



# St Patrick's Parish Newsletter Stawell and Landsborough

4th Sunday of Easter Year C—May 12, 2019



**ANNIVERSARIES:** Jack Herdman, May Lynch and Ann Lynch.

**RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:**

We are his people, The sheep of his flock.

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE: (Used if Alleluias Sung):**

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I am the Good Shepherd says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia

**THIS WEEK:**

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**WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK: TUES, 10.00AM**

**WED. 10.00, THURS. 10am FRI 10am.**

**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;

**IT'S TIME FOR A**



**GUPPA!**

There will be a cup of tea in the hall after 10.30am Mass this weekend. All welcome.

**ST. VINCENT de PAUL** Meeting on Monday 13th May at 2.00pm.

**CWL MEETING** on Wednesday 15th May after 10.00am. Mass. All welcome.

**Annual Mass Counts this weekend!**

A reminder that the Annual Diocesan Mass Counts are to take place over the four weekends of May. The Mass Counts should be done for every Mass held in our parish on each of the four weekends.

**FR ERIC STILL AWAY:**

Fr Eric is currently in Rome, and will return to Australia on May 17 (just in time to vote). He will return to the parish early in the following week.



**HAPPY MOTHERS DAY**

Happy Mothers Day to all the Mums, Grandmothers and special women in our lives. We hope you have a lovely day with your loved ones.

**FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:**

Presbytery Collection \$ 475.50

Parish Collection: \$ 346.00

Loose Collection: \$ 80.70

*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 Die-sen; 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; Peter Boag.

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

## **HUMOUR:**

### **Christian One-Liners**

- . Don't let your worries get the best of you. Remember, Moses started out as a basket case.
- . Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited until you try to sit in their pews.
- . Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisers.
- . It is easier to preach ten sermons than it is to live one.
- . The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close.
- . When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.
- . People are funny. They want the front of the bus, the middle of the road, and the back of the church.
- . Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on your front door forever.
- . Quit griping about your church. If it was perfect, you couldn't belong.
- . If the church wants a better pastor, it only needs to pray for the one it has.
- . God himself does not propose to judge a man until he is dead, so why should you?
- . Some minds are like concrete — thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.

## **NEWS**



Stephen Parnis (left) and Mark Yates (HealthPages Wiki and Twitter/Deakin University)

*Medical practitioners have spoken out against Victoria's assisted suicide legislation ahead of a training session to show doctors how to best carry out euthanasia. Source: The Australian.*

*Mark Yates and Stephen Parnis, both past presidents of the Australian Medical Association Victoria, yesterday sounded the alarm on the new laws, arguing they will pressure vulnerable Australians into taking their own lives, diminish the delivery of effective palliative care and involve the "falsification" of death certificates. The warning coincides with the commencement this morning of a three-day conference in Melbourne to explain the implementation of assisted dying legislation, which takes effect on June 19.*

*Dr Yates – a geriatrician and clinical associate professor at Deakin University who was AMA Victoria president from 2005 to 2007 – told The Australian the assisted dying laws were "still perceived by clinicians to be unethical" and that "expert palliative care" could almost always meet the needs of those nearing the end of their lives.*

*"Lots of patients express the wish to die at the very end of their life, which is symptomatic of the fact that their needs aren't being met," Dr Yates said.*

*"If we had appropriate palliative care, then all of those needs could be met ... expert palliative care can almost always remedy that."*

*He attacked the Victorian laws for requiring death certificates to state-assisted suicides be recorded as deaths caused by the underlying terminal illness, suggesting this was an attempt to "sanitize" the truth.*

*John Buchanan, a senior psychiatrist who has worked in palliative medicine, argued the legislation lacked "adequate safeguards." He warned that, under the legislation, the "cause of death is basically falsified".*

*Stephen Parnis said he believed many people managing terminal illnesses would seek out assisted suicide because they did not want to be a burden.*

*"The fact is that we have some very vulnerable people in our society whose next of kin or nearest and dearest may regard them as an asset to be realised rather than someone who needs to be loved," he said.*

**OUR DIOCESAN COMMUNITY  
MAGAZINE IS FREE FOR THE  
TAKING IN THE CHURCH TO-  
DAY. PLEASE TAKE ONE  
HOME WITH YOU.**

**NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS:**

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

**Sunday, 19 May 2019: Fifth Sunday of Easter - Year C**

**Liturgy of the Word**

First Reading Acts 14:21-27

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.*

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v.1

(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)

2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign. (R.)

