



St Patrick's, Stawell

# St Patrick's Parish Newsletter Stawell and Landsborough

14th Sun day of Ordinary Time Year C

July 7, 2019



St Francis of Assisi,  
Landsborough

**RECENT DEATHS:** Peter Duffy; Peter Boag

**ANNIVERSARIES:** John Rowe; Mary Launder

**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 Tuesday to Friday. 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:** not during school holidays.

**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

**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 is on this weekend, 29th/30th June. Envelopes are available in the pews for those who wish to support this appeal. All monies collected in this appeal will be used by the local conference. Please give generously. Envelopes may be placed on the collection plates this weekend.**

**FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:**

Presbytery Collection \$ 508.45

Parish Collection: \$ 868.00

Loose Collection: \$ 146.00

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.

**LITURGY ROSTERS (Stawell):** Rosters are available for collection today after Mass today. Please make sure that you collect yours.

Any problems with rosters contact June Raeburn.

**PASTORAL LETTER:**

A PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE BISHOPS OF VICTORIA REGARDING THE 'ASSISTED DYING BILL' IS AVAILABLE AT THE DOORS OF THE CHURCH TODAY. PLEASE TAKE A COPY.

**MASS TO CELEBRATE BISHOP PAUL BIRD'S 70TH BIRTHDAY**

Mass to celebrate Bishop Paul's 70th birthday will be held on Friday, July 19, 2019 at 12.05pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat. All are welcome to attend.

**NATIONAL ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY, THIS WEEKEND, JULY 7, 2019**

NATSICC has provided resources and information to celebrate National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday, this weekend, July 7, 2019 <http://www.natsicc.org.au/2019-aboriginal-and-islander-sunday.html>

**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; 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; Maree Parkin; Rosemary Chisholm (Bendigo); Harry Comitti

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

## **HUMOUR:**

### **Nun Joke**

Sister Marry was truly a religious woman. Besides her duties as a nun, she was also very active in various hospitals visiting sick patients and taking care of all their needs. So it was no surprise that one day when she ran out of gas, the only container she could find to put the gas into was a bedpan. Sister Mary happily walked two blocks to the closest gas station filled up the bedpan with gas and headed back to her car. Luck would have it that as Sister Mary started tipping the gas into the fuel tank, the traffic light turned red and she had quite a large audience witnessing the spectacle. Just when she finished pouring in the last drops of gas a fellow opened up his window and hollered, "I swear! If that car starts I'm becoming a catholic!"

## **NEWS**

### **SECRECY OF CONFESSION 'MUST NEVER BE VIOLATED'**

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Pope Francis ordered the publication of a document affirming the absolute secrecy of everything said in confession and calling on priests to defend it at all costs, even at the cost of their lives. Source: CNS.

The need for the absolute secrecy of confession "comes directly from revealed divine law and has its roots in the very nature of the sacrament to the point that no exception whatsoever can be admitted in the ecclesial sphere and even less in the civil one," the new Vatican document said.

The "note of the Apostolic Penitentiary on the importance of the internal forum and the inviolability of the sacramental seal" was approved by Pope Francis on June 21 and published by the Vatican yesterday.

The note was signed by Cardinal Mauro Piacenza, head of the Apostolic Penitentiary, a Vatican court dealing with matters of conscience.

Some recent challenges to the secret of confession have come from states trying to react to the Catholic Church's clerical sexual abuse crisis, the note acknowledged.

"The priest, in fact, comes to know of the sins of the penitent non ut homo sed ut Deus – not as a man, but as God – to the point that he simply 'does not know' what was said in the confessional because he did not listen as a man, but precisely in the name of God," the Vatican document said.

"A confessor's defence of the sacramental seal, if necessary, even to the point of shedding blood," the note said, "is not only an obligatory act of allegiance to the penitent but is much more: it is a necessary witness – a martyrdom – to the unique and universal saving power of Christ and his church."

The new Vatican document also placed the question of secrecy in the larger context of a "cultural and moral 'involution'" that seems incapable of "recognising and respecting" essential elements of human existence and life in the Church.

"In such a context," the note said, "there seems to be confirmation of a certain worrying negative prejudice against the Catholic Church," both because of "the tensions that can be seen within the hierarchy and resulting from the recent scandals of abuse horribly perpetrated by some members of the clergy."



