

St Patrick's Parish Newsletter

Stawell and Landsborough

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time- Year C—January 27, 2019

RECENT DEATHS:

David Scarsi (Nat Rathgeber's brother)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Gerard Dumaresq, May Bourke, Andrew Prowd, Peter McLean

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection \$ 484.55

Parish Collection: \$ 462.00

Loose Collection: \$ 132.50

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 RECESS UNTIL END OF JANUARY.

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

Any other time contact Fr Eric 0419 597 063

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.

MARY'S STATUE: We have a lovely statue of Mary that does the rounds of a number of homes in the parish. The only condition is that those who have the statue pray through our lady each day that it is their home. The Rosary or other Marian prayers are appropriate.

If you would like to have a turn in receiving the statue into your home, please contact Fr Eric and he will ensure that you go on the roster.

ROSTERS:

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

AUSTRALIA DAY:



AUSTRALIA

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.

HUMOUR:

A mature (over 40) lady gets pulled over for speeding...

Older Woman: Is there a problem, Officer?

Officer : Ma'am, you were speeding.

Older Woman: Oh, I see.

Officer : Can I see your license please?

Older Woman: I'd give it to you but I don't have one.

Officer : Don't have one?

Older Woman: Lost it, 4 years ago for drunk driving.

Officer : I see...Can I see your vehicle registration papers please.

Older Woman: I can't do that.

Officer : Why not?

Older Woman: I stole this car.

Officer : Stole it?

Older Woman: Yes, and I killed and hacked up the owner.

Officer : You what?

Older Woman: His body parts are in plastic bags in the trunk if you want to see.

The Officer looks at the woman and slowly backs away to his car and calls for back up. Within minutes 5 police cars circle the car. A senior officer slowly approaches the car, clasping his half drawn gun.

Officer 2: Ma'am, could you step out of your vehicle please! The woman steps out of her vehicle.

Older woman: Is there a problem sir?

Officer 2: One of my officers told me that you have stolen this car and murdered the owner.

Older Woman: Murdered the owner?

Officer 2: Yes, could you please open the trunk of your car, please.

The woman opens the trunk, revealing nothing but an empty trunk.

Officer 2: Is this your car, ma'am?

Older Woman: Yes, here are the registration papers. The officer is quite stunned.

Officer 2: One of my officers claims that you do not have a driving license.

The woman digs into her handbag and pulls out a clutch purse and hands it to the officer.

The officer examines the license. He looks quite puzzled.

Officer 2 : Thank you ma'am, one of my officers told me you didn't have a license, that you stole this car, and that you murdered and hacked up the owner.

Older Woman: Bet the liar told you I was speeding, too.

NEWS:

AUSTRALIAN PILGRIMS DESCEND ON PANAMA

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Australian pilgrims had a busy first official day at World Youth Day Panama, with 700 gathering for an Australian event before joining tens of thousands of others for the opening Mass. Source: ACBC Media Blog.

Australian pilgrims have descended on Panama after spending time visiting holy sites in nearby countries, including Mexico and the United States.

The Australian gathering featured Scripture, prayer, testimonies, music and catechesis.

In his address to the gathering, Sydney Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP said: "We come together this week, young people with their lay leaders, pastors,

and pope as a living-breathing, singing-dancing, praying-acting proof that the Catholic Church is alive and well."

Canberra and Goulburn Archbishop Christopher Prowse encouraged the young Catholics gathered to remember the three L's: the lost, the last and the least.

The group then walked through the hot midday sun to Cinta Costera Square for the opening Mass.

Reflecting on her early experiences, Brisbane Catholic Education teacher Brooke Litzow, 28, said: "As a pilgrim at the opening Mass amongst the multitudes of people, I felt special – in a way that I have never felt before. Just beautiful. What a wondrous experience."

Broken Bay Diocese Deacon Adrian Gomez, writing on his WYD blog, explored the many surprising experiences of taking part in the pilgrimage, linking the challenges of the journey with the growth and change that happen in one's spiritual life.