3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading Rv 21:1-5

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

*He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.*

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.' Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

Gospel Acclamation Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 13:31-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*I give you a new commandment: love one another.*

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified.

If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon.

My little children,

I shall not be with you much longer.

I give you a new commandment:

love one another;

just as I have loved you,

you also must love one another.

By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

**Have you thought? Love**

I love my dog! I love your hair! I love that new song! I absolutely love chocolate! We throw around the word 'love' so casually today that it has almost lost its meaning. The decision whether or not to say 'I love you' in a relationship has become a major dilemma – or alternatively, just the formula that has to be said to get what you want! Jesus did not use the word so casually or so inappropriately. He spoke of love very deliberately and very specifically. Jesus calls us to share in the selfless love that he modelled and to follow his example.

**Gospel Focus – God's Love**

What does it mean to love as Jesus loved? The love Jesus poured out to all was an expression of God's love that has been poured out to all creation since the very beginning and continues to be poured out today. God's love doesn't keep score. When humankind turned its back on God, God's love continued to call them back to faithful relationship. God's love is not conditional – whatever we do, God continues to love us. There is no barrier that we can construct that God's love cannot get around. It is this sort of love that the new commandment demands of us.

**Living the Gospel – Love is all around**

Love surrounds us all the time. It is impossible to turn on a radio without hearing 'love' used in one way or another. Love is the most common theme of songs, poetry, literature and art. Although we might bemoan the casual use of 'love', the fact remains that we fill our lives with the sounds and images of love. It's easier to imagine the all-pervasive nature of God's love when we recognise just how pervasive the commercial and artistic expressions of love have become. As Christian people, the challenge that faces us is to imbue these expressions with a richer, deeper notion of love.

*Love*  
*one another. As I have*  
*loved*  
*you, so you must*  
*love one another*  
*John 13:34*

**ROSTERS:****LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):****This Week** ( May 12)**Readers:** M Browne/C Browne**Procession of Gifts:** E Amarant/M Traynor**Ext Minister:** M Traynor**Next Week** ( May 19)**Readers:** J Murphy/K Vance**Procession of Gifts:** K Vance/J Murphy**Ext Minister:** K Vance**Church Care:** May 19 K Vance**Church Grounds—** May—R Brown**STAWELL:****This Week** ( May 11) 6.00PM**Welcomer:** D McIntosh**Readers:** N Rathgeber/D Jones**Ext. Ministers:** A De Leon/L McIntyre**Procession of Gifts:** B Walsh

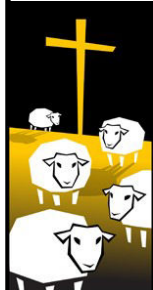
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**Welcomer:** P Gooden**Readers:** H Potter/M R Thomas**Ext. Ministers:** F Harney/I Sturt/G Comitti**Procession of Gifts:** P Gooden**Next Week** (May 18) 6.00PM**Welcomer:** N Rathgeber**Readers:** L Morgan/E McIntyre**Ext Ministers:** B Walsh/M De Leon**Procession of Gifts:** M Smith Family

(May 19) 10.30AM

**Welcomer:** K Ashton**Readers:** K Dallinger/K Dalton**Ext Ministers:** K Ashton/V Enriquez/G Little**Procession of Gifts :** Cain/Rutter Family**Counters: Today:** T & A Ellis**Next Week:** J Raeburn**ALTAR SOCIETY :** Next week: Margaret & Di**MARY'S STATUE:**

May 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.****We are his people, the sheep of his flock.****WEEKEND MASSES YEAR C:****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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