

St Patrick's Parish Newsletter

Stawell and Landsborough

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time- Year C—February 3, 2019

RECENT DEATHS:

Val Seary

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 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

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 - LISTENING AND DIALOGUE ENCOUNTERS

Everyone is invited to participate in the Listening and Dialogue process to contribute to the Plenary Council agenda. Information flyer available on the Ballarat diocese website

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au. All of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"

Questions for individuals or groups:

- 1. What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?*
- 2. What questions do you have about the future of the Church for the Plenary Council to consider in 2020?*
- 3. Do you have a story of your experience of faith, or the Church you would like to share?*

Please submit your responses by Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2019 at www.plenarycouncil.org.au

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection \$ 522.00

Parish Collection: \$ 557.00

Loose Collection: \$ 89.90

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.

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.

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:

One day an angel appeared to Adam. The angel said, "Adam, I've got great news. God is going to create something wonderful for you." Adam said, "Oh, what is it?"

The angel said, "It's not an "it," it's a "she." God is going to make something called a woman." Adam said, "Go on."

The angel continued, "This is going to be wonderful. This woman will be made to be a lot like you physically, only much more beautiful. She will live to serve you at all times. When you are tired, she'll give you a massage. When you are hungry, she'll feed you. She'll come and bow down to you in the morning and when you return from working in the garden in the evening. She'll live to serve your every pleasure each day."

"In addition," the angel continued, "she will never argue with you or complain. She won't nag you or talk back to you either. For every command you give her, she'll simply reply, "yes master." She'll clean your house, and tend to your every desire."

Adam had a sparkle in his eye and said with excitement, "Wow, that sounds amazing. I'd really like to have something like that. But what's it going to cost me?" The angel said, "Well Adam, it's going to cost you your right arm, and a leg."

Adam thought about it for a while, and then replied, "What can I get for just a rib?"

NEWS:

GLOBAL ENCOUNTER OF WYD CHALLENGES NATIONALISM: POPE

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(Above) Pope Francis during his general audience in Paul VI hall at the Vatican yesterday (CNS/Philimon Bulawayo, Reuters)

The joyous harmony of people coming together from so many different nations for World Youth Day stands in sharp contrast to today's "sad" situation of confrontational nationalist feelings, Pope Francis said. Source: CNS.

"It is a sign that young Christians are the leaven for peace in the world," he said at his general audience yesterday in the Vatican's Paul VI hall.

The Pope dedicated his weekly reflection to his Janu-

ary 23-27 trip to Panama to celebrate World Youth Day.

The hundreds of thousands of young people from five continents who attended the events "formed a great symphony of faces and languages," he said.

"To see all the flags flying together, fluttering in the hands of young people, happy to encounter each other is a prophetic sign, a sign (that goes) against the tide of today's sad tendency toward confrontational nationalist sentiments that erect walls, that close themselves off from universality, from the encounter among peoples," he said.

He praised the enthusiasm and prayerful reverence young people showed at the many events and recalled the dedication he saw on the faces of many who declared themselves open to God's will and ready serve the Lord.

"As long as there are new generations able to say, 'Here I am' to God, the world will have a future," he said.

Another image that struck him during the trip, he said, was seeing so many mothers and fathers proudly holding up their children as he passed by in the popemobile.

They showed off their children "as if to say, 'Here is my pride, here is my future,'" he said.

"How much dignity is in this gesture and how eloquent (given) the demographic winter we are living in Europe," the Pope said. "The pride of those families is the children; children are security for the future. A demographic winter without children is hard."

Young people are called to live the Gospel today "because young people are not 'the tomorrow,' not 'in the meantime,' but they are the 'today' of the church and the world," he said.

Pope Francis also urged people to pray the Way of the Cross, saying it is "the school of Christian life" where one learns about a love that is "patient, silent, concrete."

CNS as reported in CathNews January 31, 2019

NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS:

(A chance to prepare ahead)

Sunday, 10 Feb 2019: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C
Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Is 6:1-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Here am I! Send me.

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings.

And they cried out to one another in this way,

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said:

'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost,

for I am a man of unclean lips

and I live among a people of unclean lips,

and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs.

With this he touched my mouth and said:

'See now, this has touched your lips,

your sin is taken away,

your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:

'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?'

I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 137:1-5. 7-8. R. v.1

(R.) In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)

3. All earth's kings shall thank you
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the Lord's ways;
'How great is the glory of the Lord!' (R.)

4. You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 15:1-11

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

I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:19

Alleluia, alleluia! Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 5:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

They left everything and followed him.

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

Living the Gospel – Hearing the Call

Like Isaiah and Peter, each and every one of us is called. It may not happen through Jesus stepping into our boat, but when we quieten our minds and our hearts enough to really listen, we become aware that God truly is calling to each and every one of us. The call comes to us through our friends; our experiences; our hopes and our fears. Sometimes we are so afraid of hearing the call that we fill our lives with noise and distractions. We fear that the call will involve hardship, or at the very least: unpopularity. But that's no excuse!

ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week February 3

Readers: B G Browne/M Browne

Procession of the gifts: D & M Browne

Ext. Minister: C Browne

Next Week (February 10)

Readers: J Browne/C Browne

Procession of Gifts: BG & W Browne

Ext Minister: E Amarant

Church Care: February 3 - K Vance

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

STAWELL:

This 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:

Next Week (February 9) 6.00PM

Welcomer: M Cray

Readers: M Howard/A Ellis

Ext. Ministers: M Howard/S Howard

Procession of Gifts: J Allan

(February 10) 10.30AM

Welcomer: E Driscoll

Readers: D O'Donnell/M Maestros

Ext Ministers: M R Thomas/M Rowe/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:

February 3-8 G & G Pickering, 10-16 N 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.



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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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www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

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