



St Patrick's, Stawell

St Patrick's Parish Newsletter Stawell and Landsborough

Feast of The Body and Blood of Christ

Year C—June 23, 2019



St Francis of Assisi,
Landsborough

ANNIVERSARIES:

Tony Van Diesen

THIS WEEK:

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WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:

Tues; Thurs; Fri 10.00am.

Wed—Eventide 10.30am

An invitation to anyone who may have some spare time around 10.00am Tues to Thurs. Come along to one or more of our weekday Masses. Usually take about 20-25 minutes. GIVE SOME TIME TO GOD.... HE GIVES ALL HIS TIME TO YOU.

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

PLANNED GIVING:



Dear Parishioners,
We have almost reached the end of the current financial year, and are preparing the envelopes for the coming year.

Financially, as many of you know, the past few years have been very difficult for St Patrick's Parish. We have lost many of our givers through death or

through movement from the parish; at the same time our costs have skyrocketed. You are all aware of the hike in costs – insurance, levies, power, water, gas, altar requisites, etc.

I appeal to those who can, to consider an increase to your planned giving commitment, and I urge those who are not part of planned giving to come on board. We can only budget if we have some real idea of what may come in over the year.

Forms are available in the church for those who may be able to increase their giving, and for those who may wish to join the Planned Giving. Please take one of these forms after Mass and return ASAP by placing on the collection plate at Mass, or by posting to the Parish office.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE RESPONDED ALREADY.

Envelopes for the coming year are available in the church this weekend. Please take yours.

In a few weeks we will publish individual letters to let each Giver know how your giving has gone this year.

This is not a "Bill". It is just that some people have asked for a report on the state of their giving, and this will be the easiest way to accommodate them.

WE HAD A VISIT FROM THE DIOCESAN FINANCE OFFICE THIS WEEK, AND WERE TOLD WHAT WE ALREADY KNOW, THAT WE ARE IN A VERY DIRE FINANCIAL POSITION, IN THAT WE NO LONGER ARE ABLE TO COVER OUR NORMAL COSTS. WE WILL NEED TO ADDRESS THIS SITUATION IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.

Yours in Christ,
Eric Bryant PP



YOU CAN CHANGE THE WAY POVERTY FEELS.

By supporting Vinnies, you will help provide vital assistance to older Australians to remove some of the stress of living in poverty. Thanks to donations from people like you, we've been able to help Ruby with the essentials to take the pressure off making ends meet. But the biggest difference for Ruby was the support she received from our dedicated Vinnies volunteers. "I appreciate the food and the help, but I love having someone visit me for a chat. That makes my day." Ruby.

The St V's Winter Appeal will be on the weekend of 29th/30th June. Envelopes will be available for those who wish to support this appeal. All monies collected in this appeal will be used by the local conference.

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection \$ 339.40

Parish Collection: \$ 1220.00

Loose Collection: \$ 165.80

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.

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:

BIG OR SMALL?

Can you tell me why a \$10 bill looks so small at the grocery store but so big at church?

WHEN I GROW UP.

After a church service on Sunday morning, a young boy suddenly announced to his mother, "Mom, I've decided to become a minister When I grow up."

"That's okay with us, but what made you decide that?"

"Well," said the little boy, "I have to go to church on Sunday anyway, and I figure it will be more fun to stand up and yell, than to sit and listen."

NEWS

Of Interest to some parishioners



Mark Conner
is coming to Stawell

City Heart Church of Christ

29th-30th June 2019

18 Sloane St, Stawell

Why should your church blend in when it was born to stand out?

Saturday June 29th at 1pm

Hear Mark speak on finding personal freedom. Living in a broken world creates the possibility of becoming trapped by various negative emotions and habits that can easily become like a prison. Learn how to identify and overcome your inhibitions.

Saturday June 29th at 6.30pm

Ministry and Leadership

For Church leaders only. Join with us as Mark explores strategies for fruitful church leadership.

Sunday June 30th at 10am

City Heart Church of Christ Communion Service

Address by Mark Conner – "How to connect with God"

Sunday June 30th at 2pm

Ecumenical Service at Stawell Entertainment Centre

Guest speaker: Mark Conner – "Igniting your spiritual passion"

A love offering will be collected at these events.

For catering purposes a RSVP to Pastor Terry would be greatly appreciated.

Phone 0407 547 417

"The Holy Spirit is the creator of communion, the artist of reconciliation ... He builds the community of believers by harmonising the unity of the body and the multiplicity of its members," Pope Francis said. The Holy Spirit "makes the Church grow by helping it to go beyond human limits, sins and any scandal," he said.

Dedicating his weekly catechesis to the Acts of the Apostles' account of the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, Pope Francis reflected on how the Holy Spirit transformed and strengthened St Peter.

"On the feast of Pentecost, it is Peter who speaks, the rock on which Christ chose to build his Church," he said. "His word, weak and even capable of denying the Lord, when crossed by the fire of the Spirit gains strength and becomes capable of piercing hearts and moving to conversion.

"God, in fact, chooses what is weak in the world to confound the strong," Pope Francis said, quoting St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

"The Church is thus born of the fire of love – of a 'fire' that flares up at Pentecost, which manifests the strength of the Word of the Risen One imbued with the Holy Spirit," he said.

