



St Patrick's, Stawell

St Patrick's Parish Newsletter Stawell and Landsborough

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C

September 29nd, 2019



St Francis of Assisi,
Landsborough

THIS WEEK:

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RECENT: Barry Healy

WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:

Tues; Wed; Thurs: Fri 10.00am.

CENTERING PRAYER: in recess

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 gathering is this Tuesday evening, October 1st, 7.00pm in St Pat's School Hall, entry in Holt Street.** Any advise regarding this would be gratefully received. (Fr Eric)

5TH SUNDAY ECUMENICAL SERVICE will be held this Sunday afternoon, September 29 at 2000pm at the Salvation Army Citadel, Main Street at 2.00pm. Please note the change of time for this month only.

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.

LITURGY ROSTERS for the next three months are available at the back of the church. Please take yours today.

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection \$ 413.30

Parish Collection: \$ 755.00

Loose Collection: \$ 110.10

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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 29

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday this Sunday, September 29, 2019. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled, "Making it real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world." It shares Pope Francis' challenge to us to 'boldly become citizens of the digital world'. It points out that we are called not just to be inhabitants of this world, but active citizens shaping it. For further details and resources go to www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

Copies of the statement are available at the doors of the churches this weekend. Please take one home.

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; Robbie Loxton; Nicole Lee (Horsham); Brian O'Loughlin; Beryl Walsh; Shirley Gerritsen; Jordan Young; Steven Oates; Maree Parkin; Rosemary Chisholm (Bendigo); Harry Comitti, John Dalziel; Mollie Barton; Barry Healy; Patty Fenwick.

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 small boy told a Sunday school teacher: "When you die, God takes care of you like your parents did when you were alive — only God doesn't yell at you all the time."

When a young protestant minister was still single, he preached a yearly sermon he entitled, "Rules for Raising Children." After he got married and had children of his own, he changed the title of the sermon to "Suggestions for Raising Children." When his children got to be teenagers, he stopped preaching on that subject altogether.

NEWS:

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY FOCUSES ON THE DIGITAL WORLD

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Social Justice Sunday (is) celebrated throughout the Church in Australia this Sunday, September 29.

Earlier this month, Australia's Catholic bishops launched a major social justice statement on digital communications, calling on all levels of society to overcome the hatred, division and exploitation that occurs online.

The bishops say government, business and the broader community need to be more proactive in defending the dignity of people and all must work together to make the digital world a place of genuine human encounter.

This year's Social Justice Statement, *Making it Real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world*, invites people to reflect on how the Internet has changed the way they communicate, work, learn and do business — and how to contribute to a more just digital world. Writing in the statement's foreword, Bishop Terry Brady, the Bishop Delegate for Social Justice, said that while the digital world enabled people to be more connected than ever before, it could sadly also be a place of manipulation, exploitation and violence.

"We can choose how we behave online, and we can collectively shape the online world, building a more just and loving online neighbourhood," Bishop Brady said.

"It is becoming increasingly clear that digital platforms require wise governance and that international cooperation is required to achieve this. The common good requires intervention rather than leaving digital platforms to govern themselves."

The Social Justice Statement notes that Pope Francis has often spoken of the great potential for "genuine human encounter" online, but he has also warned of elements of the digital world that are harmful: information overload, social isolation, marginalisation of the vulnerable, consumerism and fake news.

"Far too often, the digital world has become a place of hatred. Digital technologies, especially social media, provide a perfect platform for a range of behaviours that are offensive to human dignity," Bishop Brady said. "This is our digital common home, and the principles we find in Catholic Social Teaching and the words of Pope Francis can help guide us to a more just digital space." A number of dioceses, parishes and schools across the country have held their own activities related to the Social Justice Statement since it was launched on September 3. It will be a focus for events and Masses this weekend.

The Social Justice Statement and resources can be downloaded at: www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

Copies of the statement are also available at the church doors.

Extraordinary Month of Mission October 2019

For the Extraordinary Missionary Month, the Holy Father has chosen the theme "Baptised and Sent: The Church of Christ on a Mission in the World". There are four dimensions, specified by the Pope, to live more intensely the journey of preparation for the Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019:

1. Prayer;
2. Witness of extraordinary people of mission;
3. theological reflection/formation; and
4. Charity.

Envelopes will be available from next weekend for those who support the Missions.

NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS:

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

Sunday 06 Oct 2019

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time C

First Reading Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk

The just will live by faithfulness.

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help
while you will not listen;
to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear
and you will not save?
Why do you set injustice before me,
why do you look on where there is tyranny?
Outrage and violence, this is all I see,
all is contention, and discord flourishes.
Then the Lord answered and said,
'Write the vision down,
inscribe it on tablets
to be easily read,
since this vision is for its own time only:
eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive;
if it comes slowly, wait,
for come it will, without fail.
See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights,
but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'
The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. *(R.)*
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. *(R.)*
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' *(R.)*

Second Reading 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

Never be ashamed of witnessing the Lord.

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.
Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something

precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

1 Pt 1:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever;
it is the word given to you, the Good News.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 17:5-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

If you had faith!

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.
'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."
The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel Reflection

How much faith does one have to have? How much faith is enough? How is it possible to measure one person's faith against another?

When the disciples asked Jesus to increase their faith, what exactly were they asking of him? These fishermen and nobodies chosen as disciples by Jesus must surely have had moments of realisation that they were not the sorts of young men normally chosen by Rabbis to be disciples. They must have looked around at the disciples of other teachers and seen that, by comparison, they weren't really in the same league. So they ask Jesus to increase their faith. What they're saying is: make us more like the sorts of people we think we should be. Jesus counters their request by telling them that if they had faith the size of a tiny mustard seed they could accomplish great things. It's not a matter of how much faith one has but what they do with it. How much faith does it take to do great things? Jesus says that it only takes the tiniest scrap of faith.

Jesus follows up this statement by pointing out to the disciples that no matter how small the amount of faith, it carries with it a responsibility and duty to act upon it. One shouldn't be looking for acclaim and special treatment when one acts out of faith as that is simply what is expected. The gift of faith carries with it a duty to live that faith and act upon it.

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ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (September 29)

Readers: M Browne/J Murphy

Procession of Gifts: M Traynor/J Murphy

Ext Minister: J Murphy

Next Week (September 22)

Readers: C Browne/J Browne

Processions of Gifts: Betty Amarant/M Traynor

Ext. Minister: C Browne

Next Week Church Care: October 5 - K Vance

Church Grounds— October - R Brown

STAWELL:

This Week (September 28) 6.00PM

Welcomer: D McIntosh

Readers: M Maestros/A Ellis

Ext. Ministers: N Rathgeber/P Price

Procession of Gifts: J Allan

(September 29) 10.30AM

Welcomer: R Farrell

Readers: J Van Diesen/K Dalton

Ext. Ministers: K Ashton/M Rowe/M R Thomas

Procession of Gifts: L & M Habben

Next Week (October 5) 6.00PM

Welcomer:

Readers: T Brady/J Raeburn

Ext. Ministers: L Morgan/B Walsh

Procession of Gifts: P Price

(October 6) 10.30AM

Welcomer: S Enriquez

Readers: K Dallinger/D O'Donnell

Ext. Ministers: G Comitti/V Enriquez/H Potter

Procession of Gifts: G & G Pickering

Counters: Today: T & A Ellis

Next Week: E Driscoll/G Pickering

ALTAR SOCIETY : Next week: Marie & Gloria

MARY'S STATUE:

September 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.



Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor



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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