



St Patrick's Parish Newsletter

Stawell and Landsborough

6th Sunday of Easter Year C—May 26, 2019



RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE: (Used if Alleluias Sung):

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

THIS WEEK:

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WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:

Tues; Wed; Thurs; Fri; 10.00am.

OUR DIOCESAN COMMUNITY – ISSUE 2, 2019

Planning for the second issue of Our Diocesan Community (ODC) 2019 is underway and we invite your contributions. We will continue the 2019 theme of *Plenary Council 2020*. We are hoping to gather stories and examples of new initiatives and experiences in the Catholic community – schools, parishes and agencies - from all around the diocese. We also invite you to share significant events that may have taken place over the last few months in your parish and school communities and agencies. We hope to have this issue of “Our Diocesan Community” delivered in the week beginning July 15 so the latest date for submissions to this issue is Friday, May 31. Articles should be approximately 250 words maximum in length and accompanied by photos where possible. Photos should be sent as separate JPEG files (NOT inserted into a Word document). Material can be sent to odc@ballarat.catholic.org.au. A reminder that when sending in photos, permission should be sought from those in the pictures. From time-to-time, these photos will also be used in other diocesan publications.

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection \$ 742.00

Parish Collection: \$ 496.75

Loose Collection: \$ 98.80

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 this weekend!

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

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE

The results of the raffle were

1st Prize Dorothy Bishop Swan Hill.

2nd Prize Lorraine Rowe Stawell.



WELCOME BACK FR. ERIC.

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 Diesen; Benjamin Wolfson; Bernie O’Callaghan; Patty Fenwick; Robbie Loxton; Nicole Lee (Horsham); Brian O’Loughlin; Beryl Walsh; Shirley Gerritsen; Jordan Young; Steven Oates; Peter Boag, Maree Parkin.

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

HUMOUR:

An old dollar bill and an even older \$20 arrive at a Federal Reserve Bank to be retired.

"I've had a pretty good life," the \$20 says. "I've been to Vegas, the finest restaurants in New York, and even on a Caribbean cruise."

"You did have an exciting life!" the dollar says.

"Where have you been?" the \$20 asks.

"Oh, I've been to the Methodist church, the Baptist church, spent some time with the Lutherans..."

"Wait," the \$20 interrupts. "What's a church?"

NEWS

New government must tackle poverty: Vinnies

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Prime Minister Scott Morrison and the Coalition face the major challenge of helping three million Australians living in poverty, the St Vincent de Paul Society says. Source: The Catholic Leader.

St Vincent de Paul Society National Council president Claire Victory acknowledged the Coalition's win, but also the challenges ahead.

"We look forward to working with (Mr Morrison's) re-elected government to build a fairer and more just nation," Ms Victory said.

"The government and the country face major challenges, with three million Australians living in poverty and hundreds of thousands of Australians struggling to find an affordable home.

"Our experience tells us that individuals and families who are out of work or under-employed are struggling to make ends meet."

Brisbane Archbishop Mark Coleridge said the election result was a surprise to most, and it showed that the national psyche was harder to read than often thought.

"Clearly polls struggle to take its measure," he said.

"But the democratic process is comparatively risk-free in this country, given that neither of the major parties strays far from the centre."

Archbishop Coleridge said the Church sought to work with all elements of the political spectrum while identifying with no particular party.

"We will work with the new government not only to defend the interests of the Church but also to promote the common good for all Australians," he said.

Issues on the agenda or raised during the election campaign include religious freedom, abortion, euthanasia and social services.

Religious freedom was a significant sleeper issue for many Australian voters concerned that a Shorten government would restrict their liberty to pursue faith and religion.

Christian Schools Australia national executive officer Mark Spencer told The Sydney Morning Herald parents in marginal seats had expressed concern over the protection of religious freedom.

Pro-life group Cherish Life Queensland said it was "overjoyed with the life-valuing outcome".

"What Labor promised meant that if Bill Shorten won government ... taxpayer-funded public hospitals would have been forced to perform abortions on request – even late-term abortions of healthy babies of healthy mothers," Cherish Life Queensland executive director Teeshan Johnson said.

**I want those you have given me
to be with me where I am,
so that they may always see the
glory
you have given me
because you loved me
before the foundation of the
world.**

John 14

NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS:

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

Sunday, 26 May 2019: Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year C

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Acts 15:1-2. 22-29

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential.

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 66:2-3. 5-6. 8. R. v.4

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)

2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. (R.)

3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

Second Reading Rv 21:10-14, 22-23

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city,

coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 14:23-29

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him
and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my words.

And my word is not my own:

it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you

while still with you;

but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,

whom the Father will send in my name,

will teach you everything

and remind you of all I have said to you.

Peace I bequeath to you,

my own peace I give you,

a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

You heard me say:

I am going away, and shall return.

If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am

going to the Father,

for the Father is greater than I.

I have told you this now before it happens,

so that when it does happen you may believe.'

I am wondering if any parishioners find these readings useful. They are meant to enable us to prepare to hear the Liturgy of The Word the following week.

Comments to Fr Eric would be appreciated.

ROSTERS:**LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):****This Week** (May 26)**Readers:** J Browne/B G Browne**Procession of Gifts:** K & G Blake**Ext Minister:** C Browne

Next Week (June 2)

Readers: C Browne/M Browne**Processions of Gifts:** D & M Browne**Ext. Ministers:** Betty Amarant**Next Church Care:** June 1 Betty Amarant/J Murphy**Church Grounds—** June— Volunteer, Please**STAWELL:****This Week** ((May 25) 6.00PM**Welcomer:** M Cray**Readers:** J Raeburn/T Brady**Ext. Ministers:** C Barker/P Price**Procession of Gifts:** I Robinson

(May 26) 10.30AM

Welcomer: R, S & M Farrell**Readers:** I Sturt/D O'Donnell**Ext. Ministers:** M Rowe/G Comitti/M R Thomas**Procession of Gifts:** L & M Habben**Next Week** (June 1) 6.00PM**Welcomer:** D McIntosh**Readers:** N Rathgeber /E McIntyre**Ext. Ministers:** M Maestros/D Jones**Procession of Gifts:** J Allan

(June 2) 10.30AM

Welcomer: S Enriquez**Readers:** S Little/M Maestros**Ext. Ministers:** K Dallton/G/Little/J Van Diesen**Procession of Gifts:** G & G Pickering**Counters: Today:** L & M Habben**Next Week:** E Driscoll & G Pickering**ALTAR SOCIETY :** Next week: Marie & Gloria**MARY'S STATUE:**

May 26-June 1 E T Driscoll, June 2-8 G & G Pickering, June 9-15 H Prowd, June 16-22 E. Musumeci, June 23-29 N. Rathgeber, June 30-July 6 M Rowe.

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.****If anyone loves me he/she will keep my word****WEEKEND MASSES YEAR C****Stawell:** Saturday 6.00pm

Sunday at 10.30am.

Landsborough: Sunday Mass at 8.30am.**WEEKDAY MASSES (YEAR 1):**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 2.00pm in Parish Hall.

CWL: 3rd Wednesday commencing with 10.00am Mass.

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