



St Patrick's Parish Stawell Newsletter

Third Sunday of Advent Year C—December 16,

THIS WEEK:

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WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:

TUES, WED, THURS, FRI 10.00AM IN CHURCH

WEDNESDAY - CENTERING PRAYER IN RECESS UNTIL END OF JANUARY.

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

CUP OF TEA:

 After 8.30am Mass at Landsborough today. All welcome.

ROSTERS:

New Liturgy Rosters are due to be done in the next week or so.

Still looking for readers, extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and individuals or families take part in the Procession of the Gifts. If you would be interested in being part of any of these Ministries please see Fr Eric or June Raeburn. Thank you.



COLUMBAN CALENDARS:

Available for sale. \$9.00 each. Get yours now.



CHRISTMAS CARDS:

Cards are available for sale. Most \$5.00 per pack of 8 cards. Some single cards for \$1.00 each.

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection \$ 419.90

Parish Collection: \$ 595.00

Loose Collection: \$ 119.00

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.

OUR DIOCESAN COMMUNITY MAGAZINE:

These are available (free). Take your home today.

CHRISTMAS MASSES:

**Eve—Stawell—Carols 5.30pm, Mass 6.00pm
Landsborough 8.00pm**

Christmas Day—Stawell 9.00am.

New Years Day—10.00am Stawell

GIFTS FOR NEEDY CHILDREN

“Christmas is not a happy time for those in need in our community. Last year St Vincent de Paul and Stawell Inter Church Council Welfare distributed Christmas grocery shopping vouchers to 95 households made up of 256 individuals. New toys and books were given to 110 children 13 years and under. You can help locals in need by leaving a donation of a new unwrapped toy or children’s book under the Christmas giving tree at the back of the Church. Donations will be collected today, 16th Dec, and will be distributed on Wednesday 19th December.”

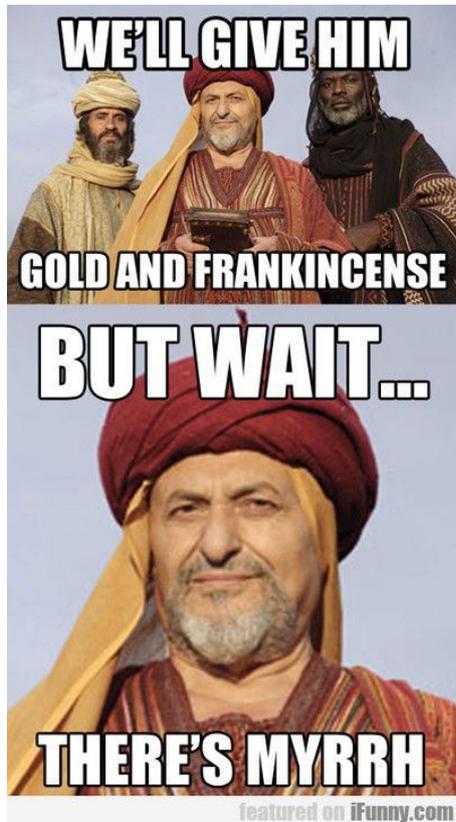
BISHOPS COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDY will be taken up at each of the Christmas eve/day Masses.

SICK LIST

Noah Amarant; Kathryn Young; Glenis Leddin; Val Seear; Lourdes de la Cerna; Kath Hayes (Ballarat); John Delaney; Lynn Wright; John Jess; Simon Monas; Angela Moore; Jeff O'Donnell; Peter Duffy (Canada); Kate Sargent; Yvonne Evans; Margaret Boag; Nigel James (Canberra); Ian Kindred; Sharron Pickering; Andrew Van Diesen; Benjamin Wolfson; Bernie O'Callaghan; Patty Fenwick; Robbie Loxton; Nicole Lee (Horsham); Dominic Browne; Brian O'Loughlin; Beryl Walsh; Shirley Gerritsen; Margaret Walker; Jordan Young; Steven Oates; Marg Rowe, Doreen Duffy

NB: A Family member of the sick person must contact the Parish Office to have names added.

HUMOUR:



NEWS:

MOST DIOCESES HAVE JOINED REDRESS



SCHEME

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About 90 per cent of Catholic parishes, diocesan schools and ministries have officially joined the scheme (CNS/Jason Cohn, Reuters)

Most Catholic institutions have joined the national redress scheme for victims of child sexual abuse, five months after it opened. Source: News.com.au.

Social Services Minister Paul Fletcher says 27 of the 35 dioceses which fall under the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference are now participating in the scheme, with the remaining eight expected to sign up soon.

