

ST PAT'S SCHOOL

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

TOMORROW, 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!



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.

Church seats being refurbished:



Thank you to John Farrell (New Parishioner) and his merry little band of men and women—work for the dole and special needs workers for taking on this mammoth task. Hopefully it will lead to further refreshment of the interior of the church.



GOOD FRIDAY IS A DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINANCE FROM EATING MEAT.

All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. (Canon 1252). All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain.



To remain in communion with the Catholic Church each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done between Ash Wednesday (March 1) and Trinity Sunday, (June 11), unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year.

Members of many religious traditions gathered yesterday in the Legislative Council Chamber of the Victorian Parliament to attend a Parliamentary Update for Faith Communities. The aim of the session was to discuss the implications of the private member's bill tabled by Victoria's Reason Party MP Fiona Patten to amend the Charities Act.

If passed, the bill would exclude the "advancement of religion" as a charitable purpose and remove tax exemptions available to religious institutions in Victoria. This would threaten not only churches and religious groups but all religious charities and any commercial enterprises owned by religious groups.

The update was hosted by Inga Peulich MLC, Shadow Minister for Multicultural Affairs and co-chair of the Parliamentary Friends of Faith Communities, and was supported by the Bruce Atkinson MLC, President of the Legislative Council.

Melbourne Archdiocese executive director Francis Moore addressed the chamber and outlined his opposition to the bill. "Supporting the retention of 'advancement of religion' among charitable purposes presumed to have public benefit has legislative precedents," Mr Moore said.

"For over 400 years there has been a presumption that 'public benefit' includes the relief of poverty, the advancement of education, and the advancement of religion. In Australia, the United Kingdom and New Zealand, advancement of religion is recognised as a charitable purpose. To argue for exclusion of advancement of religion in Victoria from the concept of public benefit represents an attempt to overthrow a major underpinning of society as we know it."

He outlined number of wide-reaching ramifications, including an increase in regulatory burdens.

"It is my hope that the major parties will quickly recognise that proceeding with this bill is a folly and that it should not be allowed to pass the parliament," he said.

Dan Flynn, Victorian Director of the Australian Christian Lobby, said: "What Ms Patten is doing with this bill is to strike at the very heart of charity," he said. "Strike out at churches and the charitable activity will dry up."

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:

In this final Lenten Sunday, we see that we have been saved through the kenotic (partial renunciation of divine nature) humility of Jesus, not through military power. We have a saviour who was crushed for our iniquities, nailed to a cross as a convicted criminal, and there endured the sense of abandonment. However, this saviour was later lifted up and exalted precisely because he emptied himself of his divine prerogatives.

Jesus became one of us in order to show us how we are to live. He was raised up because he himself was first willing to be put down. The passion recounts the extent to which he willingly offered himself. 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 are told to empty ourselves for the sake of others.

The best way to enter Holy Week with him 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 seems to hold 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 us.

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LITURGY ROSTERS AVAILABLE TODAY. Please take yours from the back of the church. Thank you

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection: \$ 437.40
Parish Collection: \$ 522.00
Loose Collection: \$ 114.50
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.

THIS WEEK:
WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:
No Mass Tuesday
Wed, eventide 10.30am
Holy Thursday—6.00pmThurs,

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 contact Fr Eric 0419 597 063

HUMOUR:

