



St Patrick's,
Stawell

St Patrick's Parish Newsletter Stawell and Landsborough

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A

JUNE 28th, 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's Annual Leave

I will be taking a break for the next two weeks. There will be no Masses next weekend, July 4/5. During these weeks the phone will still be answered. Liaise with Gloria and Joyce in the parish offices in the usual way. Should a funeral be required my hope is that we have prayers and burial in the usual lay-led manner and families will be welcome to have a requiem Mass when I return. Joyce and Gloria will be able to assist you in the first instance. In Stawell the prayer leaders will be Kevin Dallinger and Mary Rita Thomas. In Ararat we have Sioux Reid and Harry Collins.

Back to Twenty People

Our fifty people rule has been stepped back for at least a week. For now our limit is twenty people in the churches. It is hoped that fifty will be allowed in by the weekend of June 18/19. We'll wait and see. In Stawell Gloria will continue to arrange the twenty. In Ararat parishioners are invited to put your names on the notice board in the church foyer.



St Patrick's Op Shop – Volunteers Needed

The Op shop will be reopening in July and we are seeking some more volunteers. If you are able to help us out 4 hours per fortnight or more please contact Helen Potter on 0427590318. We would love to be able to open up on Saturdays but due to the lack of volunteers it has not been possible.

Covid 19 Arrangements

For all public liturgy we will require names and numbers and sanitising of hands, seats and door knobs.

Weekday Mass in Stawell – Everyone welcome

Usually Tues-Fri 10am but do consult the website and bulletin.

Funerals – We are able to have fifty people. We will not yet be catering for cuppas after funerals.

Mass Times

Ararat 8.30am—sheet on the notice board in foyer

Stawell 10.30am— by ballot system

Landsborough 6pm Sat Vigil 2nd 4th Sundays

Lake Bolac 6.30pm Sat Vigil 1st 3rd 5th Sundays

(Glenthompson have Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sundays)

Recent Deaths

John Kennedy Snr

Parishioners may not know but John Kennedy Snr lived in Stawell from 1963—1966 and coached the Stawell football team during that time. He was also the Principal of the Stawell Technical School.

Pope Francis—Twitter

[#Prayer](#) arises from the conviction that life is not something that takes us by surprise, but a stupefying mystery that inspires in us poetry, music, gratitude, praise, even lament and sup-

First Reading

2 Kgs 4:8-11. 14-16

A reading from the second book of the Kings

That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 88:2-3. 16-19. R. v.2

(R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. (R.)
2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss. (R.)
3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;

it is by your favour that our might is exalted:
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. (R.)

Second Reading

Rom 6:3-4. 8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

1 Pt 2:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.

Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 10:37-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we are faced with the cost of discipleship, but we are also comforted by the promise of the providence of God. Baptism is for us both death and life. Through it we enter into Christ's death and we die to lives of selfishness and sin. Through it we rise with Christ to a new life freed from everything that previously held us down. As glorious as this new life might be, it requires death to our old ways of living, and this is always difficult.

The cost of discipleship cuts right to the core of our beings, it lays bare the very structures of kinship. Baptism recreates us as children of God; through it we are given a new life and born into a new family. The bonds of discipleship are now even stronger than the bonds of blood. Discipleship requires our very lives. As disciples we can no longer put ourselves first. We must be willing to spend ourselves and to be spent, to serve others in the day to day unfolding of life. We may find such commitment very demanding, but that is part of the cost of discipleship. God promises that if we lose our lives in this way, we will really gain them. If we are unselfish in the way we share ourselves with others, we will be enriched through our generosity. If we spend ourselves and are spent in our service of others we will be filled with blessings unimaginable.

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ANNIVERSARIES ST PATRICK'S PARISH

STAWELL 29th June– 5th July

William Neilson 1952, John Fudge 1981,
Veronica Stewart 1992, Jessica Topp 1989

Next Week's Readings **July 5th 2020**

First Reading [Zec 9:9-10](#)

Second Reading [Rom 8:9.11-13](#)

OFFICE INFORMATION

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PRAYERS OF FAITHFUL

Priest: Christ took up his cross for our sake. Let us bear the burdens of those in need and bring our prayer before the God of all.

Reader: That the Church may be made worthy of Christ through its ministry to those in need. In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That communities and nations experiencing the Covid-19 pandemic will have wise and strong leadership. In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those suffering financial hardship will be supported and encouraged by their governments and communities. In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That parish communities will be sustained by their faith and the prayerful support of one another. In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That parish communities will resume public gatherings safely and sensitively. In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That scientists will be guided in their work to develop vaccines for Covid-19 and other diseases. In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That this community be known by its outreach and concern for others. In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have died and those whose anniversaries occur at this time, that they will reach their eternal reward. In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: Faithful and loving God, you have entrusted to us a share in the mission of Christ, your Son. Hear our prayers, and help us to follow the path of sacrifice and service until we reach our promised reward. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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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; 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.

No Child Left Behind – Refugee Council of Australia

There are currently around 16,000 children in families seeking protection in Australia. Many people seeking asylum have lost their jobs as a result of COVID-19, as they often work in the service sectors worst affected. People seeking asylum are not eligible for the JobSeeker or JobKeeper payments, like many other workers. Some don't even have access to Medicare. The Refugee Council of Australia is bringing together a coalition of educators, carers and students are working to put pressure on the Federal government to ensure adequate support is provided for people in this situation. COVID-19 does not discriminate, and neither should access to a safety net or assistance during this time. We are in this together and there must be support for all who need it, regardless of visa status. We are collecting signatories from educators, parents and students, and the relevant bodies representing them, for a joint statement directed to the Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Minister for Families and Social Services Anne Ruston. Principals, Teachers, Parents, Students and education guys groups can sign on here: <https://www.refugeecouncil.org.au/no-child-left-behind/>

WHO CAN I CALL FOR HELP?

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

OFFICE HOURS in Ararat

The Ararat office will be closed for the second week of the school holidays:

CLOSED July 8th—10th inclusive



I had a very happy childhood, which is unsuitable if you are going to be an Irish writer.
Maeve Binchy