



St Patrick's Parish Newsletter

Stawell and Landsborough

3rd Sunday of Lent- Year C—March 24, 2019



RECENT DEATHS: Jeff O'Donnell;
John Manning (Ringwood)

THIS WEEK:

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**WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK: ; TUES, THURS, FRI
10.00 AM IN THE CHURCH. STATIONS OF THE CROSS
AFTER FRIDAY MASS.**

WED; EVENTIDE 10.30AM

WEDNESDAY

- 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**

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** **THIRD SUNDAY OF
LENT 24TH MARCH
2019**

Peter is thrilled to now have clean water on
tap at his boarding school. Long walks to
unsafe water sources were tiring for Peter,
who is living with a disability. With more
free time and fewer illnesses caused by
dirty water, Peter can fulfil his hope of
focusing on his studies, providing him with
brighter future

**Please donate to Project Compassion
2019 and help young people with disabili-
ties gain access to clean water in the Sol-
omon Islands, providing hope for a bright-
er future.**

**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.**



Plenary Council Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

*O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia
and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.*

*Give us the grace to see your face in one another
and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.*

*Give us the courage to tell our stories
and to speak boldly of your truth.*

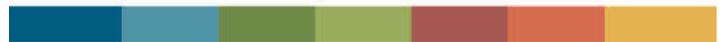
*Give us ears to listen humbly to each other
and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.*

*Lead your Church into a hope-filled future,
that we may live the joy of the Gospel.*

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
bread for the journey from age to age.*

Amen.

*Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.
St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.*



FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection \$ 365.45

Parish Collection: \$ 572.00

Loose Collection: \$ 75.20

*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; Peter Duffy (Canada); Kate
Sargent; Yvonne Evans; Margaret Boag; Nigel James
(Canberra); Ian Kindred; Sharron Pickering; Andrew Van Die-
sen; 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: (a silly one for the kids)

A bored young man decided life would be more fun if he had a pet.

So he went to the pet store and told the owner that he wanted to buy an unusual pet. After some discussion, he finally bought a talking centipede, (100-legged bug), which came in a little white box to use for his house.

He took the box back home, found a good spot for the box, and decided he would start off by taking his new pet to church with him. So he asked the centipede in the box, "Would you like to go to church with me today? We will have a good time." But there was no answer from his new pet. This bothered him a bit, but he waited a few minutes and then asked again, "How about going to church with me and receive blessings?" But again, there was no answer from his new friend and pet. So he waited a few minutes more, thinking about the situation.

The guy decided to invite the centipede one last time. This time he put his face up against the centipede's house and shouted, "Hey, in there! Would you like to go to church with me and learn about God?" This time, a little voice came out of the box, "I heard you the first time! I'm putting on my shoes!"

NEWS:

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SEEK BOOST IN CAPITAL GRANTS

Published: 21 March 2019



Jacinta Collins (Catholic Voice)

Catholic schools are appealing to the Commonwealth for a boost in capital grants to help provide for an expected surge in enrolments in the coming decade. Source: The Australian.

Fresh from a bruising but ultimately successful battle that secured a \$4.1 billion increase to recurrent funding, the National Catholic Education Commission has turned lobbying efforts to the growing need for capital to refurbish and expand existing schools and establish new ones.

In Victoria alone, the Catholic system estimates it will have to spend \$2.2 billion to meet capital needs between now and 2022, while in fast-growing western Sydney that figure is about \$1 billion over 10 years.

In Western Australia, Catholic schools' capital works budget for this year and next has been oversubscribed by \$35 million already.

Schools, through building levies and other fundraising, currently meet about 90 per cent of those costs. Last year, the Catholic sector spent \$1.13 billion on existing schools, with the federal Government providing \$150.9m in grants that were shared with independent schools.

In its pre-budget submission to the government, the NCEC cites enrolment projections across the nation that will put further pressure on school budgets. It singles out advice from the NSW Education Department claiming 7200 new classrooms will be needed to meet demand in the state by 2031.

"Given the increased need for schools, parents and families at Catholic schools will be placed under significant pressure to increase their contributions to the increasing cost of capital works and self-funded new school infrastructure," the submission says. "This pressure will be particularly felt in low socio-economic areas.

