

St Patrick's Parish Newsletter

Stawell and Landsborough

7th Sunday of Ordinary Time- Year C—February 24, 2019

ANNIVERSARIES:

Hendrikus Symons; Vedda O'Donnell;
Andrew Prowd; Theresiamma George;
Jack Dalziel

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection \$ 452.10

Parish Collection: \$ 452.00

Loose Collection: \$ 112.00

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

THIS WEEK:

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WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:

TUES, THURS, FRI 10.00 AM

WED—EVENTIDE HOME 10.30AM

CWL MEETING WEDNESDAY MORNING COMMENCING WITH MASS AT 10.00AM. ALL PARISH LADIES MOST WELCOME.. COME ALONG AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS.

WEDNESDAY - CENTERING PRAYER IN THE HALL 2.00pm

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

PENARY 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

LENTEN DISCUSSIONS

I would ask any parishioner who is interested in taking part in a Lenten Reflection/discussion group to **PRINT** your name on the sheet at the front of the church (near the sanctuary), or contact me as soon as possible so that we can order the materials needed.



The PARISH OP SHOP is a significant source of income for the parish and we need Volunteers to give 3 hours in the mornings or afternoons. At the moment the opening hours are tues to thurs 10.30am to 2.00pm and Friday from

10.00am to 4.00pm. If we had enough volunteers to help in the shop we could extend the hours from 10.00 to 4.00 each weekday. Please consider if you might have 3 hours available once a fortnight to help out.

Please contact Fr Eric (0419 597 063) or June Raeburn (0427 670 658) or Helen Potter (0427 590 318) for further information. Thank you to all current volunteers working to make the shop successful.

HARMONY DAY:

March 15 will be the celebration of Harmony Day at St PaT'S School. There will be activities and a luncheon.

Keep the day free and come along and join in. More details next week.

SICK LIST

Noah Amarant; Kathryn Young; Glenis Leddin; 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; 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 clergyman walking down a country lane and sees a young boy struggling to load hay back onto a cart after it had fallen off. "You look hot, my son," said the cleric. "Why don't you rest a moment, and I'll give you a hand." "No thanks," said the young boy. "My father wouldn't like it." "Don't be silly," the minister said. "Everyone is entitled to a break. Come and have a drink of water." Again the young boy protested that his father would be upset. Losing his patience, the clergyman said, "Your father must be a real slave driver. Tell me where I can find him and I'll give him a piece of my mind!" "Well," replied the boy, "he's under the load of hay."

A priest was performing last rites on a dying man. "Renounce the devil!" he said. "Let him know how little you think of him!" The dying man said nothing. The priest repeated his order, but still the man said nothing. "Why do you refuse to renounce the devil?" the priest asked. The man responded, "Until I know where I'm going, I don't think I should aggravate anybody."

NEWS:

TOWNSVILLE FLOODS CAUSE 'MORE THAN DEVASTATION'



(Photo: Farmers use a jet ski to wrangle their horses through flooded fields in North Queensland (The Catholic Leader/Robbie Katter)

Townsville Bishop Tim Harris said he is troubled by the crushing debt falling on people following this month's floods in North Queensland. Source: The Catholic Leader.

An estimated 500,000 cattle perished in the floods, a direct economic loss of about \$300 million.

"I was talking to one fellow who lost 400 bulls at \$4000 a pop, now that's \$1.6 million," Bishop Harris said.

"This is the message well and truly – it's more than devastation, in some cases people have been wiped out. 'Lost the lot' is how one person described it to me."

Bishop Harris said he had spoken to many people who not only suffered financial loss but also a great emotional toll, too.

"What's devastating, and this is graphic and gruesome, the water has been to such an extent that the cattle are drowning, or getting pneumonia, or fever, or all the above," he said. "They're caught in the bog."

Bishop Harris said some of the graziers described their livestock's hide peeling off from rot and sickness, and then "the sun burns the flesh".

