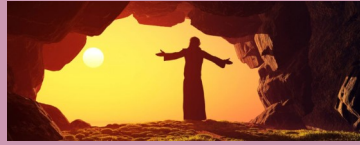




St Patrick's,
Stawell

St Patrick's Parish Newsletter Stawell and Landsborough Easter Sunday —Year A



St Francis of Assisi,
Landsborough

As we celebrate, we acknowledge the Indigenous owners of the land on which our Churches are built, the Tjapwurong people, and we respect the presence of the spirits of their ancestors among us.

Fr. Andrew Hayes

Its been a big week!

Firstly a Blessed Easter to you all! How are people faring? Just now I'm thinking of those at home with children. School next week will be a journey of discovery for us all. I hope internet schooling goes well for you, parents, children and teachers. I'm thinking of the over 70's. I hope someone is looking out for each of you.

Cardinal Pell

Parishioners will have followed the news of Cardinal Pell's release from prison this week. No doubt this will be a big relief to George. I have respect and faith in our Australian justice system, its checks and balances, and the wise heads who are given the enormous responsibility of the High Court. My concern continues to be for the 1000's of people abused, the people of the ribbons and their families, the Ballarat fellows on Revelation last week. I was at school with one of those men. I hope that we continue to yearn for healing for those who are hurting.

Bulletins

Please keep in touch with the parishes via the weekly bulletins. Bulletins will be emailed (send us your email addresses) and can be collected from the Blessed Sacrament chapels.

Still Saying Our Prayers

I hope people are finding new ways and times to pray. We will treasure coming together again for Mass when we can, but hopefully people are finding a new rhythm of stopping to spend some time with God. As I write this Srs Maree and John and I are getting ready for Mass on Holy Thursday. We will pray for you all. For those on email, we will attach my Easter Reflection.

April 12th 2020

Easter on Channel 7

The Passion on Good Friday at 3pm and Mass on Easter Sunday morning at 10.30am will both be televised live and commercial free from St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney on Channel 7 or Prime 7.

Search for St Mary's Hamilton on youtube for daily Mass from our region

Online Prayer Resources

I use Liturgyhelp.com, Sacredspace.ie, and mobile apps: Laudate (free) and Universalis (less than \$20)

Collections

Thank you to the many parishioners who have been able to continue with your financial contributions. Joyce tells me that Ararat's income is about a third of the usual count. Thank you to those who are able.

Details for direct debit are as follows:

Details for Stawell parish: St Patricks Parish BSB 013 815
Account No 2863 26347

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Parish Account "Main Church Account"

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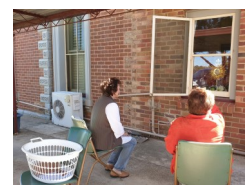
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Please don't forget Project Compassion.

Fr. Andrew Hayes

Parish Priest

Outdoor Blessed Sacrament Chapel



First Reading Acts 10:34. 37-43

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead. Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

**(R.) This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.**

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

Second Reading Col 3:1-4

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Cor 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 20:1-9

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

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SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY by Dianne Bergant CSA

Easter is the season of mystagogical catechesis, that instruction that unpacks the hidden mystery of the experience of the sacraments of initiation received or renewed at Easter. The readings of each Sunday concentrate on some aspect of this mystery. The central theme of this Sunday is newness of life in Christ. This newness is not without its historical context. It burst forth first in the resurrection of Christ, and then through the preaching of the first Christians.

The readings testify that if we die with Christ, we will appear with him in glory; if we cast out the old yeast, we will be fresh dough. And when this wondrous transformation takes place, everything is new; everything is fresh. To what newness are we called? To what must we die in order to rise transformed? What old yeast of corruption must be cast out in order that we might be fresh dough? At Easter we renew our baptismal vows. What is it that we really renounce? Ours is a world of violence, of prejudice, of indifference. Too often we harbour feelings of anger and resentment, of selfishness and disdain. Easter proclaims that Christ has died and has risen; with him we die to all of the wickedness in our lives and in our world, and we set our hearts on higher things, on sincerity and on truth.

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Next Week's Readings Apr 19th 2020

First Reading [Acts 2:42-47](#)

Second Reading [1 Pt 1:3-9](#)

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NOTICES

Stawell Inter Church Council Welfare

- provide direct food aid as well as supermarket, chemist, fuel, VLine and limited accommodation vouchers for the needy. We are based at "The Cottage" 20 Sloane St Stawell. Ring – 0408 038 949 We now only conduct interviews over the phone and we will home deliver aid to those in need. If a household is in isolation/quarantine or any member of that household has any symptoms of C19, we will deliver the required aid to an agreed designated family member, friend, neighbour or case worker who will then deliver that aid to the needy household.

