

St Patrick's Parish Newsletter

Stawell and Landsborough

1st Sunday of Lent- Year C—March 10, 2019

RECENT DEATHS:

Rob Scarsi; Charley Healy

THIS WEEK:

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WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:

TUES, THURS, FRI 10.00 AM

WED - EVENTIDE 10.30AM

WEDNESDAY

LENTEN DISCUSSION—Presbytery—1.00-2.30

- 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

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

PROJECT COMPASSION

FOR A JUST FUTURE

First Sunday of Lent 10th March 2019

Twelve-year-old Thandolwayo would walk seven kilometres each day to collect contaminated water for her family. It looked like she would never realise her hope of finishing her education and becoming a nurse, until a Caritas Australia supported project created access to clean water helping Thandolwayo to stay at school and achieve a future full of hope. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and to provide clean water and a future full of hope for vulnerable communities in Zimbabwe.**

Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



CUP OF TEA/COFFEE after 10.30 am Mass today. All welcome.

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection \$ 444.50

Parish Collection: \$ 672.090

Loose Collection: \$ 101.50

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.

LENTEN DISCUSSIONS



Any parishioner who is interested in taking part in a Lenten Reflection/discussion group please see Fr Bryant. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME—NOW 1.00—2.30 TO FIT IN WITH PEOPLES COMMITMENTS.



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.



with children showcasing their choreographed dances. Followed by international lunch,

\$5ph.

RSVP: To school office by 10/3/19

Starts 12.30pm



FROM MARGARET ROWE: I wish to thank everyone for the prayers and good wishes I've received during the last few months. The support of prayers and kindness is great therapy.

**God Bless,
Margaret Rowe.**

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:

A man died and went to heaven. He was met at the Pearly Gates by St. Peter who led him down the golden streets. They passed stately homes and beautiful mansions until they came to the end of the street where they stopped in front of a rundown cabin. The man asked St. Peter why he got a hut when there were so many mansions he could live in. St. Peter replied, "I did the best with the money you sent us."

NEWS:



DIOCESE OF BALLARAT YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

**www.ballarat.catholic.org.au
A social gathering for young**

adults to share ideas and views in a friendly environment

Joy Spreading
with

SAM CLEAR

ADVENTURER, FILM MAKER, CHRISTIAN

at **Immaculate Conception Parish Hall, Ararat**
Thursday 21st March, 2019 from 6.30pm - 8.30pm
**Hosted by Ballarat Diocese Youth & Young Adult
Ministry**

Come along to this Free Event!

Joy Spreading features a short presentation and Q&A followed by nibbles For more information: Contact Noeline Hogan ☎ 5337 7160 or email: noeline.hogan@ballarat.catholic.org.au



WHO IS SAM CLEAR?

Athlete, adventurer, author, documentary producer, missionary. **Sam Clear** set off in December 2006 to walk 15,600 kilometres around the world. The journey en-

compassed twenty countries across four continents with the aim of promoting greater Christian unity. Sam will be with us exploring the dimensions of his Christian faith and how it has motivated him towards engaging with the world.

LISTENING AND DIALOGUE 'LANDMARK MOMENT' FOR CHURCH

The Plenary Council's Listening and Dialogue stage is considered a "landmark moment" for the Church, with people sharing their stories of faith and of God right up until the final submission date on Ash Wednesday. Source: ACBC Media Blog.

Plenary Council 2020 president Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB expressed his gratitude for the faith, energy and generosity of people everywhere who have

shared so honestly.

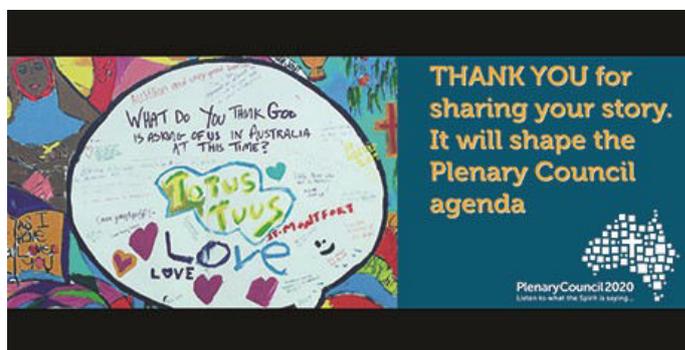
"It is important to stop and acknowledge the significant moment that this is for the entire Catholic community. I have been very moved by the stories of faith, hope and resilience I have heard."

