



St Patrick's,  
Stawell

# St Patrick's Parish Newsletter Stawell and Landsborough

Pentecost Sunday — Year A  
May 31st, 2020



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

### What has Fr Andrew and the staff been up to?

Never been busier! Between trying to stay healthy and isolated, the parish offices have been on top of the Covid regulations and using this time to organise our policies and procedures. Thanks to Emma in Ararat and Helen in Stawell we are now perfectly up to date with the required policies for Child-Safety and OH&S. Next we need to familiarise everyone in parish leadership with the policies. Stay tuned. In Stawell we're closer to being able to rent the presbytery and make some money. We'll need to move the parish office and are thinking through that one. Srs Maree, John and I have been continuing to pray for you all, sharing Mass with small groups of people along the way. Joyce and helpers have been very busy in the kitchen and with deliveries. Chef Mike has returned to his regular job, a sign that businesses are re-opening. While sad to see him go we are delighted that Mike has returned to full-time work. We're still cooking!

### Changes to Covid 19 Arrangements

As of Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June we will be able to have twenty parishioners for all Masses and fifty for funerals. As in recent weeks, you will be invited for Sunday Mass when your turn comes. We will need to record names and contact numbers. We will need to sit apart and to sanitise hands, seats and door handles. We will not yet be catering for funeral cuppas. A reminder to everyone that Stawell now has Mass with Fr John every day (Tuesday to Friday) at 10am. Up to twenty are welcome at these Masses. No need for an invite but be prepared to go home in the unlikely event that we have 21. Won't it be lovely when we can fill the church again.

### Mass Times

We are returning to public liturgy. The following will be our new Mass times: **Max 10 people, by invitation ONLY (20 next Sunday June 7th)**

Ararat 8.30am—by ballot system

Stawell 10.30am— by ballot system

Landsborough 6pm Sat Vigil 2<sup>nd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays

Lake Bolac 6.30pm Sat Vigil 1<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays

(Glenthompson have Mass on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays)



Pope Francis—Twitter

"The Holy Spirit, when we invite Him into our wounds, anoints our painful memories with the balm of hope, because the Spirit restores

## First Reading Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.*

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit  
and renew the face of the earth.

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!  
Lord God, how great you are,  
How many are your works, O Lord!  
The earth is full of your riches. (R.)
2. You take back your spirit, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.  
You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)
3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!  
May the Lord rejoice in his works!  
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.  
I find my joy in the Lord. (R.)

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Alleluia!

## Second Reading 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

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

*In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.*

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

## Gospel Jn 20:19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.  
For those whose sins you forgive,  
they are forgiven:  
for those whose sins you retain,  
they are retained.'

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## **REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA**

Pentecost celebrates the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. It brings the Easter season to its conclusion. The Risen Lord has been exalted to his rightful place next to God and he has sent his Spirit to fill the earth with God's power. The world is charged with divine energy; it needs but a spark to ignite it with life and with excitement. This vitality explodes into the extraordinary. Tongues are loosed and speech overflows its linguistic constraints; charismatic gifts flood the valleys of human habitation; barred doors are burst open and frightened hearts are calmed. The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world.

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## ANNIVERSARIES ST PATRICK'S PARISH

STAWELL 1-7 June

Effie Molan 1985, Charles Colvin 1986, Kathleen Freeland 1970, Sadie Krelle 2019, Terrence Peters 1971, Margaret Brennan 1979, Kath Parry 1982, Kevin O'Kane 2017

Next Week's Readings **June 7th 2020**  
First Reading [Ex 34:4-6. 8-9](#)  
Second Reading [2 Cor 13:11-13](#)

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### Prayers of the Faithful

### Pentecost Sunday

**Priest:** My sisters and brothers, let us pray to God, who is the source of life and light, for our needs and for those of the world.

**Reader:** That the church listen and respond to the presence and action of the Holy Spirit in human lives throughout the world. In faith we pray .

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader:** That citizens enable governments and councils to exercise wise and compassionate leadership. In faith we pray .

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader:** That those reborn through the Easter sacraments continue to share their gifts in the service of the Spirit. In faith we pray.

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader:** That those who struggle to accept diversity in the Body of Christ continue to drink from the sweet refreshment given to all. In faith we pray .

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader:** That our baptismal gifts, given freely by God, serve the mission of the church in this community. In faith we pray .

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**Reader:** For those who have died and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time and this week and for their loved ones and friends. In faith we pray .

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Priest:** God of all creation, you promised to be with us always and never to abandon those created in your love. Your Holy Spirit illumines our lives and warms our hearts so that all may praise and thank you. We ask that you grant our prayers on this great festival day through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen. © Creative Ministry Resources Pty Ltd



**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*

**WHO CAN I CALL FOR HELP?**

<p><b>LIFELINE</b></p> <p><b>13 11 14</b></p> <p>24 HOURS/7 DAYS CRISIS SUPPORT SUICIDE PREVENTION</p>	<p><b>BEYOND BLUE</b></p> <p><b>1300 22 4636</b></p> <p>24 HOURS/7 DAYS ONLINE FORUMS &amp; CHAT FUNCTION</p>
<p><b>HEADSPACE</b></p> <p><b>1800 650 890</b></p> <p>AGES 12-25 PHONE &amp; ONLINE SUPPORT (eheadspace)</p>	<p><b>KIDS HELPLINE</b></p> <p><b>1800 551 800</b></p> <p>AGES 5-25 24 HOURS/7 DAYS COUNSELLING</p>
<p><b>HEADSPACE BALLARAT</b></p> <p><b>5304 4777</b></p> <p>AGES 12-25 REFERRALS DROP IN SERVICE MON-FRI 9AM-4PM VIA TELEHEALTH</p>	<p><b>NATIONAL CORONAVIRUS HELPLINE</b></p> <p><b>1800 020 080</b></p> <p>24 HOURS/7 DAYS INFO ON COVID-19</p>

**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; 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.**

**Humour**

It's a good thing to be able to take your money in your hand and to think no more of it when it slips away from you than you would with a trout that would slip back into the stream.

**Lady Gregory**

We are all born mad. Some remain so.

**Samuel Beckett**

Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds, cannot change anything.

**George Bernard Shaw**

*"Ever tried. Ever failed. No matter. Try Again. Fail again. Fail better." - Samuel Beckett*