



St Patrick's, Stawell

# St Patrick's Parish Newsletter Stawell and Landsborough

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C

September 15th, 2019



St Francis of Assisi,  
Landsborough

**THIS WEEK:**

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**RECENT DEATHS:** Kathleen O'Kane (Facey) Danny Frawley.

Kathleen's funeral will be at St Patrick's next Friday week, September 27 at 11.00am.;

**WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:**

Tues; Wed; Thurs: Fri 10.00am.

**MONDAY 16th SEPTEMBER:**—St Vincent de Paul Meeting in St Pat's Hall, 2.00pm

**WEDNESDAY:** CWL meeting starting with 10.00am Mass.

**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 CAMPAIGN:**

One of the matters raised by the Diocesan Offices in their preparatory work for the Bishop's recent Pastoral Visit to Stawell was the difficulty we have in meeting our recurrent costs—ability to pay our bills.

I have been contacted by a company called Planned Giving Counselors who are interested in coming to Stawell to consult parishioners as to how we may address the issue. The proposed date for this gathering is Tuesday evening, October 1st at either 6.00 or 7.00pm. Any advise regarding this would be gratefully received. (Fr Eric)

**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.**

**CUP OF TEA/COFFEE** after 8.30 am Mass at Landsborough this weekend.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/ CONFESSION:**

**Children of our parish will be celebrating First Confession next term. St Patrick's School Children will be assisted by their teachers in preparation for this Sacrament, as well as taking part in the Parish Based Program. Any children in Government Schools in year 2 or above who are due to receive the Sacrament need to be enrolled in the Parish Program. Please see Fr Eric or Maryanne Comitti (St Pat's School), in the next three weeks, if you wish your child to take part. Thank you.**

**FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:**

Presbytery Collection \$ 385.40

Parish Collection: \$ 563.00

Loose Collection: \$ 113.15

*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; 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:**

### **LITTLE ANGEL!**

Little Johnny's new baby brother was screaming up a storm.

Johnny asked his mom, "Where'd he come from?"

"He came from heaven, Johnny."

Johnny responded: "Wow! I can see why they threw him out!"

## **NEWS:**

### **POVERTY NOT PART OF GOD'S PLAN: POPE**

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God's plan for humanity involves community, mutual support, sharing and caring for each other and for the earth, Pope Francis said during Mass for almost one million people in Madagascar yesterday Source: CNS.

"As we look around us, how many men and women, young people and children are suffering and in utter need. This is not part of God's plan," he said, celebrating Mass on a dusty, red dirt field on the outskirts of Antananarivo.

Madagascar is one of the world's 10 poorest countries. According to the World Bank, 75 per cent of the population lives on less than \$1.90 a day.

It is the second of three countries Pope Francis is visiting this week. He left Mozambique for Madagascar on Friday. He will make a day trip to Mauritius today, returning to Madagascar and heading back to Rome tomorrow.

Close to one million people gathered on the Soamandrakizay field for the Pope's Mass, according to local organisers. Many had spent the night, sleeping on straw mats or plastic tarps and bundled up against a windy winter chill.

Madagascan President Andry Rajoelina, a Catholic, and his wife, Mialy, sat near the front of the crowd as Pope Francis preached about the Gospel call to soli-

arity and the joy that comes from putting faith before power or possessions.

He urged the nation's people "to make your beautiful country a place where the Gospel becomes life and where life is for the greater glory of God."

The Sunday Gospel reading from Luke included the line: "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple."

Pope Francis said Jesus was explaining that "bonds of blood or membership in a particular group, clan or particular culture" have no bearing on who is blessed, whose dignity should be honoured or who, finally, will enter heaven.

"When 'family' becomes the decisive criterion for what we consider right and good," he said, "we end up justifying and even 'consecrating' practices that lead to the culture of privilege and exclusion: favouritism, patronage and, as a consequence, corruption."

### **REFLECTION on Today's Scriptures by Diane Bergant CSA**

We are creatures of this world. We are made of it and we are totally dependent upon it for our very existence. We require its air, its water, its food, its heat. We need it for covering and for shelter; we need it to stimulate our minds and our spirits. Therefore, our use of its phenomenal resources cannot in itself be immoral. What is questionable is the character of our use.

