



St Patrick's Parish Newsletter

Stawell and Landsborough

2nd Sunday of Easter Year C—April 28, 2019

Divine Mercy Sunday



RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
His love is everlasting.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE: (Used if Alleluias Sung):

Alleluia, alleluia!
You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;
Happy those who have not seen me, but still believe.
Alleluia.

THIS WEEK:

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

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

FR ERIC AWAY:

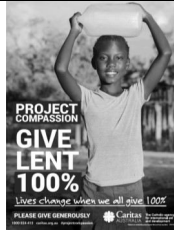
I will be leaving the parish after Masses today, and will be flying to Rome on Monday evening. I return to Australia on May 17, the day before my 45th anniversary of ordination, and will return to the parish early the next week.

I will be attending a week long course starting on May 6 at the Pontifical University of Mary, Queen of the Apostles. I believe that there will be about 200 in attendance from around the world. Fr John Corrigan from Koroit/Port Fairy will be travelling with me, and we will be meeting up with some younger priests from the Adelaide Archdiocese. In the spare time, we will sightsee Rome, and travel to Naples, Venice, Pompeii and Assisi, hopefully. The course is entitled “Exorcism and Prayer of Deliverance” - A subject taken much more seriously in other parts of the world than in Australia.

Fr John Pothiyittel will celebrate Masses on the weekends, and will celebrate Mass on weekdays when he is available.



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FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection \$ 1029.00

Parish Collection: \$ 501.00

Loose Collection: \$ 500.00

Good Friday Holy Land Appeal: \$354.00

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.

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; Peter Duffy (Canada); Kate Sargent; Yvonne Evans; Margaret Boag; Nigel James (Canberra); Ian Kindred; Sharron Pickering; Andrew Van Diezen; Benjamin Wolfson; Bernie O’Callaghan; Patty Fenwick; Robbie Loxton; Nicole Lee (Horsham); Brian O’Loughlin; Beryl Walsh; Shirley Gerritsen; Jordan Young; Steven Oates; Doreen Duffy; Barry Larkin; Peter Boag

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

HUMOUR:

Feeling Sick

Little 8 year old Bobby went with his mom to church every Sunday. One morning in the middle of the service Bob complained that he was feeling a bit queasy and was afraid he was going to be sick. "No problem dear," whispered his Mom in his ear, "just head on over to the bathroom on the other side of the Church, and take care of it there." Thirty seconds later Bob came back. "Did you go to the bathroom?" questioned his Mom. "No need" responded Bobby. "Right outside the door was a big box with a sign next to it 'for the sick', so I just did it in there!"

NEWS

SRI LANKA ATTACKS EXPOSE GLOBAL PLIGHT OF CHRISTIANS

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A blood-stained statue of Christ in St Sebastian Church in Negombo, Sri Lanka (CNS/Reuters)

The attacks in Sri Lanka were shocking but also horribly familiar, for we are now living through an unprecedented era of Christian persecution, writes Catherine Pepinster. Source: The Age.

Most people associate persecution of Christians with the Roman empire and martyrs facing the lions. Others may recall the Soviet regime and the repression of believers during the time of Stalin. But this century is fast becoming a rival to both of these eras.

According to the respected Pew Research Centre, they are the most targeted body of believers in 144 countries, up from 128 in 2015. And there is barely a country from Saharan Africa to Pakistan where Christians worship freely without intimidation.

The persecution takes various forms. The

bloodshed of Sri Lanka was of a particular kind; it was well-organised, with four churches bombed, as well as Western-style hotels, and well-planned. A religious holiday was the date underlined in the bombers' calendar.

Elsewhere, in countries such as Bosnia and Herzegovina, Christians are tolerated but suffer employment discrimination, and in many countries there is state oppression.

The future of Christianity is particularly grim in North Africa and the Middle East, the very cradle of Christianity.

In Egypt the Copts, who belong to one of the most ancient Christian traditions, have been targeted repeatedly, after centuries of living peacefully with their Muslim neighbours.

In Libya in January, a mass grave was found containing 34 Ethiopian Christians killed by Islamic State fighters.

The destruction of Christianity in Iraq, after Islamist groups emerged in the wake of the war in 2003, has been so overwhelming that there are barely any Christians left in cities such as Mosul.

But it is further east, in Asia, where persecution is at its worst, according to a report from the Open Doors organisation earlier this year.

As in the Middle East, the assailants are often members of other religions, such as Hindus in India and Muslims in Pakistan. Its forms include terrorist atrocities but also harassment, such as in Pakistan where Asia Bibi spent eight years on death row for blasphemy.

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DAY. PLEASE TAKE ONE HOME
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NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS:

(A chance to prepare ahead for next week's Liturgy of The Word)

Sunday, 5 May 2019: Third Sunday of Easter - Year C

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Acts 5:27-32. 40-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We are witnesses of these words, and so is the Holy Spirit.

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning,' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. v.2
(R.) I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. (R.)

2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. (R.)

3. The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. (R.)

Second Reading Rv 5:11-14

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, wealth, glory, and blessing.

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation – everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 21:1-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead. After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?' He answered, 'Yes Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He replied, 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Look after my sheep.' Then he said to him a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.

'I tell you most solemnly, when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else will put a belt round you and take you where you would rather not go.' In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this he said, 'Follow me.'

Gospel Focus – Do you love me?



Three times Jesus asks Peter, 'Do you love me?' and three times Peter answers, 'You know I do'. Some writers suggest that the three-fold question by Jesus and the three-fold reply by Peter is intended to balance out the triple denial of Jesus by Peter at the time of the arrest and trial of Jesus. Where once Peter denied even knowing Jesus, he now declares his love for Jesus in no uncertain terms. It is a reminder to all of us that there is no act that we can perform that cannot be forgiven by God and from which we cannot come back.

ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (April 28)

Readers: J Murphy/C Browne

Procession of Gifts: R & C Brown

Ext Minister: J Murphy

Next Week (May 5)

Readers: K Vance/B G Browne

Procession of Gifts: J & C Browne

Ext Minister: K Vance

Church Care: May 4 Betty Amarant/Jen Murphy **Church Grounds—** May—R Brown

STAWELL:

This Week (April 27) 6.00PM

Welcomer: N Rathgeber

Readers: D Jones/A Ellis

Ext. Ministers: L Moloney/C Barker

Procession of Gifts: I Robinson

(April 28) 10.30AM

Welcomer: M Rowe

Readers: K Dalton/J Van Diesen

Ext. Ministers: H Potter/G Comitti

Procession of Gifts: L & M Habben

(May 4) 7.00PM

Welcomer: M Cray

Readers: M Howard/T Brady

Ext Ministers: M Howard/S Howard

Procession of Gifts: J Allan

(May 5) 10.30AM

Welcomer: E Driscoll

Readers: D O'Donnell/S Little

Ext Ministers: M Rowe/J Van Diesen/K Dalton

Procession of Gifts : G & G Pickering

Next Week

Counters: Today: L & M Habben

Next Week: G Pickering & E Driscoll

ALTAR SOCIETY : Next week: Gloria & Marie

MARY'S STATUE:

April 28-May 4 P & H Rathgeber; May 5-11 D Duffy; 12-18 D McIntosh; 19-25 B Walsh; 26-June 1 E T Driscoll.

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.

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.



My Lord and my God!



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: 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 Monday 2.30pm in Parish Hall.

CWL: 3rd Wednesday commencing with 10.00am Mass.

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