

Maybe bring a note pad and pen to jot down any of your inner responses as the Gospel progresses. The performance will be paused at two points for silent reflection on what you have experienced and/or what might have particularly touched you to that point.

Date: To be advised

Time: 1 – 3 pm.

Place: St. Patrick's Church Hall

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Just a reminder that Saturday evening Mass is now 6.00pm all year round.

FRONT DOORS:

The front doors of St Patrick's Church are closed on weekdays, to keep the bad guys out. However, the side door is always open to let the sinners in to pray.

THIS WEEK:

WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:

Tues, Thurs, Fri. 10.00am

**Wednesday—Eventide
10.30am**

Fri—Wedding 11.00am—Trent Harris
and Tanyaporn Duangsawat

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

**Any other time by appoint-
ment.**

HUMOUR:

A middle-aged woman has a heart attack and is taken to the hospital. While on the operating table she has a near death experience. During that experience she sees God and asks if this is it. God says no and explains that she has another 30 years to live.

Upon her recovery she decides to just stay in the hospital and have a face lift, liposuction, breast augmentation, tummy tuck, etc. She even has someone come in and change her hair color. She figures since she's got another 30 years she might as well make the most of it.

She walks out of the hospital after the last operation and is killed by an ambulance speeding by. She arrives in front of God and complains, "I thought you said I had another 30 years." God replies, "I'm sorry, I didn't recognize you."

NEWS:

POPE EXPRESSES CONCERN ABOUT ACCIDENTAL NUCLEAR WAR



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In his latest papal plane interview, Pope Francis has admitted he is frightened by the prospect of an accidental nuclear war. Source: SBS News.

"I think we are at the very edge," the Pope told reporters aboard his plane yesterday on his way to begin his apostolic visit to Chile and Peru. He was asked about the threat of a nuclear war in the wake of a recent string of tests by North Korea and a false missile alert last week that sparked panic in the US state of Hawaii.

"I am really afraid of this. One accident is enough to precipitate things," he said.

The Pope set off from Rome's Fiumicino

airport shortly before 9 am (7pm AEDST) and is scheduled to arrive in Santiago at 8:10 pm (10.10am AEDST) on his first visit to Chile since becoming pope, and his sixth to Latin America.

The visit aims to bolster the local Church beset by child sex abuse scandals.

The 81-year-old Argentinian Pontiff will find a very different Chile than the one he first encountered as a student priest in the 1960s.

Socialist President Michelle Bachelet has presided over major change in the once deeply conservative country, decriminalising abortion, recognising civil unions for same-sex couples and introducing a bill to legalise gay marriage.

Preparations for the visit have been overshadowed by a recent report that almost 80 members of the Chilean clergy have been accused of the sexual abuse of minors since 2000, more than half of them convicted by a Vatican court.

During his three days in Chile, Pope Francis will meet with victims of the military dictatorship of Augusto Pinochet, while there are no formal plans to meet victims of pedophile priests.

Ms Bachelet, who will meet Francis, has called on Chileans to welcome the Pope, though a positive reception may not be universal.

On Friday, five Catholic churches in the capital were attacked - three of them with firebombs - by what police said was an anarchist group. Demonstrations are planned by feminist and gay rights groups.

The highlight of the three-day visit will be an open-air Mass in a Santiago city park.

At another Mass at the airport in Temuco, the capital of the impoverished southern Araucania region, the Pope is expected to draw attention to state persecution of the indigenous Mapuche people and also meet members of the community.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:

Today we reflect on the first and most important responsibility of discipleship, namely, evangelisation, the goal of which is the proclamation of the reign of God. God seems to choose the most unlikely people to preach to others. It does not matter who brings the good news, but who receives it. Jonah the prophet was sent to outsiders, even enemies. The disciples were fishermen who spoke to the people of their own country. God's salvation is intended for all, and it seems to make little difference who brings this good news.

Today's readings call for repentance. The grace of God requires a new way of living, a life of faith and commitment. The gospel invites us into the age of fulfilment, a salvific reign of truth, compassion and kindness. It is a way of life that leads to justice.

There is an urgency in these readings. This world in its present form is passing away, and God's call demands a total response. Like the disciples, we must leave the familiarity of our former ways and follow the call that we have heard in the depths of our hearts. We are called first to enter the reign of God and then to spread it. As ambassadors of God, we bring the good news of salvation wherever we are and in whatever we do. Called by God, we now begin to live in a totally different way, guided by the values of the reign of God rather than those of the world that is passing away.

