



St Patrick's Parish Newsletter

Stawell and Landsborough

4th Sunday of Lent- Year C—March 31, 2019



ANNIVERSARIES:

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THIS WEEK:

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

WEDNESDAY

- 2) LENTEN 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**



5th Sunday of Lent 7th April 2019
Salma featured in Project Compassion 2013. At the time she was pregnant with her first child, sick and terribly frightened. In distress, she sought the help of a midwife trained by Caritas' Safe Motherhood Program. Six years on, she's now a healthy mother of two strong, happy children. Salma is committed to giving her children the education they need to provide them with the future she hoped for.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help reduce infant mortality rates in countries like Bangladesh and proved hope to pregnant women in remote communities for happy and healthy families.

Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by vis-

iting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



AN INVITATION TO ALL PARISHIONERS:

Our School Stations of the Cross to commence at 1:55pm on Friday 5/3/19 in the School Multipurpose Room. Please be seated by 1.50pm.

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection \$ 439.05

Parish Collection: \$ 640.00

Loose Collection: \$ 95.25

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

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:

Adam blamed Eve, Eve blamed the serpent and the serpent didn't have a leg to stand on.

"Madame Fortune Teller, tell me: Are there golf courses in heaven?" "I have good news, and I have bad news." "What's the good news?" "The good news is that the golf courses in heaven are beautiful beyond anything you could imagine!" "That's wonderful." "And you'll be teeing off at 8:30 tomorrow morning."

A man enters the monastery and he has to take a vow of silence, but once a year he can write only one word on the chalkboard in front of the head monk. And so the first year, it's tough not to talk, but Word Day comes around and the monk writes, "The" on the chalkboard. And the second year is very painful — it's very difficult not to talk — and finally the Word Day rolls around. The monk scratches "food's" on the chalkboard and enters his third year, which is excruciating, and the monk struggles through it, and when the day rolls around again, he writes "aweful." And the head monk says, "What's with you? You've been here for three years and all you've done is complain."

NEWS:POPE TO FOLLOW IN FOOTSTEPS OF ST JOHN PAUL II

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Vatican City, Mar 28, 2019 / 12:42 pm ([CNA](#)).- Pope Francis travels to Rabat, the capital of Morocco, this weekend, where he said he will follow in the footsteps of St. John Paul II, who visited the North African country in 1985.

"Following in the footsteps of my predecessor Saint John Paul II, I come as a pilgrim of peace and of fraternity, in a world which has great need of both," Francis said in a video message sent ahead of his March 30-31 visit.

Thirty-four years after St. John Paul II traveled to Morocco and six other African countries, Pope Francis will go to address immigration and dialogue between Christians and Muslims, and to support the small Catholic community in the country, Vatican spokesman Alessandro Gisotti said.

Morocco has just under 35 million inhabitants, just 23,000 of whom are Catholic. The two Catholic dioceses, Rabat and Tanger, have a combined 35 parishes. The country is around 99 percent Muslim.

In his March 28 message to Moroccans, Pope Francis said he is grateful to God for granting him the opportunity to visit the country, and to King Mohammed VI for the invitation.

The first day of the trip will be devoted to the pope's meetings with Mohammed VI and the Moroccan authorities, and will include stops at the Mausoleum of Mohammed V and a training institute for imams. The day will conclude with a meeting with immigrants.

"This journey also offers me the invaluable occasion to visit the Christian community in Morocco and to encourage its progress," the pope said. "I will meet migrants too, who represent an appeal to build together a more just and fraternal world."

On March 31, the pope will meet with priests, religious, consecrated, and an ecumenical council. He will then lead the Angelus prayer. After lunch with the bishops of Morocco, he will celebrate Mass.

Christians and Muslims, Francis noted, both "believe in God the Creator and Merciful One, who has created men and women and placed them on the earth so that they might live together as brothers and sisters, respecting each other's diversity and helping each other in their need."

God "has entrusted the earth – our common home – to them, to care for it responsibly and to preserve it for future generations," he continued. "It will be a joy for me to share these firm convictions with you directly at our meeting in Rabat."

The message concluded with Pope Francis' assurances of prayers for the people of Morocco and for their country, and the expression of his "heartfelt thanks," in advance, for their welcome.

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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

Jos 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 compa-

ny 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."

EASTER CEREMONIES 2019:

HOLY WEEK MASS AND OTHER CELEBRATIONS:

Monday April 15 6.30pm—the Mass of the Oils at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat.

Holy Thursday 6.00pm—The Mass of the Lords Supper.

Good Friday Good Friday 19th April "A Walk through the Easter Story" 11am departing from the Stawell Post Office corner, followed by the service at the Town Hall car park garden at 11.05am. BYO chair optional. For those who wish there is the opportunity to order a fish and chip lunch to follow that service.

3.00pm— Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday—7.00pm—The Easter Vigil. (please note change of time.)

Easter Sunday Dawn Service on Big Hill begins at 6.30am followed by breakfast in the Uniting Church Hall.

Masses— 8.30am & 10.30am in Stawell

There will be **NO** celebrations at Landsborough this year again as we have no visiting priest—this includes no Sunday Mass. I do apologise for this.

ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (March 31)

Readers: B G Browne/J Murphy

Procession of the gifts: D & M Browne

Ext. Minister: E Amarant

Next Week (March 24)

Readers: C Browne/M Browne

Procession of Gifts: BG & W Browne

Ext Minister: J Murphy

Church Care: April 7 E Amarant/J Murphy

Church Grounds— April—Volunteer please

STAWELL:

This 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

Next Week (April 6) 6.00PM

Welcomer: M Cray

Readers: T Brady/D Jones

Ext. Ministers: N Rathgeber/J Obi

Procession of Gifts: P Price

(April 7) 10.30AM

Welcomer: K Ashton

Readers: J Van Diesen/L Morgan

Ext Ministers: G Comitti/S Enriquez/M R Thomas

Procession of Gifts: G & G Pickering

Counters: Today: T & A Ellis

Next Week: G Pickering/E Driscoll

ALTAR SOCIETY: Next week: M Cray/G Pickering

MARY'S STATUE:

March 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.



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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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