The first Catholic religious order, the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits), has also joined.

There are still about 150 Catholic orders which have not signed up.

“Many survivors of institutional child sexual abuse have been waiting for Catholic institutions to join the Redress Scheme since they announced their intention in May,” Mr Fletcher said.

“This is a good start and it’s good news for those survivors who will now be able to have their applications processed.”

In a statement yesterday, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference said it was pleased that about 90 per cent of all parishes, diocesan schools and ministries have officially joined the scheme.

“I’m grateful that Minister Fletcher and his department were willing to work closely with our new company, Australian Catholic Redress Ltd, to reach this milestone,” ACBC president Archbishop Mark Coleridge said.

“With more than 5000 Catholic sites eventually to fall under Australian Catholic Redress Ltd’s purview, this was a longer and more complex process than we or even the department expected.

“We are aware that many redress claims relating to dioceses have already been lodged, so our priority will be to act swiftly to respond to them.”

Archbishop Coleridge said the ACBC had called for an independent national redress scheme for some years. With the scheme now in place, he said he expected the remaining dioceses to be participating in the scheme within weeks.

(ACBC)

**NEXT WEEKS READINGS:
(A chance to prepare ahead)**

Sunday, 23 Dec 2018: Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year C

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Micah 5:1-4

A reading from the prophet Micah

Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
the least of the clans of Judah,
out of you will be born for me
the one who is to rule over Israel;
his origin goes back to the distant past,
to the days of old.

The Lord is therefore going to abandon them
till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth.
Then the remnant of his brothers will come back
to the sons of Israel.

He will stand and feed his flock
with the power of the Lord,
with the majesty of the name of his God.
They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power
to the ends of the land.
He himself will be peace.
The Word of The Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19. R. v.4

(R.) Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

1. O Shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. (R.)

2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)

3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. (R.)

Second Reading Hebrews 10:5-10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

I am coming to do your will.

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:
You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me.

You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin;
then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book,
'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.'

Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am

coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

The Word of The Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 1:39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Why should it happen that I am honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

The Gospel of The Lord.

Living the Gospel – Looking for signs

When Mary went to visit Elizabeth she was not looking for a sign that she had made the right decision. Rather, because she had accepted God's will the sign was given to her. Her acceptance and action came first. The sign came later as a confirmation. At times we look to God to provide us with a sign that our impending action is the right choice. However, faith acts in trust and confidence; it doesn't wait around for a green light from God. When we do act in faith, the flow-on effects are the sign of confirmation.

Questions for Adolescents

- Q. What does Elizabeth mean when she describes Mary as 'blessed'?*
- Q. When have you had an experience of incredible joy?*
- Q. In a world full of electronic communication, how is a face-to-face visit more special?*
- Q. Why is this gospel passage appropriate for the final week of Advent?*

Questions for Adults

- Q. Why do you think Luke's gospel is the only one to deal with the Visitation and John's birth?*
- Q. Why is Mary regarded as a role model for humankind?*
- Q. How does this gospel help to focus our preparation towards Christmas?*
- Q. In response to this gospel, is there anyone that you should make the effort to visit?*

ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (December 16)

Readers: M Browne/C Browne

Procession of Gifts: R & C Brown

Ext Minister: J Murphy

Next Week (December 9)

Readers: j Murphy/J Browne

Procession of the gifts: J & C Browne

Ext. Minister: C Browne

Church Care: December 23 - E Amarant/J Murphy

Church Grounds— December—B & P Browne

STAWELL:

This Week (December 15) 6.00PM

Welcomer: M Rogers

Readers: N Rathgeber/T Brady

Ext. Ministers: A Ellis/E McIntyre

Procession of Gifts: J Allan

(December 16) 10.30AM

Welcomer: R Farrell

Readers: K Dallinger/D O'Donnell

Ext Ministers: M R Thomas/F Harney/L Morgan

Procession of Gifts: P Gooden

Next Week (December 22) 6.00PM

Welcomer: M Rogers

Readers: J Raeburn/M Maestros

Ext. Ministers: N Rathgeber/B Walsh

Procession of Gifts: I Robinson

(December 23) 10.30AM

Welcomer: S Enriquez

Readers: K Dalton/L Morgan

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:

Next week: Gabrielle and Pat

MARY'S STATUE:

Dec 16-22 J Launder; 23-29 Fr Eric

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.



Rejoice In The Lord Always



WEEKEND MASSES YEAR B:

Stawell: Saturday 6.00pm

Sunday at 10.30am.

Landsborough: Sunday Mass at 8.30am.

WEEKDAY MASSES (YEAR 2):

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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