



St Patrick's Parish Newsletter

Stawell and Landsborough

Fourth Sunday of Advent Year C—December 23, 2018

ANNIVERSARIES:

Belinda Scott; Mick Twomey; Tom Fenwick

THIS WEEK:

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WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:

MON—CHRISTMAS EVE 5.30PM CAROLS, 6.00PM MASS STAWELL. 8.00PM MASS LANDSBOROUGH. CHRISTMAS DAY 9.00AM MASS AT STAWELL NO MASS WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY. FRI 10.00AM IN CHURCH

WEDNESDAY - CENTERING PRAYER IN RECESS UNTIL END OF JANUARY.

CONFESSIONS —Before or after 10.00am week-day 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

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection \$ 430.00

Parish Collection: \$ 891.00

Loose Collection: \$ 90.90

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

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

As well as this, the normal 1st collection for the presbytery will be taken up.

ARE YOU PLANNING A TRIP TO SYDNEY IN JANUARY?

Why not stay at Mary MacKillop Place, in the heart of North Sydney!

30 minutes from the Airport, close to Ferries, Trains, Sydney Harbour foreshore, Opera House and more!

for Accommodation Enquiries please call 02 89124800

THANK YOU to those who contributed to the Christmas tree appeal.

ROSTERS:

New Liturgy Rosters will be available next weekend.

PLENARY COUNCIL:

A bookmark regarding the Plenary Council to be held in 2020, is available today. This brochure explains a bit about the council, and has some questions on the back for those who might like to have a say.

Please take a bookmark home today.

SICK LIST

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



2019 Columban Art Calendar

COLUMBAN CALENDARS:

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

HUMOUR: Dear Santa's

Dear Santa,
I love you. If you don't leave me anything for Christmas I won't cry.
- I am a big boy.
Love Steve
P.S. But I will be very sad.

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to get on your good boy list.
I have been on plenty of bad boy lists already
Your friend, Horace

Dear Santa,
My grandmother says to my brother and me that the best Xmas present is good health.
I have good health already so I would like a doll instead.
Love Gertrude.

Dear Santa Claus
My name is Robert. I am 6 years old.
I want a rifle, a pistol, a machine gun, a hand grenade, dynamite, and tear gas.
I am planning a surprise for my big brother
Your Friend, Robert



*A very holy, happy and safe
Christmas to all*

NEWS:

FIRST CHRISTMAS HAD MANY SURPRISES: POPE

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To celebrate Christmas is to “welcome the surprises of Heaven on Earth”, Pope Francis said yesterday. Source: CNA.

He explained that the first Christmas had many surprises – including that God came into the world as a tiny baby.

The Blessed Virgin Mary was surprised by the Angel Gabriel at the Annunciation and Joseph was surprised by the angel in his dream, which told him to take Mary as his wife, the Pope said.

To welcome the Saviour there are no powerful people, no ambassadors, just simple shepherds, surprised by the angels while working at night.

“But it is on the night of Christmas that the biggest surprise comes: The Most High is a small child,” he said. “To celebrate Christmas, then, is to welcome the surprises of Heaven on Earth.”

Speaking at his weekly general audience, Pope Francis reflected on the surprising elements of Christ’s birth, and the way each Catholic can replicate the feelings at the first Christmas in his or her heart by making room for silence.

“Christmas is preferring the silent voice of God to the noisiness of consumerism. If we can be silent in front of the crib, Christmas will be a surprise even for us, not something seen before,” he said.

“Be silent in front of the nativity,” he advised. “This is an invitation for Christmas, take some time. Go before the nativity and stay in silence.”

Francis noted that since the beginning of Advent, the Gospel warned against becoming weighed down by the “anxieties of daily life”. “These days we rush, maybe as we never have during the year. But this is the opposite of what Jesus wants,” he said.

We blame the fast-pace of the world, but Jesus did not blame the world; Jesus asked his followers to keep watch and pray.

It is easy to get wrapped up in consumerism and in parties this time of year, preferring “the usual things of the Earth over the news of Heaven,” he warned. “If Christmas is just a nice traditional holiday, where we are at the centre and not Him, it will be a lost opportunity.”



NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS:

(A chance to prepare ahead)

Sunday, 30 Dec 2018: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - Year C

Liturgy of the Word Ad libitum for Year C

First Reading 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

A reading from the first book of Samuel

For the whole of his life, Samuel shall be lent to the Lord.

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.'

When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.'

When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.'

There she left him, for the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 83:2-3, 5-6, 9-10. R. v.5

(R.) How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

1. How lovely is your dwelling place,
Lord, God of hosts.

My soul is longing and yearning,
is yearning for the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my soul ring out their joy
to God, the living God. (R.)

2. They are happy, who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.

They are happy, whose strength is in you;
they walk with ever growing strength. (R.)

3. O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer,
gave ear, O God of Jacob.

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield,
look on the face of your anointed. (R.)

Second Reading 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

A reading from the first letter of St John

He calls you his own children, and that is what you are.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed,
all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him

because we shall see him as he really is.

My dear people,

if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience,
we need not be afraid in God's presence,
and whatever we ask him,
we shall receive,
because we keep his commandments
and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these:

that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ
and that we love one another
as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments
lives in God and God lives in him.

We know that he lives in us
by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 2:41-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

**His parents found him in the temple, sitting among the learned men,
listening to them.**

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.
The Gospel of the Lord.

Living the Gospel – Importance of family

It is sometimes easy to glibly declare that our families are important to us, but it is in the everyday living of family life that we have the opportunity to demonstrate how serious we are. It is inevitable, as we establish our individual identity, that we will at times clash with our family's expectations and challenge the authority of parents. However, we can never forget the love, care and security our family has provided throughout our lives. Parents try to protect their children from disappointment and harm and reflect the love of God when they're repeatedly prepared to try again with damaged family relationships.

ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (December 23)

Readers: j Murphy/J Browne

Procession of the gifts: J & C Browne

Ext. Minister: C Browne

Next Week (December 30)

Readers: B G Browne/M Browne

Procession of Gifts: E Amarant/J Murphy

Ext Minister: E Amarant

Church Care: December 23 - E Amarant/J Murphy

Church Grounds— December—B & P Browne

STAWELL:

This 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

Next Week

(December 29) 6.00PM

Welcomer: N Rathgeber

Readers: T Brady/D Jones

Ext. Ministers: M Howard/J Obi

Procession of Gifts: J Croton

(December 30) 10.30AM

Welcomer: E Driscoll

Readers: J Van Diesen/H Potter

Ext Ministers: G Comitti/S Enriquez/M Maestros

Procession of Gifts: Cain/Rutter Family

Counters: Today: M & L Habben

Next Week: T & A Ellis

ALTAR SOCIETY:

Next week: Working Bee 9.00am

MARY'S STATUE:

Dec 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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