



St Patrick's,
Stawell

St Patrick's Parish Newsletter Stawell and Landsborough

Palm Sunday —Year A
April 5th 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

Stage Three

Our parish arrangements are being adapted with the necessary isolation changes. I do pray that people are keeping well and keeping one another well. Thank you to those who have enquired – I am fine and keeping myself occupied. I'm doing Mum and Dad's shopping and checking in on them daily. To this point, Gloria, Joyce and I have been busy making arrangements for the parishes as things change. Ararat presbytery is big and echoey (is that a word?) when no one is allowed in or out so I'm spending days at a time in my other home in Ballarat. (I'm in Ararat now.) It's my special privilege to be able to continue to celebrate Mass for parishioners and your families. Last Thursday Gloria, Joyce and I celebrated Mass in Stawell. I've had Masses with Srs Maree and John, Masses at home in Ballarat.

Bulletins by Email

With tighter restrictions on movement, especially for the over 70's, we will email the bulletins to everyone for whom we have an email address. If we don't have your email address you can email us to be added to the list. ararat@ballarat.catholic.org.au or stawell@ballarat.catholic.org.au If you DO NOT wish to receive the emailed bulletins, by all means reply to be taken off the list.

Paper Bulletins

Printed paper bulletins can be collected from baskets at the Blessed Sacrament chapels. For those without email we will also hand deliver printed bulletins this week. If you would like paper bulletins delivered after this week we will gladly do so, but you will need to tell us. Joyce has a form to fill in to continue to have a paper bulletin delivered (or posted if you're out of town.) Please fill this in and have somebody put it under the office door. Stawell or Ararat is fine.

Saying our Prayers

Parishioners are welcome to pray before the Blessed Sacrament in the chapels we've set up – in the presbytery window in Stawell and the Parish Centre in Ararat. The bulletins will continue to include the Sunday readings and the prayers of intercession. This week we will include family prayers for home, from the Brisbane Archdiocese.

Mass Online

St Mary's Hamilton are continuing to upload Mass every day – youtube

I've enjoyed [Fr Rob Galea \(Bendigo\)](#) and the [Pope \(Rome\)](#) – both on youtube

Mass for You at Home: Network Ten on Sundays and Aurora Channel on Foxtel every day.

www.mfyah.com/video.html

Online Prayer Resources

Liturgyhelp.com are providing free access for every parishioner to a limited section of the site. Highly recommended.

Sacredspace.ie is a ministry of the Irish Jesuits.

Mobile Apps: [Laudate](#) (free) [Universalis](#) (less than \$20)

I have both of these apps on my phone and use them every day.

Collections

We still need to pay the bills. Envelopes can be delivered to the parish offices during office hours (Thursday for Stawell, Wednesday to Friday for Ararat). Consider keeping your envelopes for a month to limit the number of outings. Details for direct debit are as follows:

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

Details for Ararat Parish:

Parish Account "Main Church Account"

Westpac Bank BSB 033 201 // Acc 810035

Presbytery Account "Presbytery Account"

Westpac Bank BSB 033 201 //Acc 810043

Project compassion

Don't forget your Project Compassion contributions. This can be done online or by clearly labelling envelopes and putting them in with your planned-giving.

Fr. Andrew Hayes

Parish Priest

Outdoor Blessed Sacrament Chapel



First Reading Is 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue.

So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)
2. Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones. (R.)
3. They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)

Second Reading Phil 2:6-11

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death
dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel Mt 27:11-54

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Jesus was brought before Pontius Pilate, the governor, and the governor put to him this question, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' Jesus replied, 'It is you who say it.' But when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders he refused to answer at all. Pilate then said to him, 'Do you not hear how many charges they have brought against you?' But to the governor's complete amazement, he offered no reply to any of the charges.

At festival time it was the governor's practice to release a prisoner for the people, anyone they chose. Now there was at that time a notorious prisoner whose name was Barabbas. So when the crowd gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Which do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?' For Pilate knew it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over.