Pope Francis explained that this fire symbolically expresses God's work of warming, illuminating, and testing hearts, and His care in purifying and revitalising human works.

"The Spirit of God moves hearts to welcome the salvation that passes through a person, Jesus Christ, the One whom men nailed to the wood of the cross and whom God raised from the dead," the Pope said.

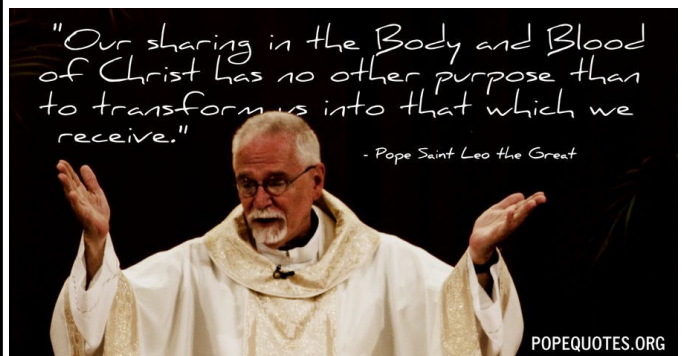
NEWS:

HOLY SPIRIT UNITES CHURCH, DESPITE SIN AND SCANDAL: POPE



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The Holy Spirit unites and grows the Church despite human limitations, sins and scandal, Pope Francis said yesterday. Source: CNA.



NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS:

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

Sunday, 30 Jun 2019: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading 1 Kgs 19:16. 19-21

A reading from the first book of the Kings

Elisha rose and followed Elijah and became his servant.

The Lord said to Elijah: 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.' Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. cf. v.5

(R.) You are my inheritance, O Lord.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.'

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;

it is you yourself who are my prize. (R.)

2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight:

since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)

3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)

4. You will show me the path of life,

the fullness of joy in your presence,

at your right hand happiness for ever. (R.)

Second Reading Gal 5:1. 13-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

My brothers, you were called to freedom.

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.

My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community.

Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Sm 3:9; Jn 6:68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening;

you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 9:51-62

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus resolutely set his face towards Jerusalem. I will follow you wherever you will go.

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village.

As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.'

Another to whom he said, 'Follow me,' replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.'

Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say goodbye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

GOSPEL REFLECTION - FOR NEXT WEEK'S GOSPEL

This passage marks a turning point in the gospel of Luke. It is the commencement of Jesus' journey towards Jerusalem and we are told that he resolutely takes that road (or in some translations, he resolutely 'sets his face' towards Jerusalem). Earlier in this chapter, we have heard Peter's confession of faith, seen the Transfiguration and heard Jesus predict his death. Today's passage begins the second half of the gospel of Luke and it is clear from this point forward that there is no turning back for Jesus.

This passage is a difficult one on first reading; the second half of it seems to paint a picture of an unsympathetic and uncompromising Jesus. However, in the light of its positioning as the beginning of the second half of the gospel – the beginning of the end – it takes on more significance. Firstly, the incident of rejection in Samaria allows Jesus to make very clear that he will never resort to violence as a solution to any problem. The reaction of the disciples seems a bit extreme as a response to an inhospitable action! Jesus' rebuke to them reminds us that what he has offered all along is an invitation that was open to all – if some don't accept the invitation you can't call fire down on them from above!

The three vignettes make plain the urgency and demanding nature of Jesus' mission. He and his followers are constantly on the move and have no room for comforts and cosy beds. The second and third pieces contrast directly with the story from today's first reading. The message of Jesus is that the work of the Kingdom is even more important than duty to family and duty to the dead. Once he has set his face towards Jerusalem and his own death, there is no turning back – he is absolutely committed to his mission.

ROSTERS:**LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):****This Week** (June 23)**Readers:** K Vance/BG Browne**Procession of Gifts:** G & K Blake**Ext Minister:** Betty Amarant**Next Week** (June 30)**Readers:** J Murphy/K Vance**Processions of Gifts:** BG & W Browne**Ext. Ministers:** J Murphy**Next Week Church Care:** June 22 C Browne
Church Grounds— June — Volunteer, Please**STAWELL:****This Week** (June 22) 6.00PM**Welcomer:** M Cray**Readers:** T Brady/L Morgan**Ext. Ministers:** C Barker M De Leon**Procession of Gifts:** I Robinson

(June 23) 10.30AM

Welcomer: P Gooden**Readers:** M R Thomas/S Little**Ext. Ministers:** I Sturt/G Comitti/S Enriquez**Procession of Gifts:** L & M Habben**Next Week** (June 29) 6.00PM**Welcomer:****Readers:** M Maestros/A Ellis**Ext. Ministers:** N Rathgeber/J Obi**Procession of Gifts:** J Allan

(June 30) 10.30AM

Welcomer: K Ashton**Readers:** H Potter/J Van Diesen**Ext. Ministers:** M Rowe/K Ashton/G Little**Procession of Gifts:** P Gooden**Counters: Today:** M & L Habben**Next Week:** T & A Ellis**ALTAR SOCIETY :** Next week: Working Bee 9.30am**MARY'S STATUE:**

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.****“I am the Living Bread from Heaven,” says the Lord****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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www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

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