



St Patrick's Parish Newsletter

Stawell and Landsborough

Feast of The Holy Family - Year C—December 30, 2018

ANNIVERSARIES:

Thomas William Foo

THIS WEEK:

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WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:

TUES, WED, THURS, FRI 10.00 AM

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

ROSTERS:

New Liturgy Rosters are available today. Please collect yours from the table at the back of the Church.

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.



THANK YOU VERY MUCH to parishioners and friends for prayers, wishes and gifts over the Christmas Season. Very much appreciated. God bless you all.



2019 Columban Art Calendar

COLUMBAN CALENDARS:

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

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection \$ 414.60

Parish Collection: \$ 582.00

Loose Collection: \$ 94.25

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.

BISHOPS COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDY Thank you to all who contributed to this appeal Christmas Eve/Day. The amount raised was \$764.20.

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

POPE FRANCIS AND WORLD DAY OF PEACE

Pope Francis' World Day of Peace is on January 1, 2019. The theme of Pope Francis' Message for the 52nd World Day of Peace is "that politics must be at the service of peace". Join the world in praying for peace on January 1
www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Mass January 1st 10.00am

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.

HUMOUR: Dear Santa's

Three men died on Christmas Eve and were met by Saint Peter at the pearly gates.

"In honor of this holy season," Saint Peter said, "You must each possess something that symbolizes Christmas to get into heaven."

The first man fumbled through his pockets and pulled out a lighter. He flicked it on. "It represents a candle," he said. "You may pass through the pearly gates," Saint Peter said.

The second man reached into his pocket and pulled out a set of keys. He shook them and said, "They're bells." Saint Peter said, "You may pass through the pearly gates."

The third man started searching desperately through his pockets and finally pulled out a pair of women's glasses.

St. Peter looked at the man with a raised eyebrow and asked, "And just what do those symbolize?"

The man replied, "They're Carol's."

NEWS:

THE HISTORY OF 'THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS'

The song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas" is an English Christmas carol. From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of the Church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember. To fit the number scheme, when you reach number 9, representing the Fruits of the Holy Ghost, the originator combined 6 to make 3, taking the 6 fruits that were similar: the fruit in each parenthesis is the that was not named separately. There are actually Twelve Fruits of the Holy Ghost.

The "True Love" one hears in the song is not a smitten boy or girlfriend but Jesus Christ, because truly Love was born on Christmas Day. The partridge in the pear tree also represents Him because that bird is willing to sacrifice its life if necessary to protect its young by feigning injury to draw away predators.

According to Ann Ball in her book, **HANDBOOK OF CATHOLIC SACRAMENTALS:**

The two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments

The three French hens stood for faith, hope, and love.

The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

The five golden rings rerepresented the first five books of the Old Testament, which describe man's fall into sin and the great love of God in sending a Savior.

The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation.

Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit-----Prophesy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy.

The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes.

Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit-----Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience [Forbearance], Goodness [Kindness], Mildness, Fidelity, Modesty, Continency [Chastity].

The ten lords a-leaping were the Ten Commandments.

The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful Apostles.

The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in The Apostles' Creed.

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The 12 days of Christmas stretch from Boxing Day to the Feast of the Epiphany (January 6) when we are meant to take down our Christmas decorations



NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS:

(A chance to prepare ahead)

Sunday, 6 Jan 2019: The Epiphany of the Lord

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Isaiah 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears.

The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round:

all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away

and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant,

your heart throbbing and full;

since the riches of the sea will flow to you;

the wealth of the nations come to you;

camels in throngs will cover you,

and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;

everyone in Sheba will come,

bringing gold and incense

and singing the praise of the Lord.

The Word of The Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

1. O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. (R.)

2. In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.

He shall rule from sea to sea,

from the Great River to earth's bounds. (R.)

3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute.

The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts.

Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. (R.)

4. For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless.

He will have pity on the weak

and save the lives of the poor. (R.)

Second Reading Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

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You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revela-

tion that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The Word of The Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East;

and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

We have come from the East to worship the king.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,

you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,

for out of you will come a leader

who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

The Gospel of The Lord.

Gospel Focus – Going home

The wise men, or Magi, are warned in a dream not to go back to Herod and they go home by a different way. How could they do anything but go home another way – indeed, go home as different people? They are changed by their encounter with the child Jesus and they go home a different way; in a different state; in a whole different frame of mind. When we genuinely encounter Jesus – in scripture, in life, in prayer, in ourselves – then we cannot go home the same way; we must go home by a different way as the Magi did.

Questions for Adults

Q. Why did the wise men approach Herod to ask about the infant king of the Jews?

Q. Why is it significant that Jesus' birth be witnessed by important men from a distant land?

Q. Whether or not the wise men are a purely literary device, what 'truth' does their story convey?

Q. In what ways do you 'bear witness' to Jesus?

ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (December 30)

Readers: B G Browne/M Browne

Procession of Gifts: E Amarant/J Murphy

Ext Minister: E Amarant

Next Week (January 6)

Readers: K Vance/C Browne

Procession of the gifts: Kate & Leo Vance

Ext. Minister: J Murphy

Church Care: January 6 - K Vance

Church Grounds— January—J Browne

STAWELL:

This 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

Next Week (January 5) 6.00PM

Welcomer: M Cray

Readers: N Rathgeber/M Maestros

Ext. Ministers: B Walsh/A Ellis

Procession of Gifts: P Price

(January 6) 10.30AM

Welcomer: P Gooden

Readers: M R Thomas/D O'Donnell

Ext Ministers: J Van Diesen/H Potter/V Enriquez

Procession of Gifts:

Counters: Today: T & A Ellis

Next Week: G Pickering/E Driscoll

ALTAR SOCIETY:

Next week: M Cray/G Pickering

MARY'S STATUE:

Dec 30-Jan 6 G & G Pickering

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.

Scripture Reader and Extraordinary Ministers are meant to process with the priest at the start and end of Mass. Reader Carries the Lectionary to the Sanctuary at the start of Mass, but does not carry it out at the end.



How happy are they who dwell in your house O Lord.



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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