

St Patrick's Parish Stawell Newsletter

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time B—October 28, 2018

ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (October 28)

Readers: J Murphy/K Vance

Procession of the gifts: B & W Browne

Ext. Minister: C Browne

Next Week (November 4)

Readers: M Browne/J Browne

Procession of Gifts: R & C Brown

Ext Minister: E Amarant

Church Care: November 3 - M Browne

Church Grounds— OCTOBER—R Brown

STAWELL:

This Week (October 27) 6.00PM

Welcomer: N Rathgeber

Readers: L McIntyre/M Maestros

Ext. Ministers: D Jones/L Moloney

Procession of Gifts: P Price

(October 28) 10.30AM

Welcomer: K Ashton

Readers: K Dalton/M R Thomas

Ext Ministers: L Morgan/T Wait/F Harney

Procession of Gifts: L & M Habben

Next Week (November 3) 6.00PM

Welcomer: M Cray

Readers: D Jones/N Rathgeber

Ext. Ministers: M Howard/S Howard

Procession of Gifts: M, H, J, A Smith

(November 4) 10.30AM

Welcomer: R, S, M Farrell

Readers: T Wait/L Morgan

Ext Ministers: S Enriquez/K Ashton/
M R Thomas

Procession of Gifts: G & G Pickering

Counters: Today: M & L Habben

Next Week: G Pickering/E Dr

ALTAR SOCIETY:

This week: Gabrielle and Pat

Next week: Marie & Gloria

MARY'S STATUE:

October 28-November 3 K & P Fenwick.

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.



'Son
of
David,
Jesus,
have
pity
on
me.'

Mark 10:47



WEEKEND MASSES YEAR B:

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: 1st & 3rd 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: 2nd & 4th Mondays 2.30pm in Parish Hall.

CWL: 3rd Wednesday commencing with 10.00am Mass.

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THIS WEEK:

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WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:

TUES, WED, THURS, 10.00AM IN CHURCH

Fri—10.00am at School (All Souls Day)

WEDNESDAY - CENTERING PRAYER IN THE PARISH HALL, 2.00PM.

CONFESSIONS —Before or after 10.00am weekday Masses by request (i.e. – just ask Fr Eric.) ; 10.00am 1st & 3rd Saturdays; Landsborough—before Sunday Mass.

Any other time contact Fr Eric 0419 597 063

ANNIVERSARIES:

Bob Boag; Elsie Dalzeil, Pat O'Loughlin; Peter Scarsi

I have been asked if it would be possible to celebrate Mass at Landsborough on November 11 at 12.30pm and to baptize Moira McEvoy during that Mass. Any problems with that for Landsborough people, let me know.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY .

We are trialling meeting on the **second Monday** of each month at **2pm**. Our next meeting will be on Monday 12th November in the church hall at 2pm.

NEW ROSTERS.

The new Ministers Rosters are available on the table at the back of the Church this weekend. Please collect your roster and take it home with you.

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection \$ 638.85

Parish Collection: \$ 684.00

Loose Collection: \$ 100.85

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.

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION (RECONCILIATION)



Children in Year 2 and above will have the opportunity to celebrate their First Confession/Reconciliation in a few weeks time. Please contact Fr Eric by Friday, November 9 if you wish your child to take part. Materials will be provided to help with the children's preparation.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: I WOULD LIKE TO CELEBRATE A Children's Liturgy of the Word in the Hall at 10.30am Mass on Sundays. Volunteers would be needed to lead the children in this.. Two adults per week. If interested please contact Fr Eric.

SICK LIST

Noah Amarant; Kathryn Young; Glenis Leddin; Val Seary; Lourdes de la Cerna; Kath Hayes (Ballarat); John Delaney; Lynn Wright; John Jess; Simon Monas; Angela Moore; Jeff O'Donnell; Peter Duffy (Canada); Kate Sargent; Yvonne & Alf 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); Dominic Browne; Brian O'Loughlin; Beryl Walsh; Shirley Gerritsen; Margaret Walker; Jordan Young; Steven Oates; Fr Eric; Marg Rowe, Doreen Duffy
NB: A Family member of the sick person must contact the Parish Office to have names added.

