



ST PAT'S SCHOOL

Preparations are in full swing at St Pat's for Harmony Day!

On Monday 26th March our classrooms are open throughout the day. The colour of Harmony Day is orange or students can choose to dress in the colours of a particular country or national dress.

Enjoy a beautiful lunch prepared by our wonderful P&F at 12:30pm in our school hall for \$5!

Everyone welcome!



Mass of the Oils: Monday, March 26, 2018

The Mass of the Oils will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 6.30pm on Monday, March 26, 2018. This Mass is a celebration of the whole Church of the Diocese of Ballarat. We celebrate the unity and ministry of the ordained priests in the midst of the entire priestly people of God of the Diocese. This Mass also has special significance for those who will use the blessed oils in 2018 – the sick, those to be baptised and confirmed. All members of the Diocese are invited to participate in this celebration which truly expresses the unity of the Diocesan Church. Ministries required for the Mass of the Oils include Ushers, Readers, Oils Bearers, Presentation of the gifts, Collection of Oils, Musicians and Singers. For further information contact the Pastoral Ministry Office, ph. 5337 7159 or pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au

VOLUNTEER

all that's missing is U!

Marion College Canteen leader, Bronwyn Klemm, is Asking for volunteers to

assist in the canteen.

If you can commit to a few hours per week, fortnight or month, it would be greatly appreciated.

Please call Bronwyn on 5352 3861. Thank you.

**St Patrick's Op Shop
164 Main Street, Stawell**

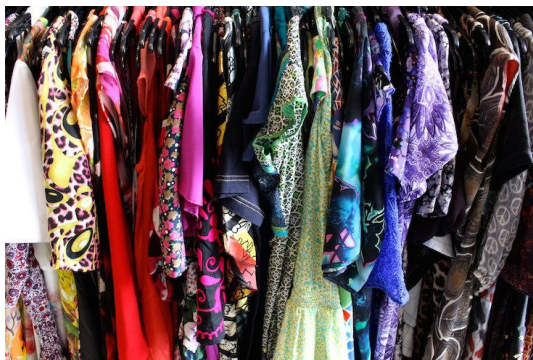
**A sale on men's clothing (excluding suits)—
\$2.00 per item.**

**Childrens clothing—\$1.00 per item unless
otherwise marked.**

Plenty of bargains to be had.

**Monies from the Op Shop go towards the
upkeep of the parish; as well we have to pay
rates, power, insurance, etc. We keep es-
sential—clothing, shoes, etc to a minimum
cost, but some other items—paintings,
books, trinkets—may have a morerealistic
price put on them.**

**Without the hard work and dedication of our
volunteers, our parish would be in great fi-
nancial difficulty. Many thanks to the vol-
unteers**



Source: Catholic Outlook.

The ICMC council's 53 voting members, who represent national bishops conferences in as many countries, elected Anne Therese Gallagher as the commission's president in Rome on March 8.

The ICMC protects and serves uprooted people including refugees, asylum-seekers, internally displaced people, victims of human trafficking and migrants, regardless of faith, race, ethnicity or nationality. Founded in 1951, it has staff and programs in over 50 countries.

Dr Gallagher is an expert on migration, human rights and the administration of criminal justice and her experience spans more than 25 years and over 40 countries of Africa, the Americas, Europe, the Middle East and Asia.

Dr Gallagher began her international career in 1992 as a legal officer with the United Nations. From 1998, to 2002 she was senior adviser to Mary Robinson, High Commissioner for Human Rights, playing a key role in development of international laws and policies and coordinating UN agencies to that end.

Since 2002, Dr Gallagher has continued to work closely with the UN while holding multiple leadership positions, including within the world's largest criminal justice intervention against trafficking (2003-present). Her posts include co-chair of the International Bar Association's Presidential Taskforce on Human Trafficking; member of the International Migration Organisation's Migration Advisory Board; and academic adviser to Doughty St Chambers (the UK's leading civil liberties law firm).

A practicing Catholic, Dr Gallagher has been involved in the Vatican's efforts to address human trafficking and is a member of the Sydney Archdiocese's taskforce on Modern Slavery.