"Students at Catholic schools and their parents and families are entitled to support.

"The NCEC proposes that in this federal budget, the Australian government not only increase the pool of funds available under the act for capital but also review the capital funding program."

NCEC executive director Jacinta Collins said the important issue of the capital funding requirements of schools had been sidelined in the long-running debate on recurrent funding.

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Historical Items Collection

The collection of historical items housed in the Ballarat Diocesan Archive is gradually becoming available to view online through the Victorian Collections website. Follow the progress here:

<https://victoriancollections.net.au/organisations/ballarat-diocesan-historical-commission#collection-records>

.....We are well aware that although the Mass comes to an end, *the task of Christian witness begins*. Christians do not go to Mass to fulfil a weekly duty and then it is forgotten, no. Christians go to Mass in order to participate in the Lord's Passion and Resurrection and then to live more as Christians: the task of Christian witness begins. We leave the Church by "going in peace" to carry God's blessing in our daily activities, in our homes, in our workplaces, among the occupations of the earthly city, "glorifying the Lord with our life". But if we exit the Church gossiping and saying "look at this one, look at that one...", with 'tongues wagging', the Mass has not entered my heart. Why? Because I am not capable of living the Christian witness. Every time I leave Mass, I must exit better than how I entered, with more life, with more strength, with more willingness to bear Christian witness. Through the Eucharist the Lord Jesus enters us, into our heart and our flesh, so that we may "hold fast in our lives to the Sacrament we have received in faith" (cf. *Roman Missal*, Collect for Monday in the Octave of Easter").

Pope Francis
GENERAL AUDIENCE
St Peter's Square
Wednesday, 4 April 2018

NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS:

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

Sunday, 31 Mar 2019: Fourth Sunday of Lent - Year C

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Joshua 5:9-12

A reading from the book of Joshua

The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover.

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-7. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)

2. Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. (R.)

3. Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Cor 5:17-21

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

God reconciled us to himself through Christ.

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 15:18

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:

Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Lk 15:1-3. 11-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Your brother here was dead and has come to life.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and

the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.'"

Historical Context – Customs and culture

The parable of the lost son is a fascinating study of Jewish culture and purity laws. The son could not have distanced himself more from Jewish custom. Firstly, he demanded his inheritance, effectively treating his father as dead. Secondly, he travels to a pagan land and then in despair finds himself feeding pigs – animals whose meat was forbidden to Jews. He knows that his actions have alienated him from his family and culture and yet when he returns, his father gives him a fine robe and a ring to wear – signs of a father claiming a son as his own.

Have you thought? The Prodigal

Because the only context in which most people ever hear the word prodigal is in relation to this parable, there is a common misunderstanding of the word. Because the parable is also referred to as the parable of the lost son, many people think prodigal means lost. However, to be prodigal means to be wastefully extravagant. When the son took his father's money he adopted a prodigal lifestyle. However, the irony of the story that is often lost is that the father too was prodigal in the extravagant welcome he gave. The father's extravagance echoes God's extravagant and abundant grace and love.

Greg Sunter in LiturgyHelp.com

ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (March 24)

Readers: M Browne/K Vance

Procession of Gifts: G & K Blake

Ext Minister: K Vance

Next Week (March 31)

Readers: B G Browne/J Murphy

Procession of the gifts:

Ext. Minister:

Church Care: March 31— C Browne

Church Grounds— March —R Brown

STAWELL:

This 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

Next Week (March 30) 6.00PM

Welcomer: D McIntosh

Readers: J Raeburn/N Rathgeber

Ext. Ministers: L McIntyre/B Walsh

Procession of Gifts: I Robinson

(March 31) 10.30AM

Welcomer: P Gooden

Readers: K Dallinger/K Dalton

Ext Ministers: H Potter/L Morgan/M R Thomas

Procession of Gifts: L & M Habben

Counters: Today: M & L Habben

Next Week: T & A Ellis

ALTAR SOCIETY: Next week: Working Bee 9.30am

MARY'S STATUE:

March 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 kind and merciful



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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