There are many circumstances that contribute to the complexity of these matters. The merchant in the passage from Amos is not faulted because he was prosperous. Nor is the steward in the gospel criticised for putting resources aside for future use. But how much does a person need when there are others who are really needy?

We live our lives on the horns of a dilemma. We have the right to use and to enjoy the marvels of our world, but we cannot do this free of responsibility to each other and to the world itself. We are not called to disown the world. It is impossible for us to do that, because of our total dependence upon it. But we are called to live in it gently, using what we need and sharing what we can. We must make decisions as trustworthy stewards of the household of God, not like the man in the gospel who was only concerned with his own well being. We must serve God, not mammon.

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**NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS:**

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

**Sunday 22 Sep 2019**

**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time C**

**First Reading Amos 8:4-7**

A reading from the prophet Amos

*The Lord God spoke against those who buy the poor for money.*

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.' The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.' The Word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 112:1-2. 4-8. R. see vv.1. 7**

*(R.) Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.*

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!  
May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore! *(R.)*
2. High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory.  
Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth? *(R.)*
3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dungheap he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people. *(R.)*

**Second Reading 1 Tm 2:1-8**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

*Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.*

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans. In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument. The Word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 8:9**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**Lk 16:1-13**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

'Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Gospel Reflection**

We return again to the Lukan theme of money and how it can get in the way of being a true disciple. This week's gospel passage reminds us that we cannot be a follower of God and chase after riches at the same time. That parable of the steward and his master is one that is rarely quoted and would be unfamiliar to most readers. The actions of the steward upon learning that he is to be dismissed seem to us to be evidence of his dubious dealings and yet the master praises his astuteness.

When a steward entered into loans and deals on behalf of his master, he would build into the repayment a profit for himself. This was quite normal and acceptable. So the amount that the steward asks the debtors to reduce their debts to the master is actually the cut that he had built into the deal for himself. His actions are, surprisingly, quite noble and legitimate. What he is doing is ensuring that his master receives all that is owed to him whilst the steward is making himself more popular with the debtors because they don't have to pay back as much. It would be like a modern day salesman saying that he would forego his commission on the sale so that the purchaser didn't have to pay as much.

But why does Jesus use this parable? He makes the point that when the crunch comes – when the kingdom of God is imminent – monetary wealth is going to be meaningless. It is best to cut your losses and turn your energy to building relationships rather than riches.

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## ROSTERS:

### LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

**This Week** September 15)

**Readers:** J Murphy/C Browne

**Procession of Gifts:** Betty Amarant/J Murphy

**Ext Minister:** C Browne

### Next Week (September 22)

Readers: K Vance/B G Browne

Processions of Gifts: K & L Vance

Ext. Minister:K Vance

**Next Week Church Care:** Sep. 22 E Amarant/J Murphy

**Church Grounds—** September VOLUNTEERS PLEASE

## STAWELL:

**This Week** (September 14) 6.00PM

**Welcomer:** N Rathgeber

**Readers:** M Howard/N Rathgeber

**Ext. Ministers:** M Howard/S Howard

**Procession of Gifts:** M Smith Family

(September 15) 10.30AM

**Welcomer:** P Gooden

**Readers:** I Sturt/K Dallinger

**Ext. Ministers:** J Van Diesen/H Potter/V Enriquez

**Procession of Gifts:** P Gooden

**Next Week** (September 21) 6.00PM

**Welcomer:** M Cray

**Readers:** L Morgan/E McIntyre

**Ext. Ministers:** J Obi/A De Leon

**Procession of Gifts:** P Price

(September 22) 10.30AM

**Welcomer:** K Ashton

**Readers:** M R Thomas/S Little

**Ext. Ministers:** I Sturt/M Maestros/K Ashton

**Procession of Gifts:** I Robinson

**Counters: Today:** J Raeburn

**Next Week:** M & L Habben

**ALTAR SOCIETY :** Next week: Gabrielle & Pat

## MARY'S STATUE:

September 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.**



**You cannot serve God and money.**



## 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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