

St Patrick's Parish Newsletter

Stawell and Landsborough

8th Sunday of Ordinary Time- Year C—March 3, 2019

ANNIVERSARIES:

Those who wish to have anniversaries of loved ones or friends noted in the Bulletin and prayed for at Sunday Mass are asked to clearly **print** the names on a piece of paper and hand it to Fr Eric at Mass the week prior the anniversary.

THIS WEEK:

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

**WED ASH WEDNESDAY—STAWELL 10.00AM;
LANDSBOROUGH 6.00PM**

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

BISCUITS FOR PRISONERS:



Victorian Prison Fellowship have a drive for biscuits to be distributed among the many prisoners in Victorian prisons this Easter. Further details will be available over the coming weeks

PROJECT COMPASSION
FOR A JUST FUTURE

Boxes and Envelopes are available today. Please take whichever you prefer, and give generously to this annual appeal. Thank you in anticipation.

OFF TO ROME:

Fr Eric will be travelling to Rome at the end of April. He is attending a conference at "Ateneo Pontificio Regina Apostolorum" the Pontifical University of the Queen of the Angels from May 6-12. Further details later.

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

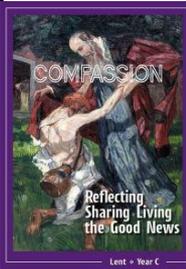
Presbytery Collection \$ 432.70

Parish Collection: \$ 432.20

Loose Collection: \$ 165.95

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



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 meetings will be held at the presbytery on Wednesdays 1.30-3.00pm.



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.



with children showcasing their choreographed dances. Followed by international lunch, \$5ph.

RSVP: To school office by 10/3/19

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); Brian O'Loughlin; Beryl Walsh; Shirley Gerritsen; Jordan Young; Steven Oates; Marg Rowe, Doreen Duffy; Charlie Healy; Barry Larkin

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

HUMOUR:

Bent over and obviously in pain, the old man with a cane hobbled laboriously through the sanctuary and into the pastor's office while the choir was practicing. Ten minutes later he came out, walking upright and moving with grace and speed. "Good gracious," the choir director exclaimed. "Did the pastor heal you by faith?" "No," the old man said with a smile. "He just gave me a cane that wasn't six inches too short!"

NEWS:

LENTEN REGULATIONS - 2019



Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence from meat.

On all other Fridays, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled through any one of the following:

(a)**Prayer:** for example, Mass attendance; family prayer, a visit to a church or chapel, reading the Bible, making the Stations of the Cross, praying the rosary.

(b)**Self-denial:** for example, not eating meat, not eating sweets or desserts, reducing time for watching TV or other entertainments.

(c)**Helping others** - for example, taking the family to visit the elderly in old people's home or in the parish, visiting the sick or someone who is lonely.

All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. (Canon 1252). All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday March 1, 2017.

On Good Friday and, if possible on Holy Saturday until the Easter vigil, the Paschal Fast is observed.

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done between Ash Wednesday (March 1) and Trinity Sunday, (June 11), unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year.

All the faithful are obliged to confess any grave sins at least once a year.

HOLY WEEK: The 2017 Ordo contains instructions for the Rites of Holy Week.

FUNERALS: During the Paschal Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday) all Masses for the Dead, including Funeral Masses, **are forbidden**. Funerals on these days are celebrated with the Liturgy of the Word and without the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

WEDDINGS: Weddings should be discouraged during the Easter Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday. Should a couple be particularly insistent on a wedding for one of these days, then please indicate **that no decorations (including flowers), no music nor Nuptial Mass will be permitted.**

May this Lent bring blessings on us all.

Yours in Christ,
Paul Bird CSsR
Bishop of Ballarat

AN OPINION

TRUTH AND JUSTICE AFTER THE PELL VERDICT

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Fr Frank Brennan SJ Priest & Lawyer

The jurors in Cardinal George Pell's trial must have judged the complainant to be honest and reliable even though many of the details he gave were

improbable, if not impossible, writes Fr Frank Brennan SJ. Source: Eureka Street.