*The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him in pairs....*  
*Luke: 10:1*

**NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS:**

**(A chance to prepare ahead for next week's Liturgy of The Word) A NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS HAVE TOLD ME THAT THEY ARE FINDING THIS SECTION HELPFUL AS THEY PREPARE THE COMING WEEK'S MASS—THANKS FOR THE FEEDBACK.**

15th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME—JULY 14, 2019  
LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Dt 30:10-14

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

*Let the instruction of the Lord God be near you.*

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 68:14. 17. 30-31. 33-34. 36-37. R. see v.33

(R.) Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

1. This is my prayer to you,  
my prayer for your favour.

In your great love, answer me, O God,  
with your help that never fails:  
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;  
in your compassion, turn towards me. (R.)

2. As for me in my poverty and pain  
let your help, O God, lift me up.  
I will praise God's name with a song;  
I will glorify him with thanksgiving. (R.)

3. The poor when they see it will be glad  
and God-seeking hearts will revive;  
for the Lord listens to the needy  
and does not spurn his servants in their chains. (R.)

4. For God will bring help to Zion  
and rebuild the cities of Judah.  
The sons of his servants shall inherit it;  
those who love his name shall dwell there. (R.)

Second Reading Col 1:15-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

*All things were created through him and for him.*

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God  
and the first-born of all creation,  
for in him were created  
all things in heaven and on earth:  
everything visible and everything invisible,  
Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers –  
all things were created through him and for him.  
Before anything was created, he existed,  
and he holds all things in unity.

Now the Church is his body,  
he is its head.

As he is the Beginning,  
he was first to be born from the dead,  
so that he should be first in every way;  
because God wanted all perfection  
to be found in him  
and all things to be reconciled through him and for him,  
everything in heaven and everything on earth,  
when he made peace  
by his death on the cross.

Gospel Acclamation

See Jn 6:63. 68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;  
you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

Gospel`

Lk 10:25-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Who is my neighbour?*

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus, 'do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him,' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go and do the

**GOSPEL REFLECTION - FOR NEXT WEEK'S GOSPEL**

**Scriptural context – The 'Rule of Three'**

Jesus was a good storyteller. He used a lot of the 'tricks of the trade' of good storytellers. Using a rule of three remains a common device to help storytellers remember the story. (Think of the number of times fairy tales use this device.) In the rule of three, the third repetition of an event or action always holds the key. Jesus used this device to great effect in his parables because he invariably broke the rule! He used the rule to lull his audience into a predictable story and then turned things upside down by having the unexpected occur.

**Have you thought? Contemporary context**

Being such a famous parable, it is common to see this story retold and acted out in 'modern' contexts. However, such attempts invariably lead to a literal retelling of the story and an overemphasis and reinforcement of social prejudices. Who gets cast in the role of the Samaritan? A member of the most socially outcast and hated group in society! Jesus' choice of the Samaritan as the hero was not to highlight the animosity between Jews and Samaritans, but rather to confound the expectations and prejudices of his audience. Let's understand the story in its intended setting before we change it!

**ROSTERS:**

**LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):**

**This Week** ( July 7)

**Readers:** C Browne/M Browne

**Procession of Gifts:** R & C Brown

**Ext Minister:** M Traynor

**Next Week** (July 14)

Readers: J Murphy/J Browne

Processions of Gifts: J & C Browne

Ext. Ministers: K Vance

**Next Week Church Care:** July 13: K Vance

**Church Grounds—** July: B & P Browne

**STAWELL:**

**This Week** (July 6) 6.00PM

**Welcomer:** M Cray

**Readers:** T Brady/D Jones

**Ext. Ministers:** L Morgan/B Walsh

**Procession of Gifts:** P Price

(July 7) 10.30AM

**Welcomer:** R Farrell

**Readers:** K Dallinger/D O'Donnell

**Ext. Ministers:** G Comitti/S Enriquez, M R Thomas

**Procession of Gifts:** G & G Pickering

**Next Week** ( July 13) 6.00PM

**Welcomer:** D McIntosh

**Readers:** J Raeburn/N Rathgeber

**Ext. Ministers:** J Obi/A Ellis

**Procession of Gifts:** J Croton

(July 14) 10.30AM

**Welcomer:** S Enriquez

**Readers:** S Little/H Potter

**Ext. Ministers:** S Enriquez/M Rowe/K Dalton

**Procession of Gifts:** P Gooden

**Counters: Today:** E Driscoll & G Pickering

**Next Week:** T & A Ellis

**ALTAR SOCIETY :** Next week: Liz & Kay

**MARY'S STATUE:**

July 7-13 Fr Eric; 14-20 G Comitti; 21-27 Di O'Donnell; 28-August 3 K & P Fenwick

**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. ALL MINISTERS ARE TO PROCESS IN AND OUT WITH THE PRIEST AND SERVERS.**



Let all the earth cry out to God with 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: 3rd Monday 2.00pm in Parish Hall.

CWL: 3rd Wednesday commencing with 10.00am Mass.

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[www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

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