Stawell St Vincent de Paul Society

- is still providing aid to those in need in our community. We help with limited accommodation, rent assistance, utility bills, school expenses, etc. Ring 0437 344 323 After conducting a phone interview we will deliver aid to anyone in need. If a household is in isolation/quarantine or if any member has any symptoms of C19 we will deliver that aid to a designated family member, friend, neighbour or case worker.

Prayers of the Faithful Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Priest: Brothers and sisters, redeemed by the risen Lord, let us raise our prayers to God on this holy day.

Reader: That those who have been washed by the waters of baptism will grow more deeply into the life of Christ.
This is the day:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That all who wish to be gathered today in our churches will be fashioned as a new people.
This is the day:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That Catholics around the world will experience the strength of their faith community when gathered worship is not possible. This is the day:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That people who are alone will find solace in your love. We pray especially for those experiencing isolation during the coronavirus restrictions. This is the day:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those living with the fear of disease will find a sense of calm and shelter in Christ. We especially pray for people who are sick from the coronavirus. This is the day:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That all leaders of nations will work together and find mutual solutions to benefit all people. We pray especially for cooperative work on solutions for the coronavirus pandemic. This is the day:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have died, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time, will live forever with the risen Christ. This is the day:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: O God of all time, this is the day that you have made. Hear these prayers and help us to live as faithful witnesses who proclaim the good news of our salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

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Finances

Thank you for your continued support at this incredibly hard time. Please phone the office 03 5358 1119 to discuss contributions for the Planned Giving Program and the Presbytery. During office hours—Thurs 11am-5pm, there will be a box to place your envelopes in. Otherwise you can make a direct debit into the following account:

St Patricks Parish BSB 013 815 Account No 2863 26347

Please reference your Family name

Deus te Benedicat—God Bless You



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SICK LIST

Noah Amarant; Kathryn Young; Glenis Leddin; Lourdes de la Cerna; Kath Hayes (Ballarat); John Delaney; Lynn Wright; Simon Monas; Angela Moore; Kate Sargent; Yvonne Evans; Margaret Boag; Nigel James (Canberra); Ian Kindred; Sharron Pickering; Andrew Van Diesen; Benjamin Wolfson; Robbie Loxton; Nicole Lee (Horsham); Brian O'Loughlin; Steven Oates; Maree Parkin; Rosemary Chisholm (Bendigo); Harry Comitti, John Dalziel; Mollie Barton; Patty Fenwick; Bailey Young, Graeme Blake, Pat Rathgeber; Carla Bowles (Bullumwaal); Kate Whelan; Sam Sharrock.

NB: A Family member of the sick person must contact the Parish Office to have names added. They must also have the permission of the sick person if they are able to give it.

WHO CAN I CALL FOR HELP?

- LIFELINE**
13 11 14
24 HOURS/7 DAYS
CRISIS SUPPORT
SUICIDE PREVENTION
- HEADSPACE**
1800 650 890
AGES 12-25
PHONE & ONLINE
SUPPORT (eheadspace)
- HEADSPACE BALLARAT**
5304 4777
AGES 12-25
REFERRALS
DROP IN SERVICE.
MON-FRI 9AM-4PM
VIA TELEHEALTH

- BEYOND BLUE**
1300 22 4636
24 HOURS/7 DAYS
ONLINE FORUMS & CHAT
FUNCTION
- KIDS HELPLINE**
1800 551 800
AGES 5-25
24 HOURS/7 DAYS
COUNSELLING
- NATIONAL CORONAVIRUS HELPLINE**
1800 020 080
24 HOURS/7 DAYS
INFO ON COVID-19

Humour

- Donald Trump goes on a fact-finding visit to Israel.
- While he is on a tour of Jerusalem he suffers a heart attack and dies.
- The undertaker tells the American diplomats accompanying him, "You can have him shipped home for \$50,000, or you can bury him here, in the Holy Land, for just \$100." The American diplomats go into a corner to discuss for a few minutes.
- They return with their answer to the undertaker and tell him they want Donald Trump shipped home.
- The undertaker is puzzled and asks, "Why would you spend \$50,000 to ship him home, when it would be wonderful to be buried here and you would spend only \$100?"
- The American diplomats reply, "Long ago a man died here, was buried here, and three days later he rose from the dead. We just can't take the risk."

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned