



St Patrick's Parish Newsletter

Stawell and Landsborough

3rd Sunday of Easter Year C—May 5, 2019



RECENT DEATHS: Barry Larkin

ANNIVERSARIES: Paul Raeburn, Neil Birks and Sr. Adrian Murphy.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE: (Used if Alleluias Sung):

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Christ is risen; the Lord of all creation.

He has shown pity on all people.

Alleluia

THIS WEEK:

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

CENTERING PRAYER: Wednesday in 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

FR ERIC AWAY:

Fr Eric is currently in Rome, and will return to Australia on May 17 (just in time to vote). He will return to the parish early in the following week.

WELCOME FR JOHN:

We welcome Fr John Pothiyittel, who will celebrate for us over the next three weeks. Thank you, Fr John.

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection \$ 386.70

Parish Collection: \$ 996.05

Loose Collection: \$ 129.20

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.

Annual Mass Counts start this weekend!

A reminder that the Annual Diocesan Mass Counts are to take place over the next four weekends of May. The Mass Counts should be done for every Mass held in our parish on each of the four weekends.

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – now open for new participants

Low-cost online study and formation for lay workers in parish and other ministries, employed or volunteers. Sacraments, scripture, social justice, youth ministry, liturgy and many other subjects available – a subject is completed in 5 weeks. Next study cycle starts June 2. Registration is now open. Contact us by May 16. Info: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or ama-da.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au ph.5337 7125.

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 Diezen; Benjamin Wolfson; Bernie O'Callaghan; Patty Fenwick; Robbie Loxton; Nicole Lee (Horsham); Brian O'Loughlin; Beryl Walsh; Shirley Gerritsen; Jordan Young; Steven Oates; Doreen Duffy; Peter Boag

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

HUMOUR:

Where do we come from?

A little girl asked her mother, "Where did people come from?"

Her mother answered, "God made Adam and Eve and they had children and that's how all mankind was made."

A couple of days later she asked her father the same question.

The father answered, "Many years ago there were monkeys, which the human race evolved from."

The confused little girl returned to her mother and said, "Mommy, how is it possible that you told me that we were created by God, and Daddy said we came from monkeys?"

The mother answered, "Well, dear, it is very simple. I told you about my side of the family and your father told you about his."

NEWS



A prominent Sri Lankan priest says many questions still need answering about the deadly Easter Sunday blasts that killed 253 people. Source: Crux.

"Not only Christians, but the whole country and every community, still feels the trauma and is still unable to comprehend what actually had happened on that fateful day," said Claretian Father Dominic Rohan.

The priest was once the regional superior for his order in Sri Lanka, but is now the coordinator for the Claretian mission at the United Nations in New York.

Fr Rohan noted it was the second time in the history of Sri Lanka that the nation "experienced horror" on an Easter Sunday.

"On the Easter Sunday – April 5, 1942 – during the South-East Asian theatre of World War II, there was an air attack by carrier-based aircraft of the Imperial Japanese Navy, dropping bombs at different places of Colombo. This attack is known as Easter Sunday Raid, or Battle of Ceylon," he said.

At the time, Sri Lanka was known as Ceylon, and was part of the British Empire.

Fr Rohan told Crux the Easter church bombings have broken a relative calm on the South Asian island since the ending of the civil war a decade ago.

"Although the country had experienced anti-Muslim rioting by some Buddhist extremists in 2014 and 2018, the last 10 years, since the end of the war, had been free of any terror attack," Fr Rohan said.

The Islamic State group has claimed responsibility for the attacks, saying it was revenge for being driven out of its stronghold in Syria.

"The question to ask in this case is what the suicide bombers wanted to achieve by this attack on Christians in a country in which the Christians are themselves a small minority," Fr Rohan said to Crux.

"It is evident, like the Muslims, Christians are also subjected to frequent harassment by the Buddhist extremists. And, Christian-Muslim relations are generally good in Sri Lanka as they join hands in common causes that affect them as minorities," the priest said.

