

ST PAT'S SCHOOL

Harmony Day

This year we are celebrating **Harmony Day** on Monday 26th of March. It is a day to celebrate our cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. Everyone is most welcome to visit the school on this day to join us in the celebrations. The children will be wearing cultural dress or orange which is the colour of Harmony Day and taking part in activities throughout the day. Notes will be coming home within the next couple of weeks outlining our lunch on this day.



Mass of the Oils: Monday, March 26, 2018

The Mass of the Oils will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 6.30pm on Monday, March 26, 2018. This Mass is a celebration of the whole Church of the Diocese of Ballarat. We celebrate the unity and ministry of the ordained priests in the midst of the entire priestly people of God of the Diocese. This Mass also has special significance for those who will use the blessed oils in 2018 – the sick, those to be baptised and confirmed. All members of the Diocese are invited to participate in this celebration which truly expresses the unity of the Diocesan Church. Ministries required for the Mass of the Oils include Ushers, Readers, Oils Bearers, Presentation of the gifts, Collection of Oils, Musicians and Singers. For further information contact the Pastoral Ministry Office, ph. 5337 7159 or pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au



Fourth Sunday of Lent 11th March 2018



Evangeline is strengthening Aboriginal culture while making a living and creating opportunities for her community. Featured in Project Compassion 2016, Evangeline went from seeking employment to being a Senior Artsworker and an inspirational leader for youth. Her work at the non-profit Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation has supported the organisation's growth and it is now a major employer for young people in the remote Northern Territory community.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help provide employment and training for First Australians, allowing them to remain on country and keep their culture alive, essential for a just future.

A Just Future starts with your support! You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT? POPE FRANCIS' FASTING IDEAS

Fast from hurting words *...and say kind words*
 Fast from sadness *...and be filled with gratitude*
 Fast from anger *...and be filled with patience*
 Fast from pessimism *...and be filled with hope*
 Fast from worries *...and have trust in God*
 Fast from complaints *...and contemplate simplicity*
 Fast from pressures *...and be prayerful*
 Fast from bitterness *...and fill your hearts with joy*
 Fast from selfishness *...and be compassionate to others*
 Fast from grudges *...and be reconciled*
 Fast from words *...and be silent so you can listen*



ST. PATRICK
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
CHRISTIAN DISCIPLES IN MISSION

VOLUNTEER
all that's missing is U!

Marion College C anteen
leader, Bronwyn Klemm, is
Asking for volunteers to
assist in the canteen.

If you can commit to a few hours per week, fortnight
or month, it would be greatly appreciated.

Please call Bronwyn on 5352 3861. Thank you.

accounting for a whopping 49.9 per cent of residents – almost half the entire 14,585 population.

Located 36 kilometres southwest of the CBD, its residents are more faithful than Sydney's traditional Bible-belt district of The Hills, highlighting the growing trend of Catholics heading out west.

Study author Mark McCrindle said: "Religion in Australia is certainly not dead. Our study shows that two thirds of Australians (68 per cent) currently follow a religion or have some spiritual beliefs.

"And Sydney is undoubtedly the last bastion of Catholicism in Australia and it should be proud."

In breaking down the Census data, the study found Australia-wide there are about 5.3 million Catholics – 22.6 per cent of the country's population with 1.8 million living in NSW (24.7 per cent) and of those 1,213,126 live in Sydney, giving the NSW capital the top spot.

In Sydney, no religion came in second with 1,188,280 (24.6 per cent) and Anglican third with 580,341 followers (12 per cent) of the population.

The capital city with the second strongest Catholic response was Canberra (23.8 per cent) while Hobart ranked last (17 per cent).

Mr McCrindle said the findings were a great opportunity for Sydney Catholics to identify what its congregations wanted from their parishes and priests and build on that to retain its numbers and potentially grow.

Tony Farley, recently appointed Director of Parish 2020 – an initiative aiming to renew and strengthen Catholic communities – acknowledged the challenges but said it was an "exciting time to be a Catholic".

"We're being challenged in so many ways and our capacity to respond positively to those challenges is limitless."

The Catholic Weekly

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:

How does God picture us? St Paul reveals one of God's favourite ways of regarding us.

'We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus, to live the good life as from the beginning He had intended us to live it.'

Just as an artist respects the medium he or she is working in, whether it be oils or crayon, so too God respects us as human beings with free will. Which is why His works of art don't always look the way He intended!

Now, if one has a work of art in the house, a picture or print that means a lot to you, or perhaps the first sketch by a child, do you put it in the darkest corner of the room? Or do you allow just enough light to fall on it so as to reveal how terrific it is, why it gives you pleasure? Of course, the latter.

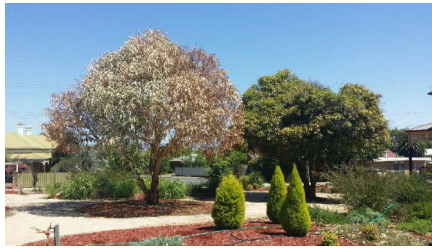
Now, if you and I are God's work of art, God wants exactly the same. He wants us to be revealed in the light. What sort of light? Christ our Light.