In December, a jury of 12 of his fellow citizens found him guilty of five offences of child sexual abuse. No other charges are to proceed. Cardinal Pell has appealed the convictions. The verdict was unanimous. The jury took three days to deliberate after a four-week trial. The trial was in fact a re-run. At the first trial, the jury could not agree. The trial related to two alleged victims, one of whom had died.

Members of the public could attend those proceedings if they knew where to go in the Melbourne County Court. Members of the public could hear all the evidence except a recording of the complainant's evidence from the first trial.

The complainant, who cannot be identified, did not give evidence at the retrial; the recording from the first trial was admitted as the complainant's evidence. The recording was available to the public only insofar as it was quoted during proceedings. So, no member of the public has a complete picture of the evidence and no member of the public is able to make an assessment of the complainant's demeanour.

The complainant's evidence at the first trial lasted two-and-a-half days. He had been cross-examined for more than a day by Pell's defence barrister, Robert Richter QC, who has a reputation for being one of the best and one of the toughest cross-examiners in the legal profession. Pell did not give evidence, but a record of his police interview, denying the allegations, was in evidence.

I was very surprised by the verdict. In fact, I was devastated. My only conclusion is that the jury must have disregarded many of the criticisms so tellingly made by Richter of the complainant's evidence and that, despite the complainant being confused about all manner of things, the jury must nevertheless have thought that children who are sexually violated do not always remember details of time, place, dress and posture. Although the complainant got all sorts of facts wrong, the jury must have believed that Pell did something dreadful to him. The jurors must have judged the complainant to be honest and reliable even though many of the details he gave were improbable if not impossible.

NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS:

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

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Dt 26:4-10

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

The confession of faith of the elect.

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 90:1-2. 10-15. R. v.15

(R.) Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty Says to the Lord : 'My refuge, My stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' (R.)

2. Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. (R.)

3. They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. (R.)

4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 10:8-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone

who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel Lk 4:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,
and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you,
and again:

They will hold you up on their hands
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

Scriptural context – The temptations

The three temptations Jesus faces all focus upon the nature of his mission and ministry. The first temptation is to miraculously feed himself – is his ministry to be about himself or others? The second is to take power and authority over all the world – to fulfil the human expectations of what a Messiah ought to be or fulfil God's plan of service, rather than domination? The third temptation is about grandstanding – to make a spectacular declaration of his arrival or to minister to the lowly and reveal himself in that way?

Have you thought? – The Devil

The personification of 'the devil' is sometimes difficult to contemplate. The one who tempts Jesus in the wilderness is referred to in this passage as 'the devil'. Devil is the English translation of a Greek word, diabolos. As the gospel of Luke was originally written in Greek, we can assume that diabolos was the word used. Diabolos has several meanings: the accuser; the slanderer; the one who separates. It is the purpose of the temptations to 'separate' Jesus from God and from his intended approach to his ministry. The temptations we face are often those that 'separate' us from what we know to be right.

ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week ((March 3)

Readers: C Browne/J Browne

Procession of the gifts: J & C Browne

Ext. Minister: C Browne

Next Week (March 10)

Readers: K Vance/M Browne

Procession of Gifts: M Traynor/K & L Vance

Ext Minister: K Vance

Church Care: February 24 - K Vance

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

STAWELL:

This 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

Next Week (March 9) 6.00PM 1st Sunday of Lent C

Welcomer: M Cray

Readers: L McIntyre/J Raeburn

Ext. Ministers: A Ellis/N Rathgeber

Procession of Gifts: J Allan

(March 10) 10.30AM

Welcomer: S Enriquez

Readers: S Little/M Maestros

Ext Ministers: K Dalton/G Comitti/G Little

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:

March 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.

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.

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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