



St Patrick's,
Stawell

St Patrick's Parish Newsletter Stawell and Landsborough

Pentecost Sunday — Year A
JUNE 7th, 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

Trinity Sunday

The recent Feast of the Ascension might have felt like the remoteness of God, although a human person taking his place in God is amazing. Trinity Sunday further brings this proximity to God into focus. In this famous icon Jesus is seen sitting together, in love, with the rest of God. Is that bad theology? I've written it now. The very human Jesus sits alongside the one who created us and the one who makes us holy. I like to think they're having a cup of tea. It's all very familiar. Jesus belongs there. So then do we. We belong at the table having a cup of tea with God. I look forward to that when my time comes.

Closer to home, this around-the-table-in-love picture, cup of tea or not, is for us to mimic. How I'd love to be explaining the Trinity with this icon in America this Sunday. God sits in a communion of love which includes a fellow who lived amongst us. I think just out of picture is an American of African origin, a first peoples American, a Mexican who swam the Rio Grande, a police officer who has made a horrible error of judgement and lots of others with more love in their hearts. It's a big table. All the ancestors of the slaves are there. All sitting in a communion of love. That's what God calls us to. That's what we're capable of.

Australia? We've got a long way to go too. Start by finding someone who's not as worthy as you and pour them a cup of tea.



Covid 19 Arrangements

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

Sunday Mass – Twenty people by invitation only. There is a ballot system. We will be pleased to call you when your name comes out of the hat.

Weekday Mass in Ararat – Twenty people by invitation only.

Weekday Mass in Stawell – Everyone welcome (20 people Max)

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

Mass Times

Ararat 8.30am—by ballot system

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)

Interim Parish Council

This week the Interim Parish Council met in person for the first time. Among the discussion was that we'll probably not merge our parishes for the next twelve months, to give us plenty of time to find our feet with Covid and a change of priest and so on. We will need to move the parish office out of the presbytery so that it can be rented at some stage. We're thinking that the office will move into the hall. It won't take up all of the hall. It'll more likely be a locked cupboard out of the way when Gloria isn't in there on a Thursday.

Mary Rita Thomas is looking for volunteers to open and close the church each day.

John Launder is looking for helpers to deliver Stewardship Program material.

We'll also be looking for volunteers for a liturgy group, for funerals, for finance and property management (we have 7 rental properties, 2 churches, a hall and a shop to maintain) More information to come.

First Reading

Ex 34:4-6. 8-9

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving.

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said, 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

Responsorial Psalm

Dn 3:52-56. R. v.52

(R.) Glory and praise for ever!

1. You are blest, Lord God of our fathers. (R.)
Blest your glorious holy name. (R.)
2. You are blest in the temple of your glory. (R.)
You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. (R.)
3. You are blest who gaze into the depths. (R.)
You are blest in the firmament of heaven. (R.)

Second Reading

2 Cor 13:11-13

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

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Gospel Acclamation

See Apoc 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 3:16-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

God sent his Son to save the world through him.

Jesus said to Nicodemus,

'God loved the world so much
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost
but may have eternal life.
For God sent his Son into the world
not to condemn the world,
but so that through him the world might be saved.
No one who believes in him will be condemned;
but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already,
because he has refused to believe
in the name of God's only Son.'

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The readings for this feast do not directly explain the doctrine of the Trinity as we have come to know it. Rather, they offer us glimpses into the nature of our Triune God. The psalm response suggests that our primary response to God should be one of praise for the love that God has for us.

The God who is beyond our comprehension is also the God who has saved us. We see this theme in both the first reading and the gospel. The covenant language in the reading from Exodus underscores God's unfathomable goodness. God's graciousness and mercy are not rewards for our fidelity. They are extended to us in our sinfulness. It is God's saving grace that transforms us, not any merit on our part. In the gospel we are assured that Jesus was sent into the world to save it, not to condemn it.

The Trinitarian phrase found in the letter to the Corinthians is so expressive of the love that God has for us that it has been incorporated regularly into the liturgy. It declares that through his death and resurrection, Jesus has opened for us the treasury of divine grace. It also proclaims that the love of God has forged the bonds of community that unite us. Created in the image and after the likeness of this God, we are called to unity among ourselves. As incomprehensible as it may seem, it is primarily through the unity that we share that we will manifest the unity that exists in God.

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Next Week's Readings **June 14th 2020**

First Reading [Dt 8:2-3. 14-16](#)

Second Reading [Jn 6:51-58](#)

ANNIVERSARIES ST PATRICK'S PARISH

STAWELL 8-14 June

Francis Craig 1989, Teresa Mulcahy 1945,
Margaret Wadsworth 1948,
Elizabeth Monaghan 1962, James Phelan 1976
Norman Oates 1981, Reg Parry 1996 ,
Victor O'Connor 2002., George Gavin 1997, Mark
Van Diesen 2013, Harold Jackson 1985, Thomas
Dunmore 1989, Nathaniel Lloyd 1961, George
Treloar 1977, Sarah Ralph 1989,
Francis Rowe 1998, Marjory Delahunty 2007,

Pope Francis—Twitter

“We cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form. At the same time, we have to recognize that violence is self-destructive and self-defeating. Nothing is gained by violence and so much is lost. Let us pray for reconciliation and peace. “

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Prayers of the Faithful

Priest: My sisters and brothers, let us pray to the God who sustains all life for our needs and for those of the world.

Reader: That the church, baptised into the life of the triune God, promote the unity of humanity. In faith we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That governments and assemblies of elected representatives act with compassion for the common good.

In faith we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who sin against humanity repent of their choices and embrace reconciliation, justice and restitution.

In faith we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That people of other religious traditions continue to grow in faithfulness to God.

In faith we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That all churches and ecclesial communities work toward the peace and unity desired by Christ.

In faith we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That this gathered assembly share the life of Jesus in everyday events.

In faith we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have died receive the reward of eternal life.

In faith we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: O God, giver of every good gift, receive the prayers we offer you this day. Strengthen us in faith and spirit that we might be united as one people. We ask this 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>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>

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

“The best thing about the future is that it comes one day at a time.”—

[Abraham Lincoln](#)

“Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak out and remove all doubt.”

• **Abraham Lincoln**

Before you judge a man, walk a mile in his shoes. After that who cares?...

He's a mile away and you've got his shoes! **Billy Connolly**



“Ever tried. Ever failed. No matter. Try Again. Fail again. Fail better.” - Samuel Beckett