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ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (January 21)
Readers: K Vance/K Christie
Procession of Gifts: J & C Browne
Ext Minister: G Christie

Next Week (January 14)
Readers: B G Browne/M Browne
Procession of Gifts: K & G Blake
Ext Minister: J C Browne

Church Care: M Browne
Church Grounds— January—J Browne

STAWELL:

This Week (January 20) 6.00PM
Welcomer: N Rathgeber
Readers: L McIntyre/N Rathgeber
Ext. Ministers: J Obi/M Howard
Procession of Gifts: P Price

(January 21) 10.30AM
Readers: K Dalton/J Van Diesen
Ext Ministers: G Comitti/S Enriquez/L Morgan
Procession of Gifts: L & M Habben

Next Week (January 27) 6.00PM
Welcomer: M Cray
Readers: J Raeburn/T Brady
Ext. Ministers: N Rathgeber/M Maestros
Procession of Gifts: M, H, J & A Smith

(January 28) 10.30AM
Readers: M R Thomas/S Little
Ext. Ministers: G Little/M Rowe/F Harney
Procession of Gifts: P Gooden

Counters: Today: J Raeburn
Next Week: M & L Habbin

ALTAR SOCIETY: Jan 27—Gabrielle & Pat

MARY'S STATUE:
21-27 M & S Blake; 28-Feb 3 Di O'Donnell

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.

WEEKEND MASSES YEAR A:

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: 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.
Scripture reflection group Thursday 2.00pm in the presbytery.

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St Patrick's Parish Community
Stawell-Glenorchy-Great Western-Halls Gap-Landsborough

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year B

January 21 2018

SUNDAY MISSAL Pg. 602

ANNIVERSARIES:

John Comitti, Doug Driscoll, Peter Mclean, Andrew Prowd, Gordan Douglas



There will be a cup of tea after 8.30am Mass at Landsborough today. All welcome.

This year I would like to offer the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults to anyone interested in becoming a catholic. The program would culminate at the Easter Vigil, 2019.

Any person interested, if you know of anyone, have them contact Fr Eric.

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection: \$ 531.50
Parish Collection: \$ 655.00
Loose Collection: \$ 109.55
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.
ANY NEW PARISHIONERS—OR OLD PARISHIONERS, PREPARED TO CONTRIBUTE TO PARISH COSTS THROUGH PLANNED GIVING ARE ASKED TO SEE FR

SICK LIST

Noah Amarant; Kathryn Young; Glenis Leddin; Val Seary; Lourdes dela Cerna; Kath Hayes (Ballarat); John Delaney; Lynn Wright; John Jess; Simon Monas; Angela Moore; Jeff O'Donnell; Peter Duffy (Canada); Nance Rutter; Kate Sargent, Yvonne & Alf Evans; Margaret Boag; Nigel James (Canberra), Ian Kindred, Sharron Pickering; Andrew Van Diesen; Benjamin Wolfson; Bernie O'Callaghan; Patty Fenwick; Robby Laxton; Nicole Lee (Horsham); Dominic Browne; Brian O'Loughlin, Beryl Walsh; Shirley Gerritsen

NB: A FAMILY MEMBER OF THE SICK PERSON MUST CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE TO HAVE NAMES ADDED OR REMOVED.

ERIC OR GLORIA PICKERING OR FILL IN ONE OF THE CENSUS FORMS IN THE CHURCH. THANK YOU.

CENTERING PRAYER - Weekly sessions for Term 1 will start on Wed. 7th Feb. at 2 pm in the Parish Hall. All welcome.

MARK'S GOSPEL

Lectionary readings this year focus on the Gospel of Mark, the earliest of the Gospels.

You are invited to experience the unfolding drama of Mark's Gospel in its entirety with a word-for-word DVD performance by award winning actor Max McLean.

This is an opportunity to closely witness / be present to an oral presentation of Jesus' life and times and teachings as recorded by Mark in his Gospel, in a similar way to the way members of his early Christian communities in Rome would have received them.

The performance and issues of note for an audience participating in such an event will be introduced by Lesley Morgan.

Tea / coffee available.
Bring a cushion for your own comfort.