

St Patrick's Parish Newsletter

Stawell and Landsborough

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time- Year C—February 17, 2019

ANNIVERSARIES:

Doug Driscoll; Pat Cook

THIS WEEK:

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WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:
TUES, WED, THURS, FRI 10.00 AM

CWL MEETING WEDNESDAY MORNING COMMENCING WITH MASS AT 10.00AM. ALL PARISH LADIES MOST WELCOME.. COME ALONG AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS.

WEDNESDAY - CENTERING PRAYER IN THE 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.

PENARY COUNCIL 2020 - LISTENING AND DIALOGUE ENCOUNTERS

Everyone is invited to participate in the Listening and Dialogue process to contribute to the Plenary Council agenda. Information flyer available on the Ballarat diocese website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au. All of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"

Questions for individuals or groups:

1. What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?
2. What questions do you have about the future of the Church for the Plenary Council to consider in 2020?
3. Do you have a story of your experience of faith, or the Church you would like to share?

Please submit your responses by Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2019 at www.plenarycouncil.org.au

CUP OF TEA AFTER 8.30AM MASS AT LANDSBOROUGH TODAY.



FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection \$ 449.55

Parish Collection: \$ 675.00

Loose Collection: \$ 141.40

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

LENTEN DISCUSSIONS

I would ask any parishioner who is interested in taking part in a Lenten Reflection/discussion group to **PRINT** your name on the sheet at the front of the church (near the sanctuary), or contact me as soon as possible so that we can order the materials needed.

KEY TO THE HALL: Once again this week the hall key was locked in the hall following a function. Hall users are to make sure that the key is returned to its rightful place after each function. Thank you. Some people have not been able to get into the hall because the key is missing, and there is no one home at the presbytery to give them a spare key.



The **PARISH OP SHOP** is a significant source of income for the parish and we need Volunteers to give 3 hours in the mornings or afternoons. At the moment the opening hours are tues to thurs 10.30am to 2.00pm and Friday from 10.00am to 4.00pm. If we had enough volunteers to help in the shop we could extend the hours from 10.00 to 4.00 each weekday. Please consider if you might have 3 hours available once a fortnight to help out. Please contact Fr Eric or June Raeburn for further information. Thank you to all current volunteers working to make the shop successful.

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; Jeff O'Donnell; Peter Duffy (Canada); 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); Dominic Browne; Brian O'Loughlin; Beryl Walsh; Shirley Gerritsen; Jordan Young; Steven Oates; Marg Rowe, Doreen Duffy; Charlie Healy

NB: A Family member of the sick person must contact the Parish Office to have names added.

HUMOUR:

A clergyman walking down a country lane and sees a young boy struggling to load hay back onto a cart after it had fallen off. "You look hot, my son," said the cleric. "Why don't you rest a moment, and I'll give you a hand." "No thanks," said the young boy. "My father wouldn't like it." "Don't be silly," the minister said. "Everyone is entitled to a break. Come and have a drink of water." Again the young boy protested that his father would be upset. Losing his patience, the clergyman said, "Your father must be a real slave driver. Tell me where I can find him and I'll give him a piece of my mind!" "Well," replied the boy, "he's under the load of hay."

NEWS:

Plenary session will be 'safe and inclusive'

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The Church in Melbourne has invited "all LGBTIQ+ Catholics, Christians and the broader LGBTIQ+ community, family, friends and supporters" to a "safe and inclusive" Plenary Council conversation this week. Source: The Australian.

The gathering will be held on Wednesday night, in partnership with the Andrews Government and Acceptance Melbourne, which describes itself as "open and affirming community" supporting "Catholics who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer".

The meeting will be part of an ongoing national consultation process being undertaken by the Church across Australia, known as "Plenary Council 2020".

Melbourne Auxiliary Bishop Mark Edwards, who will attend, said the gathering was "a bit sensitive" following recent disagreements over issues such as same-sex marriage. But he said contrary to concerns raised in some Church circles, Catholic teachings on morality were not up for grabs.

"Similar meetings have been held throughout the country, including in jails and in schools," Bishop Edwards said.

He said the main role of Acceptance and the Victorian Government in the exercise was to encourage participants to attend. He said attendees would be divided into small groups, to discuss one main question: "What do you think God is asking of us at this time?"

Bishop Edwards said he would be interested to hear whether attendees felt well accepted in Church communities or "a bit marginalised", at a time when Pope Francis was urging the Church "to reach out to all". Discussions could also focus on issues such as a greater role for women in the Church and religious education, he said.

More than 40,000 individuals and groups have made submissions or participated in the Plenary Council process so far, with submissions due to close on Ash Wednesday, March 6.

The three-year process would culminate in national Plenary Council meetings next year and in 2021, where delegates, including bishops, will vote on possible changes to church life and practices. The Church's last Plenary Council in Australia was in 1937.

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World Day of Prayer—March 2019

SLOVENIA

'Come—Everything Is Ready'



Date 1st March
Time 2pm
Place Stawell Salvation Army

On Friday the 1st March at the Salvation Army, Women's World Day of Prayer will be held at 2.00pm. We are inviting ladies who usually take part on these days to come the day before—Thursday, February 28—at 4.00pm at the Salvation Army to nominate who might like to take responsibilities in the Service the next day
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NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS:

(A chance to prepare ahead for next week's readings)

Sunday, 24 Feb 2019: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading 1 Sm 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

A reading from the first book of Samuel

The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice. David answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

The Word of The Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. (R.)

2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)

3. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)

4. As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 15:45-49

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

Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

The Word of The Lord

Gospel Acclamation Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment;
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 6:27-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Be merciful as your Father is merciful.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you.

Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return.

You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

The Gospel of The Lord.

Scriptural context – Compassion

The compassion of God is a very strong theme that runs through the Gospel of Luke. Throughout the gospel, the compassion and mercy of God is emphasised and a defining feature of the gospel is the number of healings and parables that relate to people who were regarded as the outcasts of society. In this gospel, Jesus is the embodiment of God's compassion. Jesus wants all people to experience first hand the abundant love God holds for them. Today's gospel passage is a reminder that when we experience God's compassion we are also called to show it to others

ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week February 17

Readers: J Murphy/K Vance

Procession of the gifts: M Traynor

Ext. Minister: K Vance

Next Week (February 24)

Readers: M Browne/B G Browne

Procession of Gifts: & C Brown

Ext Minister: J Murphy

Church Care: February 24 - K Vance

Church Grounds— February—Volunteer—formerly Pat O'Callaghan

STAWELL:

This Week (February 16) 6.00PM

Welcomer: M Rogers

Readers: D Jones/T Brady

Ext. Ministers: L Moloney/J Obi

Procession of Gifts: M Smith Family

(February 17) 10.30AM

Welcomer: P Gooden

Readers: K Dallinger/H Potter

Ext Ministers: F Harney/H Potter/M Maestros

Procession of Gifts: L & M Habben

Next Week (February 23) 6.00PM

Welcomer: N Rathgeber

Readers: J Raeburn/E McIntyre

Ext. Ministers: M Maestros/B Walsh

Procession of Gifts: P Price

(February 24) 10.30AM

Welcomer: K Ashton

Readers: K Dalton/S Little

Ext Ministers: S Enriquez/K Ashton/G Little

Procession of Gifts:

Counters: Today: J Raeburn

Next Week: M & L Habben

ALTAR SOCIETY:

Next week: Gabrielle & Pat

MARY'S STATUE:

February 17-23 Brian Walsh; 24-March 2 Helen Prowd; 3-9 June Raeburn; 10-16 Margaret Rowe

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.

Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate

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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www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

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