



St Patrick's,
Stawell

St Patrick's Parish Newsletter Stawell and Landsborough

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A

January 19, 2020



St Francis of Assisi,
Landsborough

THIS WEEK:

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WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:

Tues, Thurs, Fri 10.00am.

Wed Eventide 10.30am

ST V DE PAUL Monday, January 20, 10.00am in Parish Hall.

CONFESSIONS —Before or after 10.00am week-day 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.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Gordon Douglas, Liz Driscoll, Joan Elliott

LAST WEEKS TO FILL IN CENSUS FORMS WHICH ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH. YOU ARE ASKED TO TAKE THESE HOME, FILL THEM IN AND BRING THEM BACK ASAP. THESE FORMS ARE NOT JUST FOR PLANNED GIVING PURPOSES, BUT WILL BE USED TO UPDATE OUR PARISH RECORDS.

It is very important that these forms are filled in and returned as soon as possible.

CUP OF TEA: after 8.30am Mass at Landsborough today. All welcome.



PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM:

This program will be held during February. There will be talks at Masses over three weekends, including the gifting weekend. Parishioners are urged to get behind the program, as our ability to function as a viable parish into the future depends on our response. There will also be an opportunity for all to come together for input and to share a supper as part of the campaign. Details will be made available in the next couple of weeks. A meeting of the groups formed at the initial meeting will be organized as soon as possible. Our illustrious Co-ordinator, John Launder has been sidelined for a while.

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection \$ 423.50

Parish Collection: \$ 689.00

Loose Collection: \$ 92.10

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.

FOR ALL MINISTERS NB:

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.

THE STATEMENT FROM ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE, CHAIRMAN OF THE AUSTRALIAN BISHOPS' CONFERENCE, RE THE CATHOLIC CHURCH'S PLAN FOR A NATIONAL RESPONSE TO THE BUSHFIRE CRISIS IS AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH TODAY. PLEASE TAKE ONE HOME AND READ IT.

AUSTRALIA DAY, SUNDAY JANUARY 26 HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS A DAY ON WHICH A SPECIAL COLLECTION WILL BE TAKEN UP FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY THE BUSHFIRES.

LENTEN DISCUSSIONS: Any one wishing to be part of the Lenten Discussions this year, please fill in the sheet at the front of the Church. Suggested day—Thursdays, 1.00pm-3.00pm. This needs to be done by next Sunday. Thank you.

SICK LIST

Noah Amarant; Kathryn Young; Glenis Leddin; Lourdes de la Cerna; Kath Hayes (Ballarat); John Delaney; Lynn Wright; Simon Monas; Angela Moore; Kate Sargent; Yvonne Evans; Margaret Boag; Nigel James (Canberra); Ian Kindred; Sharron Pickering; Andrew Van Diesen; Benjamin Wolfson; Robbie Loxton; Nicole Lee (Horsham); Brian O'Loughlin; Beryl Walsh; Shirley Gerritsen; Steven Oates; Maree Parkin; Rosemary Chisholm (Bendigo); Harry Comitti, John Dalziel; Mollie Barton; Patty Fenwick; John Farrell (Swan Hill); Bailey Young, Graeme Blake, Pat Rathgeber; Carla Bowles (Bullumwaal); John Launder; Kate Wheelan

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:

Moses was leading the Hebrews to the Red Sea and the Egyptians were coming fast.
Moses turned to his PR agent: "Where are all those boats I told you to get!"
The PR man said, "What boats? You never mentioned boats to me."
"Just great" said Moses; "what am I supposed to do, lift my staff and part the waters???"
The PR man answered: "If you can pull that one off, I can get you a whole section in the Bible."



Parishes across Australia will take up special collections at Masses on Australia Day weekend to support people and communities affected by devastating bushfires that have claimed more than 20 lives. Source: ACBC Media

PRAYER FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY BUSHFIRE AND DROUGHT:
(An adaption of the prayer for rain during the month of November)

Eternal God,
In wisdom and love
you created our earth
to sustain us and give us life.

We turn to you now
in faith, hope and love,
asking you to look with favour
on our on our fire ravaged and drought-stricken land,
on our starving and displaced
animals,
on our failing crops and burning
farms, towns and forests.

Strengthen, sustain and give new heart
to our farmers
and to all who are affected by drought;
be with those who support them.
Strengthen and comfort the victims of the fires; those who
have lost family, friends, property and stock.
Protect our volunteer firefighters and members of
emergency services.

In your loving providence,
send abundant rain to quench the fires
and to restore our parched earth.

Father of all compassion,
hear our prayer
through Jesus Christ your Son,
in whom the promise of new life
has dawned, and
through the power
of the Holy Spirit,
the Lord the giver of life:
Renew your faithful people;
Renew the face of the earth.

Our Lady of the Southern Cross,
Mary, help of Christians –
Pray for us.
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop –
Pray for us.



Australian Catholic Bishops Conference president Archbishop Mark Coleridge, in a statement on January 7, spoke of "our powerlessness before the devastating force of nature", while praising the "heroic" efforts of firefighters and the resilience of the affected communities.

But, he said, "we need more than words. Expressions of solidarity are important, but they are not enough".

