

St Patrick's Parish Newsletter

Stawell and Landsborough

2nd Sunday of Lent- Year C—March 17, 2019



ANNIVERSARIES: Andy Allan

THIS WEEK:

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WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK: MONDAY 10.00AM AT THE SCHOOL; TUES, WED; THURS, FRI 10.00 AM IN THE CHURCH. STATION OF THE CROSS AFTER FRIDAY MASS.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING IN PARISH HALL—2.00PM

WEDNESDAY

- 1) **CWL MEETING STARTING WITH 10.00AM MASS**
- 2) **LENTE DISCUSSION—Presbytery—1.00-2.30**
- 3) **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

LENTE DISCUSSIONS

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME—NOW 1.00—2.30 ON WEDNESDAYS TO FIT IN WITH PEOPLES COMMITMENTS.



CUP OF TEA/COFFEE after 8.30am Mass at Landsborough today. All welcome.

CWL MEETING this Wednesday commencing with Mass at 10.00am.



St Patrick's Day is today (Sunday). We will celebrate with a, Mass at the School at 10.00am On Monday (tomorrow).

St Patrick is the Patron Saint of our diocese, our parish and our school. St Patrick pray for us!



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.

Second Sunday of Lent 17th March 2019

Tati lives in the remote forest of Indonesia. She is a mother of three who was earning an income working in a local rubber plantation. Since taking part in eco-tourism training with Caritas Australia and its partners, Tati can now afford to send her children to school. With new hope and commitment Tati aspires to a future free from poverty for her family.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help lift communities in Indonesia out of poverty, and give them hope to protect our common home.

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.

WELL DONE ST PAT'S SCHOOL, another great Harmony Day celebration. Thank you to all involved.

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection \$ 441.75

Parish Collection: \$ 700.00

Loose Collection: \$ 100.90

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.

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; Barry Larkin

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

HUMOUR:

The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play. "Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently. "But, you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances."

During the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up." At that moment, the substitute organist played the National Anthem **And that is how the substitute became the regular organist!**

NEWS:

Bishops to make Ad Limina pilgrimage

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Australia's Catholic bishops will travel to Rome in June for their Ad Limina Apostolorum visit, culminating in prayer and Mass at the tombs of Sts Peter and Paul. Source: ACBC Media Blog.

Bishops conferences from around the world typically make the Ad Limina Apostolorum visit, translated as "To the threshold of the Apostles", every five years. However, with the change of Pope in 2013 and Ad Limina visits cancelled during the Year of Mercy, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has not made the visit since 2011.

"Ad Limina pilgrimages are a time of deep prayer – at the tombs of the Apostles and at the major basilicas in Rome – and also a chance for the bishops of Australia to strengthen our bond of communion with the Bishop of Rome," ACBC president Archbishop Mark Coleridge said.

"This will be our first chance to meet as a Conference with Pope Francis, and it comes at a tumultuous time when we look to him, as the Successor of Peter, to confirm us in faith."

During their dialogue with Pope Francis, the bishops will provide information and insights from their own dioceses and listen to the Pope's reflections on the Church more broadly.

"Other bishops conferences have said that the meetings as a group with Pope Francis are easy, open and collegial," Archbishop Coleridge said.

"That's certainly something that will suit the Australian bishops, especially at a time like this."

The bishops will also meet with the various departments of the Holy See, in the interests of mutual understanding and collaboration.

The discussions will revolve around the comprehensive reports that each diocese has provided in preparation for the Ad Limina visit.

On June 29, as part of the pilgrimage, Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli of Melbourne will be among those receiving the pallium, a woollen stole given to new Metropolitan Archbishops as a sign of communion with the Pope.

"The presentation of Archbishop Comensoli's pallium on the Feast of Sts Peter and Paul will be a rich symbolic moment for him and for all the bishops, taking us back to the very origins of Christianity," Archbishop Coleridge said.

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March 17

Mass will be celebrated at St Pat's School tomorrow, Monday, at 10.00am.

Happy St Patrick's Day



NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS:

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

Sunday, 24 Mar 2019: Third Sunday of Lent - Year C

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Ex 3:1-8. 13-15

A reading from the book of Exodus

This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 102:1-4. 6-8. 11. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. (R.)

2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)

3. The Lord does deeds of justice,
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons. (R.)

4. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.

For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

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

All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:17

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Lk 13:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."'

Living the Gospel – Bad Things / Good People

Today's gospel taps in to the vexing question: 'Why do bad things happen to good people?' The question implies that God is punishing good people. Surprisingly, this attitude continues and one only has to watch news coverage of a tragedy to hear someone ask, 'How could God let this happen?' The very question suggests a belief in a God who interferes in our lives and manipulates events. Jesus suggests that tragic events are not punishment from God, but the accidental, deliberate or natural event does provide a reminder to turn our lives around and live lives that matter.

Gospel Focus – Repent

Throughout the gospels, Jesus challenged the prevailing 'purity codes' that separated and classified people. The Jewish religious officials of the day were obsessed with the 'letter of the Law' as it applied to purity observance. Jesus told them that a spirit of compassion was much more important than the blind adherence to the Law. He suggests that it is not the lack of observance of purity codes that makes a person 'unclean' or 'sinful'; rather, it is lack of compassion informing their actions towards others. The call to 'repent' is a call to complete conversion of heart – to take on an attitude of compassion.

ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (March 17)

Readers: J Murphy/B G Browne

Procession of the gifts: E Amarant/J Murphy

Ext. Minister: J Murphy

Next Week (March 24)

Readers: M Browne/K Vance

Procession of Gifts: G & K Blake

Ext Minister: K Vance

Church Care: March 24—K Vance

Church Grounds— March —R Brown

STAWELL:

This 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

Next Week (March 23) 6.00PM

Welcomer: N Rathgeber

Readers: M Howard/E Ellis

Ext. Ministers: M Howard/S Howard

Procession of Gifts: J Allan

(March 24) 10.30AM

Welcomer: E Driscoll

Readers: M R Thomas/J Van Diesen

Ext Ministers: M Rowe/V Enriquez/K Ashton

Procession of Gifts: P Gooden

Counters: Today: J Raeburn

Next Week: M & L Habben

ALTAR SOCIETY: Next week: Gabrielle & Pat

MARY'S STATUE:

March ; 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.



The Lord is my light and my Salvation



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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