Of course, it might be necessary for the Light to dispel some darkness, some shadow dimension of our lives. In this regard Christ is a healing Light, but this is so that he might illuminate us in a way which more clearly reveals the love which the Divine Artist has for His creation.

We might take a moment to pray for the courage to expose ourselves to Christ's healing light this Lent to be more beautifully illuminated at Easter.

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LOOKING AGAIN FOR CUTTINGS AND BULBS FOR THE FRONT GARDEN. If anyone has any available after pruning please consider sharing with the parish. Thanks to June and to Rebecca & John for the cuttings this week. Much appreciated.



Thanks.

THIS WEEK:

WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:
Tues, Wed, Thurs, Friday -10.00am

WEDNESDAY - CENTERING PRAYER
IN THE PARISH HALL, 2.00PM.

THURSDAY: LENTEN PROGRAM AT
ANGELICAL CHURCH HALL, 10.30AM

CONFESSIONS —Before or
after 10.00am weekday Masses by
request (i.e. – just ask Fr Eric.) ;
10.00am 1st & 3rd Saturdays;
Landsborough—before Sunday
Mass.
Any other time by appointment.

HUMOUR:

So there's a wonderful fish and chips shop down on the boardwalk at the Jersey Shore, not far from where I live. Monks run it, and being a good Catholic, I figure I ought to support such a worthy endeavor. The reputation is that the place serves the best fish and chips in the world, so I go there and buy a meal.

And by gosh, they are the best fish and chips in the world! So good, in fact, that I have to go back to the kitchen and thank the chefs. And there they are, laboring in monkly robes over a hot stove. "Excuse me sir," I say, "are you the fish friar?"

"No, son. I'm the chip monk."

NEWS:

SYDNEY RANKED AUSTRALIA'S TOP CATHOLIC CITY

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Sydney is the most Catholic city in the country according to figures based on the 2016 Census. Source: The Catholic Weekly.

Market demographers McCrindle recently conducted the Faith and Belief study using the latest Australian Bureau of Statistics Census figures, which showed that while "no religion" was the most popular response when it came to the question of faith around the country, Sydney is the only capital city where Catholicism is still the number one religion.

The figures reveal that of the 650 Sydney suburbs, Bossley Park is Australia's most Christian and Catholic, with 7288 Catholics

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THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN MASS COUNT will commence on Week 2 of May (12-13 May). It will still take place over 4 weekends - weeks 2,3 and 4 of May and Week 1 of June (finishes 2nd-3rd June). The Mass Counts should be done for every Mass and Lay Led Assembly held in your parish on each of the four weekends. More information and forms will be sent out after Easter. If you have any queries please contact Amanda 5337 7125 or Fran 5337 7154.

ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (11)
Readers: B G Browne/M Browne
Procession of Gifts: G & K Blake
Ext Minister: C Browne

Next Week (March 18)
Readers: K Vance/K Christi
Procession of Gifts: D & M Browne
Ext Minister: G Christi

Church Care: C Browne (**NEED MORE CLEANERS**)
Church Grounds— FEBRUARY: VOLUNTEER PLEASE

STAWELL:

This Week (March 10) 6.00PM
Welcomer: D McIntosh
Readers: J Raeburn/N Rathgeber
Ext. Ministers: A Ellis/D Jones
Procession of Gifts: I Robinson

(March 11) 10.30AM
Readers: S Little/M Maestros
Ext. Ministers: K Dalton/G Comitti/G Little
Procession of Gifts: Cain Rutter Family

Next Week (March 17) 6.00PM
Welcomer: M Rogers
Readers: D Jones/T Brady
Ext. Ministers: L Moloney/J Raeburn
Procession of Gifts: J Allan

(March 18) 10.30AM
Readers: H Potter/D O'Donnell
Ext Ministers: F Harney/M R Thomas/M Rowe
Procession of Gifts: P Gooden

Counters: Today: T & A Ellis
Next Week: J Raeburn

ALTAR SOCIETY: March 10—Liz & Kay

MARY'S STATUE:

March 11-17 N Rathgeber; 18-24 N & E Musumeci; 25-31 J Launder

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.

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Our parish website can be accessed through the diocesan site.
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Welfare and Safety Officer: Helen Potter

ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

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

4th Sunday of Lent - Year B

March 11, 2018

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ANNIVERSARIES:

Anne Hipkins

LENTEN PROGRAM:

Anglican Church Hall, Thursday at 10.30am.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

there will be no St Vincent de Paul meeting, tomorrow, Monday 12th owing to the public holiday.

BISCUITS FOR PRISONERS:

Victorian Prison Fellowship have a drive for biscuits to be distributed among the many prisoners in Victorian prisons this Easter. If you would be prepared to consider baking biscuits, please take one of the brochures available in

SICK LIST

Noah Amarant; Kathryn Young; Glenis Leddin; Val Seear; 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 Gerntis; Mary Rita Thomas; Margaret Walker; Jordan Young

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

the church. Thank you.

A CUP OF TEA/COFFEE IN THE HALL AFTER 10.30AM MASS TODAY. ALL WELCOME

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection: \$ 804.60
Parish Collection: \$ 139.25
Loose Collection: \$ 495.65
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 ERIC OR GLORIA PICKERING OR FILL IN ONE OF THE CENSUS FORMS IN THE CHURCH. THANK YOU.