Deacon Gomez wrote: "Discomfort is part of the pilgrimage experience. In the spiritual life, when growth and change happen, there can be discomfort and pain. When we exercise for the first few times, there is a feeling of pain. But as our bodies are strengthened over time, the pain lessens."

In all, more than 1000 Australians have made the long journey to Panama. Official WYD figures suggest fewer pilgrims are attending than in previous years, but numbers will still exceed 100,000 travellers from 156 countries.

More than 20,000 local volunteers and almost 2500 international volunteers are supporting the event, with 2500 journalists from around the world among those capturing the sights and sounds of the 34th World Youth Day.

Pope Francis will preside at several events during the final four days of World Youth Day, including the Way of the Cross on Friday and the final Mass on Sunday (Panama time). At the final Mass, the venue for the next World Youth Day will be announced.

ACBC (Australian Catholic Bishops Conference) reported in CathNews



Australian pilgrims meet up in Panama yesterday (Parramatta Diocese)

NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS:

(A chance to prepare ahead)

Sunday, 3 Feb 2019: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Jer 1:4-5. 17-19

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying,

'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you;
before you came to birth I consecrated you;
I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.
So now brace yourself for action.

Stand up and tell them
all I command you.

Do not be dismayed at their presence,
or in their presence I will make you dismayed.

I, for my part, today will make you
into a fortified city,

a pillar of iron,
and a wall of bronze

to confront all this land:

the kings of Judah, its princes,
its priests and the country people.

They will fight against you
but shall not overcome you,
for I am with you to deliver you –
it is the Lord who speaks.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 70:1-6. 15. 17. R. v.15

(R.) I will sing of your salvation.

1. In you, O Lord, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.
In your justice rescue me, free me:
pay heed to me and save me. (R.)

2. Be a rock where I can take refuge,
a mighty stronghold to save me;
for you are my rock, my stronghold.
Free me from the hand of the wicked. (R.)

3. It is you, O Lord, who are my hope,
my trust, O Lord, since my youth.
On you I have leaned from my birth,
from my mother's womb you have been my help. (R.)

4. My lips will tell of your justice
and day by day of your help.
O God, you have taught me from my youth
and I proclaim your wonders still. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 12:31 – 13:13

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

There are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them.

If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak with-

out love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever.

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known.

In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 4:21-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus, like Elijah and Elisha, was not sent only to the Jews.

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips.

They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside."' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.

'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

Gospel Focus – They were astonished

Jesus preaches the briefest of homilies, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen,' yet he wins the approval of all and the people were astonished by his gracious words! The reaction appears a bit overdone. However, the people knew the significance of the first part of the text Jesus quoted, 'The spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me.' They recognised that this language referred to the Messiah. When Jesus said that the text was being fulfilled as they listened he was laying claim to this status. Of course they were impressed!

ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (January 27)

Readers: J Murphy/K Vance

Procession of Gifts: K & G Blake

Ext Minister: J Murphy

Next Week

February 3

Readers:

Procession of the gifts:

Ext. Minister:

Church Care: February 3 - K Vance

Church Grounds— February—Volunteer—formerly Pat O'Callaghan

STAWELL:

This 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

Next Week (February 2) 6.00PM

Welcomer: D McIntosh

Readers: L McIntyre/N Rathgeber

Ext. Ministers: J Raeburn/C Barker

Procession of Gifts: J Croton

(February 3) 10.30AM

Welcomer: M Rowe

Readers: L Morgan/K Dalton

Ext Ministers: V Enriquez/G Comitti/J Van Diesen

Procession of Gifts:

Counters: Today: M & L Habben

Next Week: G Pickering/E Driscoll

ALTAR SOCIETY:

Next week: Marie & Gloria

MARY'S STATUE:

January 27– February 2 K & P Fenwick; 3-8 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.



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..... 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'



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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