



St Patrick's, Stawell

St Patrick's Parish Newsletter Stawell and Landsborough

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C

August 25, 2019



St Francis of Assisi,
Landsborough

THIS WEEK:

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RECENT DEATHS: Sean McKinnon (Murdered in New Zealand last week. Sean is the nephew of Fr Michael McKinnon pp, Mildura and 2nd cousin of Fr Eugene McKinnon pp Donald and St Arnaud)

WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:

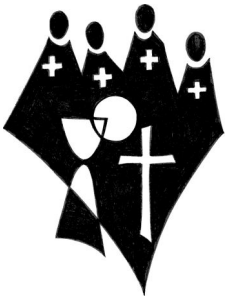
Tues; Wed; Thurs: Fri 10.00am.

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

BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND

Collection for Sick and Retired Priests – next weekend



Creating a secure retirement future for the priests of the diocese is a duty and care in which we can all participate. Fifteen retired priests are currently supported by this Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation.

The funding required for these commitments is ongoing. Thanks to your generosity, this collection has raised nearly 1.9 million dollars since its inception in 1991, including nearly \$47,000 last year. Along with the priests' own contribution of approximately \$33,000 per year, this annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy.

A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.

CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US – THE CHURCH COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY

Envelopes for the BCSF collection should be with your Planned Giving Envelope Package. Loose envelopes are available in the church for those not in Planned Giving.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING TO MARK THE ORDINATION OF BISHOP SHANE MACKINLAY

Mass of Thanksgiving to celebrate the Ordination of Shane Mackinlay as Bishop of Sandhurst Diocese will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat on Wednesday, November 13 at 7.00pm, followed by supper in the Cathedral Hall. All welcome to attend.

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection \$ 369.00

Parish Collection: \$ 389.00

Loose Collection: \$ 64.40

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; 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, Doreen Duffy, John Dalziel

NB: A Family member of the sick person must contact the Parish Office to have names added. They must also have the permission of the sick person if they are able to give it..

HUMOUR:

A Little Boy's Prayer

"Dear God, please take care of my daddy and my mommy and my sister and my brother and my doggy and me.

Oh, please take care of yourself, God. If anything happens to you, we're gonna be in a big mess."

NEWS:



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The outcome of Cardinal Pell's appeal against his conviction on historical child sexual abuse charges is the culmination of months of uncertainty during which many people in our community have experienced conflicting emotions.

I recognise that the whole process of the trial, conviction and appeal have been distressing for many in the community, particularly for victims and survivors of abuse and their families. Publicity and discussion of sexual abuse often causes pain for victims of any abuse and this will be an extremely difficult time for many.

There is a special impact on those of us who live in Ballarat because of Cardinal Pell's connections with this city.

This is also a troubling time for our Catholic community throughout the whole Ballarat diocese, not only because of Cardinal Pell's connections with our diocese but also because the entire Church community is again confronted by the terrible history of abuse of children and the breach of trust that that abuse involved.

I hope and pray that the finalisation of the legal processes will bring some sense of resolution to all those affected by the proceedings.

Paul Bird
Bishop of Ballarat

VATICAN ENDORSES AUSTRALIAN LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

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Leadership for Mission program 2018-2019 participants (ACBC)

A specialised leadership program for Catholic women in Australia has been selected for inclusion on a Vatican website promoting best practices in lay formation. Source: ACBC Media Blog.

The Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life recently chose Leadership for Mission, a course specifically developed by women and for women who are inspired by the Gospel vision of justice, freedom and the dignity of the human person, to be featured at the Dicastery's first Plenary Assembly in November.

The Australian program will feature on a website dedicated to promoting formation and highlighting some model programs from episcopal conferences, dioceses and private institutions worldwide.

Leadership for Mission is a joint initiative of the Council for Australian Catholic Women, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, Catholic Mission and Australian Catholic University.

Andrea Dean, director of the Office for the Participation of Women, said: "During a time of renewed calls within the Catholic Church for the participation and diversity of women's voices in decision-making, leadership and ministry, especially in light of the Plenary Council, this graduate program seeks to further embrace, enhance and theologially ground the leadership capabilities, skills and aspirations of women in the Church and the broader community."

Ms Dean spoke about Leadership for Mission while attending an international consultation in Rome last year on the promotion and formation of the lay faithful.

"While I heard of many wonderful initiatives from countries as diverse as the Philippines and Canada, this program stands out due to its focus on young women and its blend of academic, faith and leadership components," she said.

"Twelve young Catholic women will graduate the current program early next year and we are committed to cultivating capacity for leadership within and beyond the Church for the future."