He added serious questions still need to be answered by the defence officials in the country, who had clear warnings from the country's intelligence services about possible attacks in churches and hotels.

**OUR DIOCESAN COMMUNITY
MAGAZINE IS FREE FOR THE
TAKING IN THE CHURCH TO-
DAY. PLEASE TAKE ONE
HOME WITH YOU.**

NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS:

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

**Sunday, 12 May 2019: Fourth Sunday of Easter - Year C
Liturgy of the Word**

First Reading Acts 13:14, 43-52

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We are now turning to the gentiles.

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.' It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 99:1-3. 5. R. v.3
(R.) We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. (R.)

2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. (R.)

3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading Rv 7:9, 14-17

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

*The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd
and will lead them to springs of living water.*

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they

were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 10:27-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I give my sheep eternal life.

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;

I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life;

they will never be lost

and no one will ever steal them from me.

The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,

and no one can steal from the Father.

The Father and I are one.'

Scriptural context – The Father and I are one

The final sentence of today's passage has Jesus declaring, 'The Father and I are one.' It seems a fitting way to finish the gospel reading for liturgical use in the Easter season. However, the passage in John's gospel continues on. Immediately upon hearing these words, the listening crowd grab rocks and are about to stone Jesus to death! They were horrified by his apparent blasphemy – claiming to be one with God. Such a bold declaration of oneness with the Father was no doubt used by the gospel writer to try to eradicate emerging questions about the divinity of Jesus.

Gospel Focus – Eternal life

In the gospel passage, Jesus says of the sheep that belong to him, 'I give them eternal life.' He does not say, I give them the promise of eternal life. The message that comes through the gospel of John is clear that eternal life is not some future existence, but rather a new way of being in the here and now. But that is not to suggest that there is not an 'eternal' quality to eternal life. The gospel of John makes clear that eternal life begins in the here and now but has no end.

ROSTERS:**LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):****This Week (May 5)****Readers:** K Vance/B G Browne**Procession of Gifts:** J & C Browne**Ext Minister:** K Vance**Next Week (May 12)****Readers:** M Browne/C Browne**Procession of Gifts:** E Amarant/M Traynor**Ext Minister:** M Traynor**Church Care:** May 12 M Browne**Church Grounds—** May—R Brown**STAWELL:****This Week (Saturday, May 4) 6.00PM****Welcomer:** M Cray**Readers:** M Howard/T Brady**Ext Ministers:** M Howard/S Howard**Procession of Gifts:** J Allan

(Sunday, May 5) 10.30AM

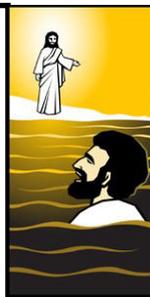
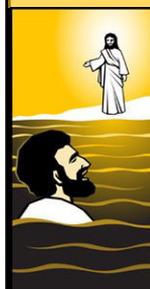
Welcomer: E Driscoll**Readers:** D O'Donnell/S Little**Ext Ministers:** M Rowe/J Van Diesen/K Dalton**Procession of Gifts :** G & G Pickering**Next Week (Saturday May 11) 6.00PM****Welcomer:** D McIntosh**Readers:** N Rathgeber/D Jones**Ext. Ministers:** A De Leon/L McIntyre**Procession of Gifts:** B Walsh

(Sunday, May 12) 10.30AM

Welcomer: P Gooden**Readers:** H Potter/M R Thomas**Ext. Ministers:** F Harney/I Sturt/G Comitti**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:**

May 5-11 D Duffy; 12-18 D McIntosh; 19-25 B Walsh; 26-

June 1 E T Driscoll.

NOTES FOR MINISTERS AT MASS:*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.***ALL MINISTERS SHOULD TRY TO BE AT THE CHURCH AT LEAST TEN MINUTES BEFORE MASS AND ADVISE THE PRIEST THAT YOU ARE THERE. THIS GIVES HIM TIME TO ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE IF THAT HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN DONE.****Joy comes with the dawn****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 Monday 2.30pm in Parish Hall.

CWL: 3rd Wednesday commencing with 10.00am Mass.

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