



# St Patrick's Parish Newsletter

## Stawell and Landsborough

### Feast of Epiphany- Year C—January 6, 2019

#### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Michael Pickering; Paul Kirsch; Jim Devery

#### **THIS WEEK:**

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**WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:**

**TUES, THURS, FRI 10.00 AM**

**WED—EVENTIDE MASS 10.30AM**

**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 \$ 505.95

Parish Collection: \$ 525.00

Loose Collection: \$ 114.00

*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.*



#### **ROSTERS:**

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

#### **HELP SOUGHT:**

1. Someone with reasonably good writing skills to fill in baptismal certificates to be presented to candidates. Your help would be very much appreciated.

2. Someone prepared to keep an eye out for parishioners in hospital, and who is able to take Communion to them as required.

It would be good to have a larger pastoral group to don this.

# WISE WOMEN AND MEN STILL SEEK HIM

#### **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; Charlie Healy

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



#### **COLUMBAN CALENDARS:**

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

2019 Columban Art Calendar

## HUMOUR:

E-mail from beyond

A businessman from Melbourne went on a business trip to the Gold Coast, and his wife was joining him later for vacation. Upon arrival, he immediately plugged his laptop into the hotel room port and sent a short E-mail back home to his wife, Jennifer Johnson, at her address, JennJohn@world.net.

Unfortunately, in his haste, he mistyped a letter and the E-mail ended up going to JeanJohn@world.net, a Jean Johnson in Cairns, the wife of a preacher who had just passed away and was buried that day.

The preacher's wife took one look at the E-mail and promptly fainted. It read,

"Arrived safely. It sure is hot down here! Can't wait for you to join me.

## NEWS:

### THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY



Many Christians around the world annually celebrate Epiphany on January 6. It is a public holiday in many countries and marks two events in Jesus Christ's life, according to the Christian Bible. The first event was when the three wise men, or kings, visited

infant Jesus. The second event was when St John the Baptist baptized Jesus.

3 Wise men following the star.

The three wise men's (or kings') visit to baby Jesus Christ is remembered on Epiphany.

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Celebrate Epiphany

January 6, which is 12 days after Christmas in the Gregorian calendar, marks not only the end of the Christmas holidays but also the start of the Carnival season, which climaxes with Mardi Gras. In some European countries, such as the Czech Republic and Slovakia, children dress as the three kings and visit houses. In their roles as the kings, or wise men, they sing about the Jesus' birth and pay homage to the "king of kings". They are rewarded with praise and cookies.

Dia de los Reyes Magos is the Latin American celebration of Epiphany. In many Latin American countries, it is the three wise men and not Santa Claus who bring gifts for children. Children write letters to the wise men telling them how good they were and what gifts they want. In France Le Jour des Rois (the Day of Kings), sometimes called the Fête des Rois, is celebrated with parties for children and adults. The galette des rois, or "cake of kings", highlights these celebrations. This cake is round and flat, cut into the pantry, covered with a white napkin and carried into a dining

room.

Children in Spain fill their shoes with straw or grain for the three kings' horses to eat and place them on balconies or by the front door on Epiphany Eve. The next day they find cookies, sweets or gifts in their place. The "three kings" make an entry in many cities in Spain on Epiphany Eve, accompanied by military bands and drummers in medieval dress.

What's Open or Closed?

Epiphany is a public holiday in countries such as Austria, Colombia, Croatia, Cyprus, Poland, Ethiopia (but on different date that varies annually), parts of Germany, Greece, Italy, Slovakia, Spain, and Uruguay. It is not a public holiday in Australia, Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States (except the US Virgin Islands where it is a public holiday).

About Epiphany

Epiphany is commonly known as Three Kings' Day or the Feast of the Epiphany. It means "manifestation" or "showing forth". It is also called Theophany ("manifestation of God"), especially by Eastern Christians. Epiphany refers not only to the day itself but to the church season that follows it – a season that has a varied length because it ends when Lent begins, and this depends on the date of Easter.

It commemorates the first two occasions on which Jesus' divinity, according to Christian belief, was manifested: when the three kings (also known as wise men or Magi) visited infant Jesus in Bethlehem, and when John the Baptist baptized him in the River Jordan. The Roman Catholic and Protestant churches emphasize the visit of the Magi when they celebrate the Epiphany. The Eastern Orthodox churches focus on Jesus' baptism.

Epiphany is one of the oldest Christian feasts. It was celebrated since the end of the second century, before the Christmas holiday was established. Like other Christian seasons, the church appropriated Epiphany from an old pagan festival. As early as 1996 BCE, the Egyptians celebrated the winter solstice (which then occurred on January 6) with a tribute to Aeon, the Virgin. It is important to note that the holiday was established prior to the Gregorian calendar's introduction.

Symbols

Various paintings, artworks and sketches show the three wise men and Jesus. Some paintings artworks show the three wise men on the way to Bethlehem or adoring baby Jesus. The kings are important because their visit illustrates that Jesus was the king of all kings who came for the Jews and the Gentiles.

The star that guides the wise men to Christ also symbolizes Epiphany, as well as the three gifts they gave to Jesus:

Gold (fit for a king).

Frankincense (used to worship at a temple).

Myrrh (used for embalming, as well as a salve for irritations such as diaper rash).

Many Orthodox churches consider Jesus' baptism to be the first step towards the crucifixion. The liturgical color for the Epiphany season is white

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

Sunday, 13 Jan 2019: The Baptism of the Lord - Year C  
Liturgy of the Word

Ad libitum for Year C Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it.*

‘Console my people, console them’  
says your God.  
‘Speak to the heart of Jerusalem  
and call to her  
that her time of service is ended,  
that her sin is atoned for,  
that she has received from the hand of the Lord  
double punishment for all her crimes.’  
A voice cries, ‘Prepare in the wilderness  
a way for the Lord.  
Make a straight highway for our God  
across the desert.  
Let every valley be filled in,  
every mountain and hill be laid low,  
let every cliff become a plain,  
and the ridges a valley;  
then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed  
and all mankind shall see it;  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’  
Go up on a high mountain,  
joyful messenger to Zion.  
Shout with a loud voice,  
joyful messenger to Jerusalem.  
Shout without fear,  
say to the towns of Judah,  
‘Here is your God.’  
Here is the Lord coming with power,  
his arm subduing all things to him.  
The prize of his victory is with him,  
his trophies all go before him.  
He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,  
gathering lambs in his arms,  
holding them against his breast  
and leading to their rest the mother ewes.  
The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 103:1-2. 3-4. 24-25. 27-30. R. v.1

(R.) Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

1. Lord God, how great you are,  
clothed in majesty and glory,  
in light as in a robe!  
You stretch out the heavens like a tent. (R.)

2. Above the rains you build your dwelling.  
You make the clouds your chariot,  
you walk on the wings of the wind,  
you make the winds your messengers  
and flashing fire your servants. (R.)

3. How many are your works, O Lord!  
In wisdom you have made them all.

The earth is full of your riches.  
There is the sea, vast and wide,  
with its moving swarms past counting,  
living things great and small. (R.)

4. All of these look to you  
to give them their food in due season.  
You give it, they gather it up:  
you open your hand, they have their fill. (R.)

5. You take back your spirit, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.  
You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)

Second Reading Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus  
God’s grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for  
the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give  
up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions;  
we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this  
present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will  
come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour  
Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all  
wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and  
would have no ambition except to do good.  
When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were re-  
vealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous ac-  
tions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his  
own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of  
rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so gener-  
ously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so  
that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking for-  
ward to inheriting eternal life.

Gospel Acclamation

Ad libitum for Year C See Lk 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia!  
John said: He who is to come is mightier than I;  
he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.  
Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 3:15-16. 21-22

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
*When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens  
were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.*

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were begin-  
ning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before  
them all, ‘I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone  
who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of  
his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.’

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his  
own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit de-  
scended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from  
heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.’  
The Gospel of The Lord.

## ROSTERS:

### LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

**This Week** ((January 6)

**Readers:** K Vance/C Browne

**Procession of the gifts:** Kate & Leo Vance

**Ext. Minister:** J Murphy

**Next Week** (January 13)

**Readers:** C Browne/J Browne

**Procession of Gifts:** R & C Brown

**Ext Minister:** C Browne

**Church Care:** January 13 - C Browne

**Church Grounds—** January—J Browne

### STAWELL:

**This 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:**

**Next Week** (January 12) 6.00PM

**Welcomer:** M Rogers

**Readers:** T Brady/J Raeburn

**Ext. Ministers:** P Price/D Jones

**Procession of Gifts:** M Smith Family

(January 13) 10.30AM

**Welcomer:** K Ashton

**Readers:** J Van Diesen/K Dallinger

**Ext Ministers:** K Ashton/M R Thomas/K Dalton

**Procession of Gifts:** P Gooden

**Counters: Today:** G Pickering/E Driscoll

**Next Week:** T & A Ellis

### ALTAR SOCIETY:

Next week: Liz & Kay

### MARY'S STATUE:

Jan 6 –12 H Prowd; 13-19 Nat Rathgeber

***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: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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