HUMOUR:

Charlie was a regular visitor at the racetrack. One afternoon he noticed an unusual sight. Right before the first race, a Catholic Priest visited one of the horses in the stable area and gave it a blessing. Charlie watched the horse race very carefully, and, sure enough, the blessed horse came in first.

Charlie followed the Priest before the next race. Again, the Priest went to the stables and blessed another horse. Charlie quickly put two dollars on that horse and won close to fifty bucks! The Priest kept blessing horses and Charlie kept betting on them and they won!

The last race of the day was the biggest and Charlie saw the Priest with that horse, also! He quickly went to his bank and withdrew his life's savings of \$20,000, went back to the racetrack and put it all on that horse!

He watched the race in certain anticipation of leaving a millionaire. The horse was last to cross the line and Charlie was dead broke! He couldn't believe what happened so he went looking for the Priest.

He found the man and asked, "What happened to that last horse you blessed? Because your blessing didn't work, I've lost all of my money!"

The Priest said "That's the trouble with you protestants, you can't tell the difference between a blessing and the Last Rites!"

NEWS:

CATHOLIC WOMEN SPEAK ON THEIR ROLE IN THE CHURCH

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Dr Trish Madigan with fellow Dominican Sr Regina O'Neil at the Catholic Women Speak (The eRecord)

More than 70 women gathered in Perth last week for a lively discussion on the role of women in the Church. Source: The eRecord.

Organised by the Council for Australian Catholic Women (CACW), an advisory council for the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, the Catholic Women Speak event was held at James Nestor Hall Leederville on 18 October.

The facilitator of the evening, Canberra Office for the Participation of Women Council Secretary and Director Andrea Dean, introduced Geraldton Bishop Michael Morrissey as the new bishops' delegate to CACW.

The evening began with a talk about the women of Vatican II given by the Chair of CACW, Dominican Sister Dr Trish Madigan.

Sr Trish recalled the words of Cardinal Suenens of Belgium at the end of the second session of the Vatican Council: "Why are we even discussing the reality of the Church when half of the Church is not even represented here?"

Pope Paul VI first appointed 15 women as "auditors" in September 1964. Auditors were appointed at the Pope's personal invitation to present and offer their own personal contribution.

By the end in 1965, a total of 23 women officially attended the Council. Most were General Superiors of Religious congregations or lay widows and one was a young married woman attending as an equal participant with her husband. The women formed a small minority among the 2500 Council Fathers and their 500 male theological experts.

Australian Catholic intellectual Rosemary Goldie, the first woman to hold an official post of authority in the Roman Curia, was one of the auditors. Women could not speak at Council sessions but served actively on sub-committees.

Sr Trish noted when the women extended their social skills and hospitality towards 1000 of the bishops over the course of events, their influence helped shape debates and the ensuing documents.

Most Catholic Women Speak attendees said their gifts were greatly under-utilised. Many saw structural change to be essential to allow a useful mix of women and men and lay and clerical co-operation.

The women said the active participation of female Catholic role models were necessary for the Church, which predominantly holds lay female members.

NEXT WEEKS READINGS:

(A chance to prepare ahead)

Sunday, 4 Nov 2018: Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

First Reading Deuteronomy 6:2-6

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, *Israel*, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, *Israel*: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R.v.2

(R.) I love you Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. ®

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be to the God that saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown love for his anointed. ®

Second Reading Hebrews 7:23-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

This one, because he remains for ever, has an eternal priesthood.

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 12:28-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it.

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, *Israel*, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.
The Gospel of the Lord.

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Questions for Adolescents

Q. How do you think Jesus would have felt when he first saw the scribe approach him?

Q. Of all the commandments, why does Jesus name these two as first and second?

Q. What does it mean to love your neighbour as yourself?

Q. How might we better define 'neighbour'?

Q. Who is a 'neighbour' you need to show more love towards?

Questions for Adults

Q. What is significant about a scribe asking Jesus about the Law?

Q. What does it mean to love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength?

Q. Why is the qualifier of 'as yourself' important in the commandment to love your neighbour?

Q. How would our world be different if people genuinely loved their neighbours?

Q. Which aspect/s of the commandments Jesus named do you need to work on at the moment?