Let Him In

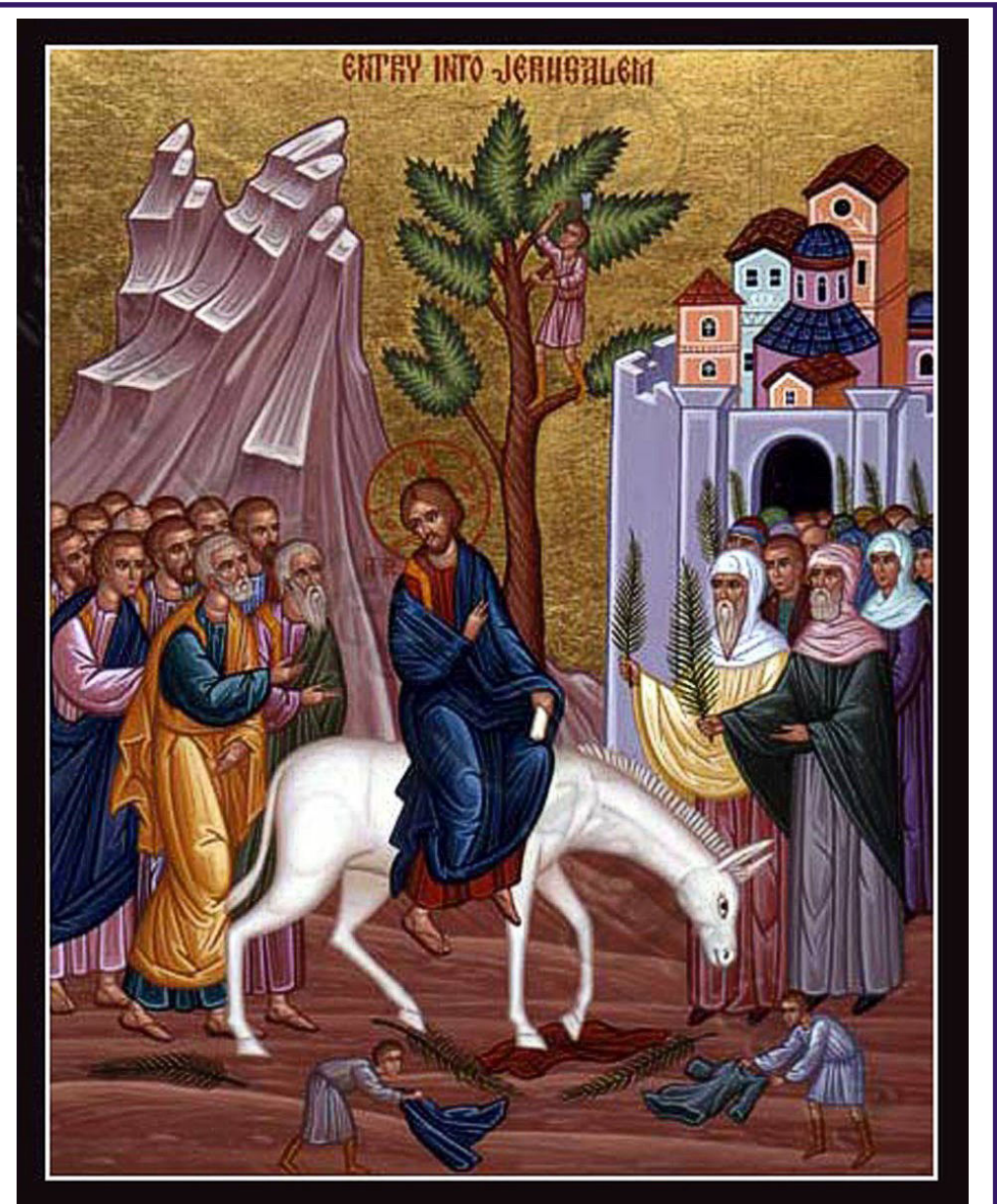
At age two a little girl began to learn all the traditional fairy tales, like Goldilocks and the Three Bears, and The Three Little Pigs. Her mother and father taught her the familiar Bible stories as well. The girl's young mind was like a sponge, and she took all of these in. One day her mother read to her Revelation 3:20. When the mother finished the verse, she asked, "If Jesus is knocking at your heart's door, will you open the door and let him in?" Without a moments hesitation, the little girl responded, "Not by the hair on my chinny-chin-chin."

NEWS:
CHANGING DEFINITION OF CHARITY 'A FOLLY'



Francis Moore at Victoria's Parliament House yesterday (Melbourne)

A proposed bill to change the definition of "charity" in Victoria would threaten not only churches and religious groups, but their charities and businesses as well, faith representatives heard yesterday. Source: Melbourne Catholic.



Palm/Passion Sunday

ROSTERS:**LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):****This Week** (March 25)**Readers:** J Murphy/C Browne**Procession of Gifts:** B G & W Browne**Ext Minister:** Betty Amarant**Next Week****(April 1) Easter Sunday - no Mass****Readers:****Procession of Gifts:****Ext Minister:****Church Care:** C Browne (**NEED MORE CLEANERS**)**Church Grounds— FEBRUARY: VOLUNTEER PLEASE****STAWELL:****This 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(March 17)**Next Week** 6.00PM As per Rosters**Welcomer:****Readers:****Ext. Ministers:****Procession of Gifts:**

(March 18) 8.30 & 10.30AM As per Rosters

Readers:**Ext Ministers:****Procession of Gifts:****Counters Today:** G Pickering/E Driscoll**Next Week:** T & A Ellis**ALTAR SOCIETY:** March 24—Gabrielle & Pat**MARY'S STATUE:**

March 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

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*Palm (Passion) Sunday - Year B**March 25, 2018***SUNDAY MISSAL Pg. 189****HOLY WEEK MASS
TIMES****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
& 10.30amThere will be **NO** celebrations at
Landsborough this year as we have
no visiting priest—this includes no
Sunday Mass.**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***ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL:**We invite you to join us at St
Patrick's Primary School for our
presentation of Stations of the
Cross. Thursday 29th March,
2018 at 2.00pm in the School
Hall.**THANK YOU ANNE ELLIS** for sewing
new collection bags for use in the
churches.**FIRE VICTIMS**We hold dear in our thoughts
and prayers our friends, family
and colleagues in the fire-
ravaged south-west region – in
particular Terang, Mortlake,
Camperdown, Hamilton and
Penshurst and surrounding towns.*Liz McIntyre (Principal St Pat's
School)***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 Gerrens; Mary Rita Thomas; Margaret Walker; Jordan Young

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