



St Patrick's Parish Newsletter

Stawell and Landsborough

Feast of the Ascension Year C—May 26, 2019



RECENT DEATHS:

Alice Heenan (Ararat);
Michael George (Brunswick)

THIS WEEK:

St Pauls Sunday Missal Page 812 (Mass during the day)

WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:

Wed; Thurs; Fri; 10.00am.

NO MASS TUESDAY—SEE THE NOTE BELOW.

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

COUNCIL OF PRIESTS MEETING— BALLARAT—TUESDAY.

Fr Eric will be attending this meeting on Tuesday.

As he has a doctor's appointment in Ballarat on Monday, he will be absent those two days. There will be no Mass in the parish on Tuesday.

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.

DIOCESAN VISION CONSULTATION

Bishop Paul, through the Bishop's Advisory Council, has initiated a consultation process with the people of the diocese regarding developing a Diocesan Vision for now and the coming years. A letter from the Bishop and information about the consultation process has been sent to parishes. The information is now on the diocesan website and included with this email. The consultation process is open until July 15 and parish and diocesan groups and others are encouraged to participate. **A copy of the Bishop's letter and the consultation process is available at the doors of the church today. Please take a copy.**

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection \$ 348.27

Parish Collection: \$ 630.00

Loose Collection: \$ 46.20

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 Diesen; Benjamin Wolfson; Bernie O'Callaghan; Patty Fenwick; Robbie Loxton; Nicole Lee (Horsham); Brian O'Loughlin; Beryl Walsh; Shirley Gerriksen; 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:

A police officer was sitting beside the road when he saw a car going by at a slow rate of speed. All of the other cars were passing and blowing the horns. The police officer decided to pull the car over and give them a warning. When he got up to the car he followed it for a short ways and clocked it doing 40 kph. Since the speed limit was 80 he felt that they needed to speed up so he pulled them over to talk to them. After they pulled of the side and he was walking up to the car he noticed the car had 5 nuns in it and the youngest appeared to be driving and she looked to be in her 70's. As he came up to the car he asked if there was anything wrong. **NUN:** No officer why? **OFFICER:** I noticed you were going slow and I thought that something might be wrong. **NUN:** Young man I know that I don't have much experience driving in the job I do but I was doing the speed limit, 40 kph. **OFFICER:** Mam that was the highway number not the speed limit. **NUN:** Oh I am very sorry I thought that those signs were the speed limit signs. The officer looked in the car and noticed the other 4 nun's were shaking like leaves. The officer asked if the other nun's were ok. The driver said that they would be, that she had just come off of highway 160 a couple of kilometers back.

NEWS

POPE BLASTS 'RACIST' ATTITUDE TOWARD MIGRANTS

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A mural at a refugee camp on the Greek island of Lesbos (Vatican News)

Pope Francis has urged society to drop scepticism and prejudice towards migrants and newcomers, calling the attitudes racist.

Source: Crux.

In his message released yesterday for the World Day for Migrants and Refugees in September, Francis said the migration issue is not just about migrants and refugees, but "it is also about our fears."

"The signs of meanness we see around us heighten our fear of 'the other,' the unknown,

the marginalised, the foreigner," he said, noting that many migrants seeking a better future end up as the recipients of this meanness.

While some fear is normal and even legitimate, "the problem is not that we have doubts and fears," he said. "The problem is when they condition our way of thinking and acting to the point of making us intolerant, closed and perhaps even – without realising it – racist."

"In this way, fear deprives us of the desire and the ability to encounter the other, the person different from myself; it deprives me of an opportunity to encounter the Lord."

Titled "It is not just about migrants", the Pope's message comes ahead of the September 29 World Day for Migrants and Refugees, which has been celebrated by the Church since 1914.

The message comes after Europeans voted for the 751 members of the EU Parliament that saw an increase in populist and liberal parties.

The election campaign highlighted migration and climate change – both major talking points for Francis.

Europe has been abuzz with debate over the migration issue since the crisis exploded in 2015, with nations arguing over which policies would best resolve the problem. Many countries have closed their borders in a bid to clamp down on the number of migrants entering, leaving many stranded.

In yesterday's message, Francis said the presence of migrants and refugees, and of vulnerable people in general, is not a threat, but is "an invitation to recover some of those essential dimensions of our Christian existence and our humanity that risk being overlooked in a prosperous society".

NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS:

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

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are,

How many are your works, O Lord!

The earth is full of your riches. (R.)

2. You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)

3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!

May the Lord rejoice in his works!

May my thoughts be pleasing to him.

I find my joy in the Lord. (R.)

Second Reading Ad libitum for Year C Rom 8:8-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

Sequence

The sequence may be said or sung.

Holy Spirit, Lord of light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance
give.

Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure;
Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow;

Thou in toil art comfort sweet;
Pleasant coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay;
All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength re-
new;
On our dryness pour thy dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die;
Give us life with thee on high;
Give us joys that never end.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit; fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

Gospel
23-26

Ad libitum for Year C

Jn 14:15-16.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything.

Jesus said to his disciples

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father

and he will give you another Advocate

to be with you for ever.

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 that I have said to you.'

HAVE YOU THOUGHT? THE SPIRIT

We can sometimes regard Pentecost as the day the Holy Spirit came into the world. However, the Spirit had long been active in the world before this event. In fact, even the second verse of Genesis Chapter 1 tells us that the Spirit hovered over the waters. The Old Testament is filled with references in which 'The Spirit of God came upon (him) with power' and the Spirit was evident at Jesus' baptism and throughout the gospels. Jesus is frequently described as being 'filled with the Spirit'. So, from the very beginning of creation the Spirit has moved in the world and continues to energise it today.

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ROSTERS:**LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):****This Week** (June 2)

Readers: C Browne/M Browne

Processions of Gifts: D & M Browne

Ext. Ministers: Betty Amarant

Next Week (June 9)

Readers: B G Browne/K Vance**Procession of Gifts:** B G & W Browne**Ext Minister:** K Vance**Next Church Care:** June 8 M Browne**Church Grounds—** June— Volunteer, Please**STAWELL:****This 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**Next Week** (June 8) 6.00PM**Welcomer:** M Rogers**Readers:** D Jones/J Raeburn**Ext. Ministers:** A De Leon/N Rathgeber**Procession of Gifts:** J Croton

(June 9) 10.30AM

Welcomer: M Rowe**Readers:** D O'Donnell/H Potter**Ext. Ministers:** M R Thomas/F Harney/S Enriquez**Procession of Gifts:** Cain/Rutter Family**Counters: Today:** E Driscoll & G Pickering**Next Week:** T & A Ellis**ALTAR SOCIETY :** Next week: Liz & Kay**MARY'S STATUE:**

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.****God mounts His throne to shouts of joy****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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