Reflecting on the almost 10 months since that Listening and Dialogue process opened at Pentecost, Archbishop Costelloe said it had been impossible to predict how things would unfold.

"With no precedent for a national invitation to prayer, dialogue and sharing of stories, there was a sense of stepping into the unknown and being unsure of what the experience might become," he explained.

"What we found, though, was an Australian community that was enthusiastic to consider the question: 'What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?'"

The last official count of people who had participated in the opening Listening and Dialogue stage was more than 68,700. That was at the end of January.



"We have heard from our colleagues at the National Centre for Pastoral Research that there was an influx of submissions during February and a deluge in the final days leading up to Ash Wednesday," Archbishop Costelloe said.

"This is a landmark moment for the Church – not only in terms of the stories that have been shared, but also in the new relationships that have formed after encountering one another in dialogue. The change that this brings is already evident among people from all parts of the Church."

Plenary Council facilitator Lana Turvey-Collins, who has travelled to every state and territory – most on several occasions – said people have been very willing to share their stories.

"Many people have mentioned that they haven't really been asked to participate in anything like this before and that experiencing it together has been empowering because it has provided a platform for all voices to be heard."

The final statistical data from the Listening and Dialogue phase will be released later this month.

Details: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au.

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NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS:

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

Sunday, 17 Mar 2019: Second Sunday of Lent - Year C

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 26:1. 7-9. 13-14. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life
before whom shall I shrink? (R.)

2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.

Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.' (R.)

3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek,
hide not your face.

Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help. (R.)

4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! (R.)

Second Reading Phil 3:17 – 4:1

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be

lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Lk 9:28-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

Living the Gospel – 'Listen to him!'

God's voice from the cloud claims Jesus as his Son, the Chosen One and then goes on to instruct those present – and we, the readers – to 'Listen to him!' For the disciples, this was a message not to get carried away with their own ideas about the Messiah but to listen to what Jesus was saying about the suffering he must endure and to what he was saying about true discipleship. Jesus tells us that to be a follower of his involves sacrifice, hardship and often unpopularity. It is this message we must listen to as much as the promise of salvation.

Gospel Focus – Asleep again?

It seems that at crucial points in the gospel where Jesus' true identity and mission are revealed, the disciples are falling asleep! The gospel of Luke is unique in suggesting that the disciples were sleepy at the Transfiguration. They managed to fight off sleep in this instance, but were fast asleep at the Mount of Olives as Jesus prayed in agony. The sleepiness of the disciples at these crucial times is indicative of limited grasp of what Jesus is on about. They are wearied by all that he asks of them, rather than energised by it, and consequently they're not ready to witness great events when they come along.

ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (March 10)

Readers: K Vance/M Browne

Procession of Gifts: M Traynor/K & L Vance

Ext Minister: K Vance

Next Week (March 17)

Readers: J Murphy/B G Browne

Procession of the gifts: E Amarant/J Murphy

Ext. Minister: J Murphy

Church Care: March 17— M Browne

Church Grounds— March —R Brown

STAWELL:

This 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

Next Week (March 16) 6.00PM

Welcomer: M Rogers T Brady/D Jones

Readers: L Moloney/J Raeburn

Ext. Ministers: M Smith & Family

Procession of Gifts:

(March 17) 10.30AM

Welcomer: M Rowe

Readers: H Potter/D O'Donnell

Ext Ministers: F Harney/MR Thomas/M Rowe

Procession of Gifts: Cain/Rutter Family

Counters: Today: T & A Ellis

Next Week: J Raeburn

ALTAR SOCIETY: Next week: Margaret & Di

MARY'S STATUE:

March 10-16 Margaret Rowe; 17-23 Fr Eric; 24-30 N & E Musameci; 31-April 6 Gabrielle Comitti; 7-13 Di & Jeff O'Donnell; 14-20 K & P Fenwick; 21-27 J Launder; 28— May 4 P & H Rathgeber; 5-11 D Duffy; 12-18 D McIntosh; 19-25 B Walsh; 26-June E T Driscoll.

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.



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



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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