Now as he was seated in the chair of judgement, his wife sent him a message, 'Have nothing to do with that man; I have been upset all day by a dream I had about him.'

The chief priests and the elders, however, had persuaded the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas and the execution of Jesus. So when the governor spoke and asked them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' they said 'Barabbas'. 'But in that case,' Pilate said to them 'what am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?' They all said, 'Let him be crucified!' 'Why?' he asked 'What harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Let him be crucified!' Then Pilate saw that he was making no impression, that in fact a riot was imminent. So he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd and said, 'I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your concern.' And the people, to a man, shouted back, 'His blood be on us and on our children!' Then he released Barabbas for them. He ordered Jesus to be first scourged and then handed over to be crucified.

The governor's soldiers took Jesus with them into the Praetorium and collected the whole cohort around him. Then they stripped him and made him wear a scarlet cloak, and having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on his head and placed a reed in his right hand. To make fun of him they knelt to him saying, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' And they spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head with it. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the cloak and dressed him in his own clothes and led him away to crucify him.

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Next Week's Readings

Apr 12th 2020

First Reading

[Acts 10:34. 37-43](#)

Second Reading

[Col 3:1-4](#)



SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY by Dianne Bergant CSA

As we prepare to enter the sacred time of Holy Week, we look again at the significance of Christ in our lives. Though he was really in the form of God, Jesus came in the form of a slave. We have a saviour who was crushed for our iniquities, nailed to a cross as a convicted felon, and there endured the sense of abandonment. We have a saviour who was finally lifted up and exalted precisely because he emptied himself of his divine privileges. Unlike conquerors who triumph by putting down their opponents, Jesus was raised up because he himself was first willing to be put down. We have a saviour who first offered himself *for* us and then continues to offer himself *to* us as an example to follow. As he was willing to empty himself for our sake, so we must be willing to empty ourselves for the sake of others.

The best way to enter Holy Week with Jesus is in the company of those with whom he has identified himself: the poor and the broken; the humiliated and the marginalised; those who suffer the abuse of others; those who never use rank to force their will. If we are to be saved, we must go where salvation takes place: in our streets and in our homes where violence rages; in the dark corners of life where despair holds sway; wherever the innocent are abused or the needy are neglected; wherever there is misunderstanding or fear or jealousy. We must go wherever Christ empties himself for our sake.

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Prayers of the Faithful Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Year A

Priest: With our prayers let us turn towards our God who will never abandon us.

Reader: For Catholics around the world. That they will experience the strength of their faith community when gathered worship is not possible. We turn to you:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For people who are alone. That they will find solace in your love. We pray especially for those experiencing isolation during the coronavirus restrictions. We turn to you

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For those living with the fear of disease. That they will find a sense of calm and shelter in Christ. We especially pray for people who are sick from the coronavirus. We turn to you:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For all leaders of nations. That they will work together and find mutual solutions to benefit all people. We pray especially for cooperative work on solutions for the coronavirus pandemic. We turn to you:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For those in the final stages of preparation for the Easter Sacraments: that they will continue to draw strength from the redeeming Christ. We turn to you:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For this community: that it will be known by its humility and compassion. We turn to you:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For those who have gone before us, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time, that they share in Christ's victory over death. We turn to you:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: Faithful God, you sent your Son to suffer for our sake so that we may rise with him in new life. Help us to walk the path of Holy Week and draw us more deeply into the mind and heart of Christ. We make our prayer in Jesus' name.

Lenten Prayer

God of all peoples and nations, As you accompany us on our Lenten journey, May our fasting strengthen our commitment to live in solidarity, Our almsgiving be an act of justice,

And our prayers anchor us in love and compassion. Awaken our hearts and minds that we may be one human family

As we all go further together.

We ask this in Jesus' name,

AMEN



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:

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Please reference your Family name

Deus te Benedicat—God Bless You



Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 and help fathers like Barry continue to uplift their communities, and provide food for their families. Let's Go Further, Together. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

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 (eheadsapce)

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



It's for your own good.
You have to stop touching your face!

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned