



St Patrick's Parish Newsletter Stawell and Landsborough

The Baptism of The Lord- Year C—January 13, 2019

First Sunday of Ordinary Time

RECENT DEATHS:

Liz Driscoll

ANNIVERSARIES: Pat O'Callaghan,

Barry Seary, John Delahunty.

THIS WEEK:

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**WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:
TUES, WED, THURS, FRI 10.00 AM**

**WEDNESDAY - CENTERING PRAYER IN RE-
CESS UNTIL END OF JANUARY.**

**CONFESSIONS —Before or after 10.00am
weekday Masses by request (i.e. — just ask
Fr Eric.) ; 10.00am Saturdays; Lands-
borough—before Sunday Mass.**

ROSTERS:

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

HELP SOUGHT:



I need to extend the Parish Finance Committee and form a Parish Advisory Council. Any parishioner interested in being part of one or other

of these groups would be warmly welcomed. Please contact Fr Eric as soon as possible. Thank you.

THANK YOU to those who responded to the call to prepare baptismal certificates, etc., and to keep an eye on parishioners in hospital. **As to the second, I think we should form a proper pastoral Team. Any more Volunteers?**

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection \$ 457.30

Parish Collection: \$ 525.00

Loose Collection: \$ 125.85

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.

IT'S TIME
FOR A



GUPPA!

Cup of Tea/Coffee in the Hall after 10.30am Mass today. All most welcome.

LENTEN DISCUSSIONS

This is almost as bad as Woollies selling hot cross buns straight after Christmas, but we need to be organised.

I would ask any parishioner who is interested in taking part in a Lenten Reflection/discussion group to contact me as soon as possible. We need to look at available programs, and also consider whether or not we invite our Anglican friends to join us.

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.

HUMOUR:

A little boy was in a relative's wedding. As he was coming down the aisle, he would take two steps, stop, and turn to the crowd.

While facing the crowd, he would put his hands up like claws and roar.

So it went, step, step, ROAR, step, step, ROAR, all the way down the aisle.

As you can imagine, the crowd was near tears from laughing so hard by the time he reached the pulpit. When the priest asked what he was doing, the child sniffed and said, "I was being the Ring Bear."

NEWS:

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE (ACBC) STATEMENT ON REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS

20 December 2018

Our elected representatives have returned home for Christmas without resolving the offshore detention crisis that confronts our country. It would seem that a majority in both houses of our Parliament favour laws and policies that will bring to an end the five-year saga of refugees and asylum-seekers who have had to put their lives on hold on Nauru and Manus Island.

A wealthy country with a robust rule of law and multicultural tolerance, Australia is an attractive place to live and to find peace and security. It is no surprise that courageous and resourceful people fleeing persecution anywhere in the world would be happy to make a home here – just as they did after the wars in Europe and in southeast Asia.

Our politicians are rightly committed to maintaining secure borders and an orderly migration program. We always need to be asking if we Australians could be more generous in the number of people in humanitarian need we receive each year as part of our orderly migration program.

Both sides of Parliament are committed to police, military and diplomatic measures aimed at stopping unauthorised boats coming, especially from Indonesia. We should only turn back boats by means that are legal, transparent, and safe. We should always ensure that anyone on such a boat is not directly fleeing persecution in Indonesia.

Both sides of Parliament remain committed to offshore processing and third-country resettlement for

asylum-seekers arriving in Australia by boat without authorisation. But even if such arrangements are left in place, it has always been accepted that there is a need for prompt resettlement of those proven to be refugees.

After five years, we have to ask: If our Government is unable to find a home for these people in another country, should we not provide them with a home in Australia or New Zealand (which has generously offered places) while at the same time strengthening the police, military and diplomatic measures to ensure that boats remain stopped? Then should we not do more to co-operate with our regional neighbours to care for those seeking processing and security in our region, and to provide a permanent home for more of these persons who are fleeing inhumane conditions in their home countries?

This Christmas, we ask our politicians to consider a fresh return to Canberra in the new year, intent on putting an end to the intolerable situation on Nauru and Manus Island endured by asylum-seekers whose plight continues to be our responsibility. We cannot afford to have the plight of these people made even worse by making their futures the subject of bitter electoral disputation in the year ahead.

Enough is enough. Let's find them a home.

December 18, 2018



NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS:

(A chance to prepare ahead)

Sunday, 20 Jan 2019: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading v Is 62:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

As the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

About Zion I will not be silent,
about Jerusalem I will not grow weary,
until her integrity shines out like the dawn
and her salvation flames like a torch.
The nations then will see your integrity,
all the kings your glory,
and you will be called by a new name,
one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.
You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord,
a princely diadem in the hand of your God;
no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken',
nor your land 'Abandoned',
but you shall be called 'My Delight'
and your land 'The Wedded';
for the Lord takes delight in you
and your land will have its wedding.
Like a young man marrying a virgin,
so will the one who built you wed you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride,
so will your God rejoice in you.
The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 95:1-3. 7-10. R. v.3

(R.) Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name. (R.)
2. Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name. (R.)
4. Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 12:4-11

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*One and the same spirit distributes different gifts
as he chooses.*

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good pur-

pose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation See 2 Thes 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 2:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The first of the signs given by Jesus was at Cana in Galilee.

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews; each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them, 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink, but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of The Lord.

Gospel Focus – The best wine

The steward comments that the best wine had been kept until the end of the wedding celebration – a clever use of an image for Jesus. Remembering the use of wedding imagery to describe the relationship between the people of Israel and God, the wedding feast is celebration of that relationship, and at the very heart of the celebration and the relationship is Jesus. He is the best wine that is kept until the end – the 'finishing touch' to a magnificent celebration, just as he is the 'finishing touch' to the relationship between God and God's people to that point.

Questions for Adults

Q. How appropriate to you does the image of bride and groom for the people and God seem?

Q. What does this event tell us about the relationship between Jesus and his mother?

Q. What do you think is the significance of Mary's involvement in this incident?

Q. What does the final sentence of the passage suggest to be the purpose of Jesus' actions?

Q. Why might this event have been chosen by the gospel writer to appear as Jesus' first act of ministry?

ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (January 13)

Readers: C Browne/J Browne

Procession of Gifts: R & C Brown

Ext Minister: C Browne

Next Week January 6)

Readers: M Browne/B G Browne

Procession of the gifts: J & C Browne

Ext. Minister: Betty Amarant

Church Care: January 20 - Betty Amarant/J Murphy

Church Grounds— January—J Browne

STAWELL:

This 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

Next Week (January 19) 6.00PM

Welcomer: N Rathgeber

Readers: D Jones/A Ellis

Ext. Ministers: J Obi/B Walsh

Procession of Gifts: P Price

(January 20) 10.30AM

Welcomer: R Farrell

Readers: H Potter/J Van Diesen

Ext Ministers: G Comitti/S Enriquez/L Morgan

Procession of Gifts: L & M Habben

Counters: Today: T & A Ellis

Next Week: J Raeburn

ALTAR SOCIETY:

Next week: Margaret & Di

MARY'S STATUE:

13-19 Nat Rathgeber; 20-26 Liz Driscoll

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.



O Bless the Lord, My Soul



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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