

Bring a cushion for your own comfort. Maybe bring a note pad and pen to jot down any of your inner responses as the Gospel progresses. The performance will be paused at two points for silent reflection on what you have experienced and/or what might have particularly touched you to that point.

Date: To be advised

Time: 1 – 3 pm.

Place: St. Patrick's Church Hall

NO MASS WEDNESDAY

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Just a reminder that Saturday evening Mass is now 6.00pm all year round

FRONT DOORS:

The front doors of St Patrick's Church are closed on weekdays, to keep the bad guys out. However, the side door is always open to let the sinners in to pray.

THIS WEEK:

WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:

Tues, Thurs, Fri. 10.00am

No Mass Wednesday

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:

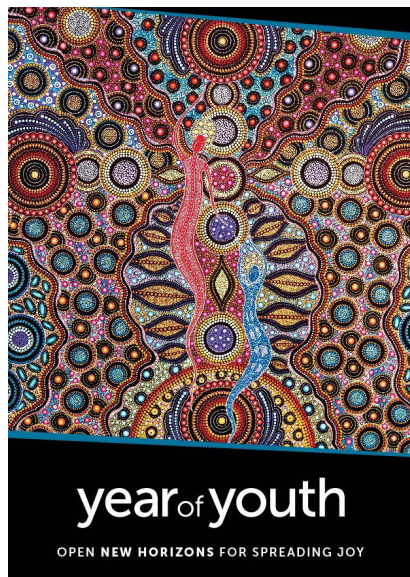
Everybody knew that Pastor Jones was never paid much, so it was no surprise that when he died his family could not pay for the funeral. A parishioner went door-to-door collecting money and finally got to the home of a rabid atheist.

“Would you give \$10 to bury a pastor?” the parishioner asked.

“Sure!” the atheist said. “In fact, here’s \$20 – please bury two!”

NEWS:

2018—THE YEAR OF YOUTH



**Open New Horizons for Spreading Joy:
Young People, Faith and Vocational
Discernment**

At World Youth Day 2016, Pope Francis called young people and the Church to ‘open new horizons for spreading joy’.

‘My friends, Jesus is the Lord of risk, he is the Lord of the eternal “more”’. Jesus is not the Lord of comfort, security and ease. Following Jesus demands a good dose of courage, a readiness to trade in the sofa for a pair of walking shoes and to set out on new and uncharted paths. To blaze trails that open up new horizons capable of spreading joy, born of God’s love and wells up in your hearts with every act of mercy. To take the path of the “craziness” of our God, who teaches us to encounter him in the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the sick, the friend in trouble, the prisoner, the refugee and the migrant, and our neighbours who feel abandoned. To take the path of our God, who encourages us to be politicians, thinkers, social activists.’

Pope Francis, World Youth Day Vigil with Young People, 30 July 2016

These words of the Holy Father challenge us to welcome new opportunities for sharing the joy and hope of the Risen Christ. You have dreams for your future. Jesus also has dreams for you and your future. We want to accompany you as you discern the path that God has for you.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:

Today we consider the call to discipleship. The readings outline the various stages of this call and provide a sketch of some of the characteristics of each stage: the invitation, the discerning process and the resulting transformation.

The call is an invitation from God. It might come to us as inner sensitivity, a kind of a dream or inspiration. Our interest might be captured by a person or an event that first attracts us and then beckons us to investigate further. It can come in the innocence and naivete of childhood, in the vigour of young adulthood, or in the wisdom of years. It comes when God calls.

The second stage involves discernment. Most of us need help recognising moments of religious importance and so we seek out women and men who are practiced in the ways of God, who can help us test the spirit. They might be recognised religious leaders or prophetic guides, or they could be friends or loved ones who know us well and who are also attuned to the workings of God in their own lives.

Finally, when we respond to the call, we discover that we no longer belong solely to ourselves; as disciples, we belong to the body of Christ. We belong to the reign of God; we are now part of the mission of Christ. As disciples, we are called to proclaim to the world the justice of God. What a glorious honour this is!

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ROSTERS:**LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):**

This Week (January 14)

Readers: J Murphy/C Browne

Procession of Gifts: B & C Brown

Ext Minister: K Browne

Next Week (January 21)

Readers: K Vance/K Christie

Procession of Gifts: J & C Browne

Ext Minister: G Christie

Church Care: B Amarant/J Murphy

Church Grounds— January—J Browne

STAWELL:

This Week (January 13) 6.00PM

Welcomer: M Rogers

Readers: T Brady/A Ellis

Ext. Ministers: P Price/D Jones

Procession of Gifts: J Croton

(January 14) 10.30AM

Readers: J Van Diesen/K Dallinger

Ext. Ministers: M Rowe/M R Thomas/K Dalton

Procession of Gifts: Cain/Rutter Family

Next Week (January 20) 6.00PM

Welcomer: N Rathgeber

Readers: L McIntyre/N Rathgeber

Ext. Ministers: J Obi/M Howard

Procession of Gifts: P Price

(January 21) 10.30AM

Readers: K Dalton/J Van Diesen

Ext Ministers: G Comitti/S Enriquez/L Morgan

Procession of Gifts: L & M Habben

Counters: Today: G & G Pickering

Next Week: T & A Ellis

ALTAR SOCIETY: January 13—Liz & Kay

MARY'S STATUE:

Jan 14-20 D McIntosh; 21-27 M & S Blake;
28-Feb 3 Di O'Donnell

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.

Scripture reflection group Thursday 2.00pm in the presbytery.

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St Patrick's Parish Community

Stawell-Glenorchy-Great Western-Halls Gap-Landsborough

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year B

January 14, 2017

SUNDAY MISSAL Pg. 602**RECENT DEATHS:**

Pat O'Callaghan



There will be a cup of tea after 10.30am Mass today. All welcome.

This year I would like to offer the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults to anyone interested in becoming a catholic. The program would culminate at the Easter Vigil, 2019.

Any person interested, if you know of anyone, have them contact Fr Eric.

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection: \$ 434.10

Parish Collection: \$ 428.00

Loose Collection: \$ 105.15

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.

CENTERING PRAYER - Weekly sessions for Term 1 will start on Wed. 7th Feb. at 2 pm in the Parish Hall. All welcome.

MARK'S GOSPEL

Lectionary readings this year focus on the Gospel of Mark, the earliest of the Gospels.

You are invited to experience the unfolding drama of Mark's Gospel in its entirety with a word-for-word DVD performance by award winning actor Max McLean.

This is an opportunity to closely witness / be present to an oral presentation of Jesus' life and times and teachings as recorded by Mark in his Gospel, in a similar way to the way members of his early Christian communities in Rome would have received them.

The performance and issues of note for an audience participating in such an event will be introduced by Lesley Morgan.

Tea / coffee available.

SICK LIST

Noah Amarant; Kathryn Young; Glenis Leddin; Val Seary; 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 Gerritsen

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