

# St Patrick's Parish Newsletter

## Stawell and Landsborough

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time- Year C—January 20, 2019

### ANNIVERSARIES:

John Delahunty; Lorelle de Koke; Gordon Douglas;  
Tom Tuttle

### FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection \$ 430.55

Parish Collection: \$ 369.00

Loose Collection: \$ 76.50

*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.*

### 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 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.**

**Any other time contact Fr Eric 0419 597  
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### 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.

### MISSING FROM HALL:



A number of chairs and—of all things- tea spoons, are missing from the Hall. If anyone has any of these, please return as soon as possible.

On Sunday there were only 8 teaspoons in the drawer. The parish DVD Player is still missing from the Hall as well.

### 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.

### 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; Charlie Healy

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

**IT'S TIME  
FOR A**



**GUPPA!**

**Cup of Tea/Coffee after 8.30am  
Mass at Landsborough today.  
All most welcome.**

## **HUMOUR:**

### **FIRST DAY ON THE JOB:**

A passenger in a taxi tapped the driver on the shoulder to ask him something. The driver screamed, lost control of the cab, nearly hit a bus, drove up over the curb, and stopped just inches from a large plate glass window. For a few moments everything was silent in the cab, then the driver said, "please, don't ever do that again. You scared the daylight out of me." The passenger, who was also frightened, apologized and said he didn't realize that a tap on the shoulder could frighten him so much. The driver replied, "I'm sorry, it's really not your fault at all. Today is my first day driving a cab. I have been driving a hearse for the last 25 years!"

## **NEWS:**

### **RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS MUST BE FREE TO TEACH THEIR DOCTRINE**

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Fr Frank Brennan SJ (Facebook)

A Christian school must be guaranteed the freedom to teach what Jesus taught – respectfully, reasonably and counterculturally – writes Fr Frank Brennan SJ. Source: Eureka Street.

When Parliament resumes next month, one outstanding item of business will be Senator Penny Wong's private member's bill dealing with the ability of religious schools to "discriminate" against students on sexuality on the basis of gender identity or sexual orientation. Next Monday is the last day for the receipt of submissions to the parliamentary committee considering the bill.

I support Wong's bill subject to one proviso.

I agree with her that religious schools should not be able to discriminate against students on the basis of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

But I think religious schools should remain free to teach their doctrine respectfully and reasonably. And the law should make that perfectly clear.

We all need to concede that some religious teachings can be confronting and upsetting. But it is not for the state to rewrite the Bible or Koran.

Let's consider an example that has nothing to do with sexuality. Jesus was fearless in his condemnation of wealth: "Truly I tell you, it is hard for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

Church schools have to remain free to teach this doctrine even to the wealthiest children privileged to attend private schools with high fees. This doctrine can be taught respectfully and reasonably even though it is in stark contrast to the lifestyle of many of these students and their families.

So too, the teaching of Jesus about marriage and divorce. Yes, there is a large number of students from blended families who have experienced divorce, and there will be an increasing number of students from families with same sex married parents. Jesus' teaching on divorce has been countercultural for a long time; so now, his teaching on marriage.

A Christian school must be guaranteed the freedom to teach what Jesus taught, respectfully, reasonably and counterculturally – respectfully because the dignity of all persons must be affirmed, reasonably because a school has a fundamental educational purpose, and counterculturally because many of the things Jesus taught will never appear in the political manifestos of the Liberal Party or the Labor Party.

CathNews Thursday, January 17, 2019

<http://cathnews.com/cathnews/33944-religious-schools-must-be-free-to-teach-their-doctrine>

***CathNews is an Australian weekday web page which is well worth looking at. It is free to access. Have a look.***

## **NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS:**

### **(A chance to prepare ahead)**

Sunday, 27 Jan 2019: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Neh 8:2-6. 8-10

A reading from the book of Nehemiah

*They read from the book of Law and they understood what was read.*

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered Amen! Amen!; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, ‘This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep’. For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, ‘Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.’

Responsorial Psalm Ps 18:8-10. 15. R. See Jn 6:63

(R.) Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)

2. The precepts of the Lord are right,  
they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,  
it gives light to the eyes. (R.)

3. The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just. (R.)

4. May the spoken words of my mouth,  
the thoughts of my heart,  
win favour in your sight, O Lord,  
my rescuer, my rock! (R.)

Second 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27

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

*Together you are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.*

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Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

Gospel Acclamation See Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor  
and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 1:1-4. 4:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.*

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me.

He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor,

to proclaim liberty to captives

and to the blind new sight,

to set the downtrodden free,

to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down.

And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, ‘This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.’

### **Historical Context – Theophilus**

The gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles are written by the same person, or at least the same community. They are often regarded as a single work – Luke-Acts – as one flows directly into the other. Both books begin with an inscription to Theophilus. The Greek name, Theophilus, translates as ‘lover of God’. Some scholars suggest that the name is a pseudonym for any lover of God or someone in particular whose identity must be shielded. Others argue that Theophilus was an influential Roman who had taken a great interest in the early Christian movement.

## ROSTERS:

### LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

**This Week** January 20)

**Readers:** M Browne/B G Browne

**Procession of the gifts:** J & C Browne

**Ext. Minister:** Betty Amarant

**Next Week** (January 27)

**Readers:** J Murphy/K Vance

**Procession of Gifts:** K & G Blake

**Ext Minister:** J Murphy

**Church Care:** January 27 - M Browne

**Church Grounds—** January—J Browne

### STAWELL:

**This 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

### **Next Week**

(January 26) 6.00PM

**Welcomer:** D McIntosh

**Readers:** J Raeburn/T Brady

**Ext. Ministers:** N Rathgeber/M Maestros

**Procession of Gifts:** I Robinson

(January 27) 10.30AM

**Welcomer:** S Enriquez

**Readers:** S Little/M R Thomas

**Ext Ministers:** G Little/M Rowe/F Harney

**Procession of Gifts:** Cain/Rutter Family

**Counters: Today:** J Raeburn

**Next Week:** M & L Habben

### ALTAR SOCIETY:

Next week: Pat & Gabrielle

### MARY'S STATUE:

January 20-26 Liz Driscoll; 27– February 2 K & P Fenwick

***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.***



**He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.**



### 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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[www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

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