Dermot Nestor, executive dean of the ACU Faculty of Theology and Philosophy, said a key feature of the program was that it had been designed to meet emergent needs.

"We are delighted that the program has been selected (for the Vatican website) and that the efforts of the staff involved in its design and delivery are being acknowledged in this way," Professor Nestor said.

Acbc web page.

NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS:

(A chance to prepare ahead for next week's readings, especially for our Lectors)

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time C**First Reading Sir 3:17-20, 28-29**

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business,
and you will be better loved than a lavish giver.
The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly,
and then you will find favour with the Lord;
for great though the power of the Lord is,
he accepts the homage of the humble.
There is no cure for the proud man's malady,
since an evil growth has taken root in him.
The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables,
an attentive ear is the sage's dream.
The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 67:4-7. 10-11. R. v.11

(R.) God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God,
they shall exult and dance for joy.

○ sing to the Lord, make music to his name;
rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. (R.)

2. Father of the orphan, defender of the widow,

such is God in his holy place.

God gives the lonely a home to live in;

he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. (R.)

3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain:
when your people were starved you gave them new life.

It was there that your people found a home,
prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. (R.)

Second Reading Heb 12:18-19, 22-24

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

You have to come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses:
not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness,
or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice
speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that
no more should be said to them. But what you have
come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the
heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have
gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which
everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven.
You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and
been placed with spirits of the saints who have been
made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a
new covenant.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 11:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you;

learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 14:1. 7-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

Gospel Reflection

In the gospel of Luke, Jesus is accused of eating with sinners and tax collectors (Lk 15) and we have an image of Jesus as always eating with the marginalised. However, today's gospel account is a more common occurrence: Jesus eating with a leading Pharisee and people of social importance. Although Jesus is depicted as frequently dining in the houses of these well-to-do people, he was probably never invited a second time! As in today's account, Jesus made a habit of accepting the hospitality of such people and then giving them a lecture about how they should behave and reminding them who was not gathered around the table with them. Certainly the sort of actions that don't see too many follow-up invitations!

The message he dishes out to the Pharisees on this occasion is about not thinking you're more important than you really are. He tells them that it is far better to assume a lower status and to be lifted to greater prominence than it is to assume too much and have to be asked to step down to your proper status. In first century Jewish society, eating was as much a political act as it was a social one. Who you ate with was a reflection of your social and political position. To be invited to the head of the table would reflect very positively on a guest whilst being asked to assume a lower seat would be humiliating.

Jesus' final teaching in this account would have been outrageous to his audience. The thought of inviting to a meal people who were in no position to reciprocate was absolutely ridiculous. But Jesus encourages his audience to give to those who cannot repay – to be graciously generous just as God gives without expecting anything in return.

ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (August 25)

Readers: VOLUNTEERS, PLEASE

Processions of Gifts:

Ext. Minister:

Next Week (September 1)

Readers: J Browne/C Browne

Procession of Gifts: D & M Browne

Ext Minister: C Browne

Next Week Church Care: August 31, M Browne

Church Grounds— July: B & P Browne

STAWELL:

This Week (August 24) 6.00PM

Welcomer: M Cray

Readers: T Brady/A Ellis

Ext. Ministers: C Barker/D Jones

Procession of Gifts: I Robinson

(August 25) 10.30AM

Welcomer: S Enriquez

Readers: M Maestros/D O'Donnell

Ext. Ministers: M Rowe/S Enriquez/M R Thomas

Procession of Gifts: L & M Habben

Next Week (August 31) 6.00PM

Welcomer: D McIntosh

Readers: N Rathgeber/L Morgan

Ext. Ministers: M Maestros/E McIntyre

Procession of Gifts: J Allan

(September 1) 10.30AM

Welcomer: M Rowe

Readers: S Little/K Dalton

Ext. Ministers: M R Thomas/G Little/J Van Diesen

Procession of Gifts: G & G Pickering

Counters: Today: M & L Habben

Next Week: E Driscoll/G Pickering

ALTAR SOCIETY : Next week: Working Bee 9.30am

MARY'S STATUE:

August 25-31 B Walsh; September 1-7 E T Driscoll; G & G Pickering; 15-21 H Proud; 22-28 N & E Musumeci; 29—October 5 N Rathgeber.

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. Sacred Vessels are to be left prepared on the bench after Saturday Evening Mass, ready for the Sunday morning Mass. 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.



“I am the way, the truth and the life, 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: 3rd Monday 2.00pm in Parish Hall.

CWL: 3rd Wednesday commencing with 10.00am Mass.

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