She has received multiple awards for her work including: Australian Freedom Award (2011); US Government Trafficking in Persons Hero (2012); Australian National University Alumni of the Year (2013); and Peace Woman of the Year (2015). In 2012, she was appointed Officer of the Order of Australia for her distinguished service to law and human rights.

The Catholic Outlook

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:

I can observe a baby, but the parents 'see' their baby very differently. They gaze with total fascination, trying to perceive what this little bundle of flesh is really all about, trying to get an insight into its personality, visualising a possible future, hoping for a response.

This Gospel passage begins with a request from some Greeks 'to see Jesus', surely in all the ways parents see their baby. They were trying to perceive what this Jesus was really all about, trying to get an insight into his personality, imagining a possible future, hoping for a response.

And there was a response full of allusions to the future.

Jesus was as a grain of wheat. He died and was buried in the earth and that death was fruitful for the whole of humankind. He foresaw being nailed to the cross which would be dropped upright into a hole in the ground.

Our Lord says of that scene: 'When I am lifted up I will draw all people to myself.' How were people drawn to this scene?

People saw the length to which Jesus was prepared to go in order to persevere in his mission to live out the message that his Heavenly Father was full of mercy and wanted all people to share in Divine Life. This led to his being lifted up on the cross, being buried in the ground like a grain of wheat, only to rise to new life.

We could take a moment to pray that we will shortly see all this with the eyes of faith as we participate in the rituals of Good Friday and Easter.

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FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection: \$ 574.05

Parish Collection: \$ 403.00

Loose Collection: \$ 139.95

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.

LOOKING AGAIN FOR CUTTINGS AND BULBS FOR THE FRONT GARDEN. If anyone has any available after pruning please consider sharing with the parish. Thanks to those who have contributed so far, including the very generous donation last weekend

THIS WEEK:

WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:

Tues, Wed, Thurs, Friday -10.00am

WEDNESDAY - CENTERING PRAYER IN THE PARISH HALL, 2.00PM.

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:

A young couple purchased an old, run-down, abandoned farm with plans to turn it into a thriving organic enterprise. The fields were grown over with weeds, the farmhouse was falling apart, and the fences were broken down.

The village vicar stopped by to bless the family's work, saying, "May you and God work together to make this the farm of your dreams!"

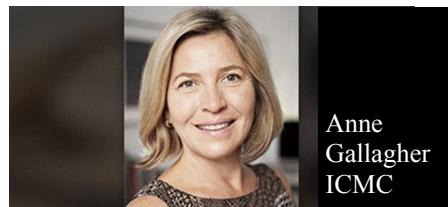
A few months later, the preacher stops by again to call on the young farmers. He couldn't believe his eyes. The farm house was completely rebuilt and in excellent condition, there were plenty of cattle and other livestock happily munching on feed in well-fenced pens, and the fields were filled with crops planted in neat rows. "Amazing!" the preacher says. "Look what God and you have accomplished together!"

"Yes, Vicar," said the farmer's wife, "but remember what the farm was like when God was working it alone!"

NEWS:

AUSTRALIAN TO LEAD MIGRATION COMMISSION

Published: 16 March 2018



An Australian lawyer and human rights expert has been named president of the International Catholic Migration Commission.

LOVE HIM OR HATE HIM, FRANCIS IS RELEVANT

Published: 14 March 2018



As Pope Francis yesterday marked the five-year anniversary of his election, views of where his papacy stands often tell us more about the observer than the pontiff being observed, writes John Allen. Source:Crux.

If, for example, one is the kind of Catholic convinced that in a confused and troubled world, the most important quality a pope can deliver is doctrinal and moral clarity, then Francis may not score terribly well. Yet for a Catholic who believes the Church had become overly rigid and ossified prior to Francis's election, excessively focused on a narrow canon of contentious moral issues, then this pope may loom as a titanic success story.

If resolving the Church's sexual abuse scandals is the only test of effective papal leadership, Francis gets one assessment; if the emphasis is on his adherence to the vision of the Second Vatican Council (1962-65), it's another; and so on, almost indefinitely.