"The bishops are aware of the huge amount being done around the nation, led by governments and first responders. Many local faith communities, including Catholic parishes and organisations, as well as ecumenical and inter-religious coalitions, are also making a big contribution," Archbishop Coleridge said.

"While the bishops typically respond to challenges at a parish or diocesan level, the scale of this crisis requires a national response from the whole Church to complement and coordinate what is happening locally."

In addition to the special collections on the Australia Day weekend, which will support the Vinnies Bushfire Appeal, the bishops will also facilitate efforts to connect people in need with people who can help meet those needs.

Catholic Social Services Australia has said its national network of agencies has significant representation in many affected communities, with work to support individuals and families under way – but certain to take a long time.

"Our strengths in responding are in areas of trauma-informed counselling and support services, critical incident debriefing, financial counselling and children and family therapies," CSSA chief executive officer Ursula Stephens said.

"For Catholic social services responding to disasters, the efforts are targeted and sustained for weeks, months and years – well after the national spotlight has faded."

National Catholic Education Commission executive director Jacinta Collins said families of students in Catholic schools in affected areas should consider speaking to principals about school fee relief.

Catholic Religious Australia said many members of religious institutes work in remote parts of the country and will look to support affected communities, in partnership with other Catholic agencies.

The Bishops Conference has published prayers for various settings. They can be accessed on the Bishops Conference website.

NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS:

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

Sunday 26 Jan 2020

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time A

First Reading **Is 8:23 – 9:3**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness

has seen a great light;

on those who live in a land of deep shadow

a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater,

you have made their joy increase,

they rejoice in your presence

as men rejoice at harvest time,

as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him,

the bar across his shoulders,

the rod of his oppressor,

these you break as on the day of Midian.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 26:1. 4. 13-14. R. v. 1**

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help;

whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

Before whom shall I shrink? *(R.)*

2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord,

for this I long,

to live in the house of the Lord,

all the days of my life,

to savour the sweetness of the Lord,

to behold his temple. *(R.)*

3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness

in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.

Hope in the Lord! *(R.)*

Second Reading **1 Cor 1:10-13, 17**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 4:12-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!

Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,

Galilee of the nations!

The people that lived in darkness

has seen a great light;

on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death

a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

Gospel Reflection

In today's gospel passage we see the importance that the gospel of Matthew gives to portraying Jesus as the fulfilment of scripture. Throughout this gospel, the author is at pains to demonstrate that Jesus fulfils prophecy. The purpose in doing this was not only to tie Jesus into the prophecies of the Messiah but to demonstrate that Jesus was part of God's plan all along. This gospel was written at a time when there were growing tensions between early Christian communities and mainstream Jews. By highlighting the fulfilment of scripture, the author attempts to firstly reassure the Christian community in the face of aggression and resentment from the mainstream Jews and secondly, challenge those who oppose the Christian sect to see this movement as just another thread in the ancient story of their people.

Having established the credentials of Jesus, the gospel writer then provides a summary of the teaching that will be played out in the gospel, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' Repent had a far more powerful meaning than what we tend to ascribe to it today. Much more than simply being sorry, repent carried with it a sense of turning one's life around; making amends for past failures; and choosing a whole new direction for one's life. Literally, it meant a 'change of mind'. To demonstrate the urgency and strength of this teaching, Jesus calls his first four disciples who immediately drop what they are doing and set out on a new life with him. These disciples are the first of many to 'repent' and turn their lives around.

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ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (January 19)

Readers: J Browne/M Browne

Procession of Gifts: J & C Browne

Ext Minister: M Traynor

Next Week (January 26)

Readers: C Browne/J Murphy

Processions of Gifts: J & C Browne

Ext. Minister: J Murphy

Church Care: January 25 K Vance

Church Grounds— January—J Browne

STAWELL:

This Week (January 18) 6.00PM

Welcomer: M Cray

Readers: D Jones/N Rathgeber

Ext. Ministers: P Price/A De Leon

Procession of Gifts: M Smith

(January 19) 10.30AM

Welcomer: E Driscoll

Readers: M R Thomas/J Van Diesen

Ext. Ministers: G Little/I Sturt/F Harney

Procession of Gifts: Cain/Rutter Family

Next Week (January 25) 6.00PM

Welcomer: D McIntosh

Readers: J Raeburn/T Brady

Ext. Ministers: N Rathgeber/C Barker

Procession of Gifts: I Robinson

(January 26) 10.30AM

Welcomer: P Gooden

Readers: K Dalton/J Van Diesen

Ext. Ministers: H Potter/G Comitti/I Sturt

Procession of Gifts: L & M Habben

Counters: Today: J Raeburn

Next Week: M & L Habben

ALTAR SOCIETY : Next week: Margaret & Di

MARY'S STATUE:

January 19-25 M Rowe; 26– Feb 1 J Launder



ANY PERSON/FAMILY WISHING TO HAVE MARY'S STATUE IN THE HOME FOR A WEEK (SUNDAY—SATURDAY) CONTACT MARGARET ROWE OR FR ERIC.

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.



There is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.



WEEKEND MASSES YEAR A

Stawell: Saturday 6.00pm

Sunday at 10.30am.

Landsborough: Sunday Mass at 8.30am.

WEEKDAY MASSES (YEAR 2):

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 10.00AM in Parish Hall.

CWL: 3rd Wednesday commencing with 10.00am Mass.

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www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

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