



St Patrick's, Stawell

St Patrick's Parish Newsletter Stawell and Landsborough

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C

September 1st, 2019



St Francis of Assisi,
Landsborough

THIS WEEK:

St Pauls Sunday Missal Page 920

ANNIVERSARIES: Barry McArthur

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

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.

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection \$ 383.95

Parish Collection: \$ 760.00

Loose Collection: \$ 99.55

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.

GRAPHIC ARTISTS: Looking for someone to design a parish logo for St Pats Parish. If anyone knows a creative artist/computer graphics person, please let Fr Eric know. This could be a task for a secondary student. Appropriate remuneration available.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CARDS AND POLICE CHECKS: All parishioners who do any work for the church, voluntary or paid must have either a Police Check or a Working With Children's Card or both. Letters will be available to all Ministers, Committee Members, volunteers and employees who will need to arrange for one or other check. This is a parish expense. And people will be asked to contact Fr Eric who has the relevant documents on the parish computers. This is a great inconvenience, but is required by law. Parents of Altar Servers are also reminded that they must accompany their child while vesting in the sacristy, and that the Servers MUST sign in and out in the register provided in the sacristy. **Fr Eric vests in the church, and does not normally enter the sacristy while any child may be in there.**



BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND
Collection for Sick and Retired Priests – This weekend

The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund provides for retired priests who have spent a lifetime selflessly caring for others, and who deserve a happy and peaceful retirement. The Fund is currently supporting and caring for fifteen retired priests. Over the next few years a number of priests currently in parish ministry will be moving into retirement, and will also need to be supported by the fund.



This collection has raised nearly 1.9 million dollars since its inception in 1991, including nearly \$48,000 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. Please give as generously as you can, and help us continue 'caring for those who cared for us'. Special envelopes are available for this collection, which will be taken up today. You may also return your envelope next week.

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; Mollie Barton

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 catholic school teacher asked her class, “Does anyone know what we mean by sins of omission?” A little girl raised her hand and said, “Aren’t those the sins we should have committed, but didn’t?”

A little boy asked his dad, “Did you go to Sunday school every week when you were a kid?” His father replied, “I sure did son.” The little boy responded, “I’ll bet it won’t do me any good either.”

NEWS:

OBEYING GOD IS KEY TO CHRISTIAN LIFE: POPE

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Pope Francis in St Peter’s Square yesterday (CNA/Daniel Ibanez)

An important aspect of the Christian life is obeying God even when there may be consequences for going against the commands of others, Pope Francis said yesterday. Source: CNA.

In the Acts of the Apostles, Peter offers “a key to the Christian life: ‘To obey God instead of men’,” the Pope said during his general audience, adding that “it is the great Christian response”.

“This means listening to God without reservations, without postponements, without calculations,” he said. “Adhere to him to become capable of covenant with him and with [those] whom we meet on our way.”

Continuing his weekly catechesis on the Acts of the Apostles, Francis commented on a passage in chapter five, when the apostles are teaching and performing “signs and wonders” among the people.

In Acts 5:14-15 it says “more than ever, believers in the Lord, great numbers of men and women, were added to them” and they were bringing their sick out into the streets, “so that when Peter came by, at least his shadow might fall on one or another of

them.”

The Pope pointed out that Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, only has to pass by and even “his shadow becomes a ‘caress’ ... an outpouring of the tenderness of the Risen One who bends over the sick and restores life, salvation, dignity”.

This is one way God manifests his closeness, he said. This is what it means to be a witness, manifesting Christ “both with words and with bodily presence”.

The sick and disturbed were all healed at the hands of the apostles. Francis emphasised this aspect, explaining that the sick “are privileged for the Church, for the priestly heart, for all the faithful.”

“They are not to be discarded, on the contrary, they are to be treated, to be looked after: They are the object of Christian concern,” he said.

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OUR DIOCESAN COMMUNITY – ISSUE 3, 2019

Planning for the final 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 October 14 so the latest date for submissions to this issue is Friday, September 6. 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.

NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS:

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

Sunday 08 Sep 2019

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time C

First Reading Wis 9:13-18

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Who can comprehend the will of God?

What man can know the intentions of God?
Who can divine the will of the Lord?
The reasonings of mortals are unsure
and our intentions unstable;
for a perishable body presses down the soul,
and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.
It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,
laborious to know what lies within our reach;
who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?
As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not
granted Wisdom
and sent your holy spirit from above?
Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened
and men been taught what pleases you,
and saved, by Wisdom.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1

(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night. **(R.)**
2. You sweep men away like a dream,
like grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades. **(R.)**
3. Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. **(R.)**
4. In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. **(R.)**

Second Reading Phlm 9-10, 12-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon

Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

Gospel Acclamation Ps 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia!
Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.
Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 14:25-33

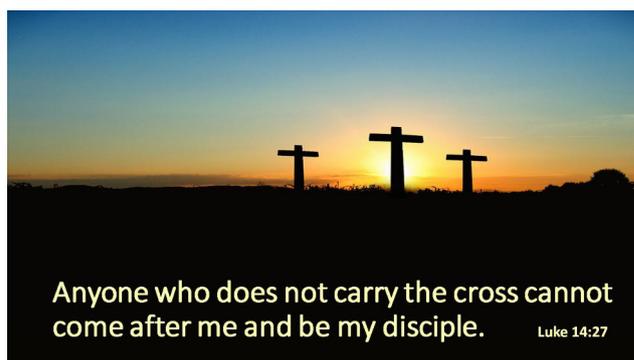
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.
'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER

'Hate' is an emotive and extremely harsh word in our society. In its gospel context, the word is not used as an opposite of 'love' but as an indication of deserving of less significance than another thing. So the teaching about hating father, mother, etc can be read as saying that being a disciple of Jesus must take precedence over everything else, even family. In 1st Century culture, family was foremost above everything else; it was the very fibre that held society together. Jesus is saying that discipleship must be put above even that which is most important and most intrinsic to life in this world. That is why he goes on to tell the two stories about the need to count the cost before undertaking an important venture. He makes clear to his listeners that discipleship is more important than anything else and that there are huge costs associated with taking it on. A believer has to literally 'count the cost' of what it will mean to place discipleship above family, friendships, career, politics and even life itself. Jesus makes no apologies for the fact that what he is asking is incredibly demanding. Our 'possessions' are all those things – material, emotional, and psychological – that we cling to and that we think give us our identity and status. Jesus called for a radical reinterpretation of status and position. He tells his listeners that they cannot truly be disciples if they continue to cling to those things that are considered important in this world. They have to surrender the things that bind them to this world's ideas of status and position before they can fully embrace the kingdom view of the world. As Jesus said, you have to really count the cost!



ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (September 1)

Readers: J Browne/C Browne

Procession of Gifts: D & M Browne

Ext Minister: C Browne

Next Week (August 8)

Readers: B G Browne/M Browne

Processions of Gifts: B G & W Browne

Ext. Minister: Betty Amaran

Next Week Church Care: August 31, M Browne

Church Grounds— July: B & P Browne

STAWELL:

This 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

Next Week (September 7) 6.00PM

Welcomer:

Readers: D Jones/J Raeburn

Ext. Ministers: A De Leon/N Rathgeber

Procession of Gifts: J Croton

(September 8) 10.30AM

Welcomer: E Driscoll

Readers: D O'Donnell/M R Thomas

Ext. Ministers: K Dalton/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:

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.



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

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