Amid the rattle and hum of clashing worldviews and agenda, is there anything that can be said about Francis's record after five years that's truly objective? Perhaps it's this: Love this maverick Pope or hate him, he's undeniably relevant.

Pope Francis is culturally relevant in a surprising diversity of places, where his unconventional style and speech, combined with his message of mercy, continue to draw wide attention and commentary. Even when embattled and under fire, Francis remains a magnet for the media.

Francis is also politically relevant, with governments around the world tracking his priorities closely, and politicians of all stripes seeking to exploit his charisma for their causes.

Finally, Francis is ecclesiastically relevant. Every major debate in the Church today, no matter where one stands, comes down to what someone makes of the Pope's leadership.

Those measures don't automatically tell you whether Francis is taking the Church in the right direction, or if he's setting the right priorities in terms of its engagement with the world.

Yet what these indices of relevance do suggest is that however one adjudicates the rights and wrongs of this papacy, it matters - it matters to the world, it matters to the world's leaders, and it matters to the Church Francis was called to lead five years ago.

— John L. Allen Jr is the editor of Crux, specialising in coverage of the Vatican and the Catholic Church.

ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (March 18)
Readers: K Vance/K Christi
Procession of Gifts: D & M Browne
Ext Minister: G Christi

March (March 25)
Readers: J Murphy/C Browne
Procession of Gifts: B G & W Browne
Ext Minister: Betty Amarant

Next Week
Church Care: C Browne (**NEED MORE CLEANERS**)
Church Grounds— FEBRUARY: VOLUNTEER PLEASE

STAWELL:

This Week (March 17) 6.00PM
Welcomer: M Rogers
Readers: D Jones/T Brady
Ext. Ministers: L Moloney/J Raeburn
Procession of Gifts: J Allan

(March 18) 10.30AM
Readers: H Potter/D O'Donnell
Ext Ministers: F Harney/M R Thomas/M Rowe
Procession of Gifts: P Gooden

Next Week (March 24) 6.00PM
Welcomer: N Rathgeber
Readers: D Jones/A Ellis
Ext. Ministers: M Howard/S Howard
Procession of Gifts: J Croton

(March 25) 10.30AM
Readers: E Driscoll/K Dallinger
Ext. Ministers: M Rowe/V Enriquez/K Ashton
Procession of Gifts: L & M Habben

Counters: Today: J Raeburn
Next Week: M & L Habben

ALTAR SOCIETY: March 24—Gabrielle & Pat

MARY'S STATUE:
March 18-24 N & E Musumeci; 25-31 J Launder

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.

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www.ballarat.catholic.org.au
Our parish website can be accessed through the diocesan site.
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St Patrick's Parish Community
Stawell-Glenorchy-Great Western-Halls Gap-Landsborough

4th Sunday of Lent - Year B

March 11, 2018

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RECENT DEATHS:

Audrey Greenwood (Gippsland)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Jan Heenan

HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES STAWELL

Sunday March 25—Palm Sunday

Monday March 26, 6.30pm—the Mass of the Oils at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat.

Holy Thursday 6.00pm—The Mass of the Lords Supper.

Good Friday 3.00pm—Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday—6.00pm—The Easter Vigil.

Easter Sunday Masses— 8.30am & 10.30am

There will be **NO** celebrations at Landsborough this year as we have

no visiting priest—this includes no Sunday Mass.

CWL meeting commencing with 10.00am Mass on Wednesday.

LENTEN PROGRAM:

Anglican Church Hall, Thursday at 10.30am.

BISCUITS FOR PRISONERS:

Victorian Prison Fellowship have a drive for biscuits to be distributed among the many prisoners in Victorian prisons this Easter. If you would be prepared to consider baking biscuits, please take one of the brochures available in the church. Thank you.

A CUP OF TEA/COFFEE IN THE CHURCH AFTER 8.30AM MASS AT LANDBOROUGH TODAY. ALL WELCOME

SICK LIST

Noah Amarant; Kathryn Young; Glenis Leddin; Val Seear; 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 Gerriens; Mary Rita Thomas; Margaret Walker; Jordan Young

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