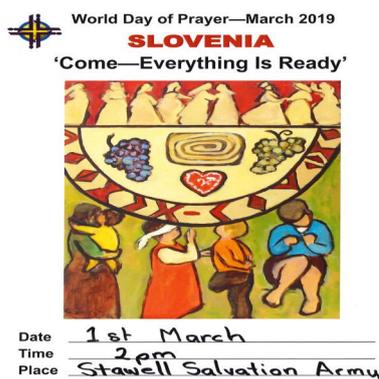
He said the graziers described to him some cases where, surveying their property in a helicopter, they could only see the heads of their cattle poking out of the water "just blinking".

"In one case, the dingos have been attacking the animals when they're bogged," he said. "Now you think about that. That's why I'm being quite strong about it, because, ladies and gentlemen, this is not a walk in a park." But Bishop Harris told all those suffering from the flood to "hang in there".

"We need to, as fellow human beings, be attentive to the needs of others," he said. "That is being very Christ-like. It's up to us all to rally around these people and be the face of Christ to them, however imperfect that face might be."

Charities, including the St Vincent de Paul Society and the Brisbane archdiocese's Catholic Foundation have begun providing assistance to those affected through appeals.

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Next Friday the 1st March at the Salvation Army, Women's World Day of Prayer will be held at 2.00pm. We are inviting ladies who usually take part on these days to come the day before—Thursday, February 28—at 4.00pm at the Salvation Army to nominate who might like to take responsibilities in the Service the next day

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Stawell Salvation Army Ministry Assistant

NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS:

(A chance to prepare ahead for next week's Liturgy of The Word)

Sunday, 3 Mar 2019: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Sir 27:4-7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Do not praise someone before they have spoken.

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels.

Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

The Word of The Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. See v.2

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. (R.)

2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)

3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 15:54-58

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

Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain. The Word of The Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Phil 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 6:39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

A person speaks from what is in his heart.

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Scriptural context – Three texts; one lesson

Today's gospel is made up of three separate teachings of Jesus that have been put together by the gospel writer to convey a particular message. When taken together, the three teachings all shed light on the way believers influence one another in community. It is a call to witness to one another through actions as well as words. Before we seek to teach another we must ensure we have adequately learned the lesson ourselves. We must be self-appraising before we critique another. Finally, our actions towards one another are a reflection of our intentions; good actions come from goodness of the heart.

Living the Gospel – You hypocrite

It is often argued that it is hypocrisy to attend Mass on Sundays and be 'holy' in that circumstance but to then be less than perfect during the rest of the week. This is often rolled out as a convenient excuse for not attending Mass at all: everyone who goes to Mass is a hypocrite. Of course, attending Mass does not imply perfection. It is in fact a recognition of imperfection and the need to come together as a community and to seek God's help to have another go at trying to get it a bit more right in the coming week.

ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (February 24)

Readers: M Browne/B G Browne

Procession of Gifts: R & C Brown

Ext Minister: J Murphy

Next Week (March 3)

Readers: C Browne/Browne

Procession of the gifts: J & C Browne

Ext. Minister: C Browne

Church Care: February 24 - K Vance

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

STAWELL:

This Week (February 23) 6.00PM

Welcomer: N Rathgeber

Readers: J Raeburn/E McIntyre

Ext. Ministers: M Maestros/B Walsh

Procession of Gifts: P Price

(February 24) 10.30AM

Welcomer: K Ashton

Readers: K Dalton/S Little

Ext Ministers: S Enriquez/K Ashton/G Little

Procession of Gifts: Cain/Rutter Family

Next Week (March 2) 6.00PM

Welcomer: D McIntosh

Readers: T Brady/A Ellis

Ext. Ministers: C Barker/P Price

Procession of Gifts: I Robinson

(March 3) 10.30AM

Welcomer: R Farrell

Readers: J Van Diesen/M R Thomas

Ext Ministers: K Ashton/M Maestros/L Morgan

Procession of Gifts: G & G Pickering

Counters: Today: M & L Habben

Next Week: G Pickering/E Driscoll

ALTAR SOCIETY: Next week: M Cray/G Pickering

MARY'S STATUE:

February 24-March 2 Helen Prowd; 3-9 June Raeburn; 10-16 Margaret Rowe

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.

Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate

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: 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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