one sitting at his gate. In the eyes of his neighbours, he was probably a very upright and just man, fulfilling all the purity requirements of his faith. But his focus of attention was on himself and not others. He lacked the compassion and mellowness of heart that Jesus reminded people was expected by God.

Scriptural context – Gates

The poor man, Lazarus, is described as sitting at the gate of the rich man. We have a picture of Lazarus sitting on the outside looking in at all that he cannot have. Gates are used both literally and metaphorically throughout the gospel of Luke. In the cities and towns of Palestine, gates marked a physical barrier between those who were 'in' and those who were 'out'. But they also marked the boundaries of society. Those who were permitted to sleep within the walls were the acceptable of society. Those who were shut outside the gates and outside the city of an evening were the unacceptable.

ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (September 22)

Readers: K Vance/B G Browne

Processions of Gifts: K & L Vance

Ext. Minister: K Vance

Next Week (September 29)

Readers: M Browne/J Murphy

Procession of Gifts: M Traynor/J Murphy

Ext Minister: J Murphy

Next Week Church Care: Sep. 28 M Browne

Church Grounds— September VOLUNTEERS PLEASE

STAWELL:

This Week (September 21) 6.00PM

Welcomer: M Cray

Readers: L Morgan/E McIntyre

Ext. Ministers: J Obi/A De Leon

Procession of Gifts: P Price

(September 22) 10.30AM

Welcomer: K Ashton

Readers: M R Thomas/S Little

Ext. Ministers: I Sturt/M Maestros/K Ashton

Procession of Gifts: I Robinson

Next Week

(September 28) 6.00PM

Welcomer: D McIntosh

Readers: M Maestros/A Ellis

Ext. Ministers: N Rathgeber/P Price

Procession of Gifts: J Allan

(September 29) 10.30AM

Welcomer: R Farrell

Readers: J Van Diesen/K Dalton

Ext. Ministers: K Ashton/M Rowe/M R Thomas

Procession of Gifts: L & M Habben

Counters: Today: M & L Habben

Next Week: T & A Ellis

ALTAR SOCIETY : Next week: Gabrielle & Pat

MARY'S STATUE:

September 22-28 N & E Musumeci; 29—October 5

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. Sacred Vessels are to be left prepared on the bench after Saturday Evening Mass, ready for the Sunday morning Mass. 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.



Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor



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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