



St Patrick's, Stawell

# St Patrick's Parish Newsletter Stawell and Landsborough

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C

October 6, 2019



St Francis of Assisi,  
Landsborough

**THIS WEEK:**

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**RECENT DEATHS:** Frank Woolley , John Jess

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Cameron

**WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:**

Tues; Thurs: Fri 10.00am.  
Wednesday—Eventide Mass—

**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

**PHONES OUT:** The Presbytery phone has been out since Friday morning, and I have been told that it should be reconnected within 48 hours. My mobile phone number is on the back page of the notice sheet.  
0419 597 063

**PLANNED GIVING CAMPAIGN:**

Following the meeting with a very small number of parishioners last Tuesday Evening, it has been decided to conduct a Planned Giving Campaign in February next year. Our parish finances are at a critical point, and the problem must be addressed. This was made clear in the recent audit by the Diocesan Finance Office.

To that end, it is my intention to employ Mr. Ron Cameron of Planned Giving Counsellors to conduct the campaign. Ron has more than 40 years experience in Planned Giving.

**I hope that parishioners will support this venture wholeheartedly.**

The Kick Off Preparation Stage Meeting will be on Tuesday the 19th November 2019. The Thanksgiving Commitment Stage - from Thursday the 6th February through until Tuesday the 25th February 2020. A Thanksgiving Gathering Friday the 21st of February with the Thanksgiving Masses on Saturday the 22nd and Sunday the 23rd of February 2020.

More details will be made available as they come to hand.

**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 \$ 467.00  
Parish Collection: \$ 634.00  
Loose Collection: \$113.50  
*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; 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; John Farrell (Swan Hill)

**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:**

Off The Hood

Two nuns were travelling through Europe in their car. They got to Transylvania and were stopped at a traffic light. Suddenly, a diminutive Dracula jumps onto the bonnet of their car and scratches the windshield!

"Quick, quick!" shouts the first nun, "What shall I do?"

"Turn on the windshield wipers, that will get rid of this abomination," shouts the second.

The nun switches them on, knocking Dracula about, but he clings on and hisses at them loudly!

"What shall I do now?" shouts the first nun.

"Switch on the windshield washer, I filled it with Holy Water when we stopped in the Vatican!" says the second.

Dracula steams as the water burns his skin, but somehow manages to hang on. He hisses at the nuns even louder now!

"Now what?" screams the first nun.

"Show him your cross!" replies the second.

So the first nun rolls down the window and shouts: "GET OFF MY BONNET YOU STUPID FOOL!!!!"

## **NEWS:**

### **AND NOW FOR SOMETHING A BIT DIFFERENT!!**

### **SYNOD TO CONSIDER ORDAINING MARRIED MEN**

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Two of the cardinals leading the Synod of Bishops on the Amazon have made clear that the gathering will consider the idea of ordaining older married men to address the severe lack of priests across the nine-nation region. Source: NCR Online.

In a press conference to present the October 6-27 Synod, Cardinal Lorenzo Baldisseri and Cardinal Claudio Hummes focused on the serious implications of Catholics living without frequent access to the sacraments and the call of people in the Amazon that the Synod address the issue.

Cardinal Hummes, the retired archbishop of Sao Paulo, Brazil, who is serving as the Amazon Synod's relator general, said that up to 80 per cent of people in the region have "a limited sacramental life."

"Very few people receive the Eucharist and can have the celebration," he said. To emphasise the importance of receiving Communion for a Catholic, Cardinal Hummes cited a 2003 encyclical by Pope John Paul II that said the Church "draws her life from the Eucharist."

Cardinal Baldisseri, who heads the Vatican Synod office, affirmed that the issue would be discussed.

"It will be taken into consideration inside the assembly," he said, citing the Synod's working document, known as an instrumentum laboris, that brought up the request from people in the region for a discussion.

"It is in the instrumentum laboris," Cardinal Baldisseri said "Therefore, the Synod fathers are free to express themselves, to discuss it."

The Church has maintained the practice of mandatory celibacy for priests for centuries, pointing to the need for ministers to be completely devoted to their work. It makes exception, however, for priests who belong to Eastern rites or who become Catholic after being ordained in other Christian traditions.

The discussion of a regional allowance for married priests in the Amazon has sparked an uproar among a conservative minority in the Church, including some cardinals.

On Wednesday, Canadian Cardinal Marc Ouellet, who leads the Vatican office that helps the Pope determine which priests become bishops, held an event to launch a book defending the practice of priestly celibacy.

Asked about the upcoming debate at the Synod, Cardinal Ouellet responded: "I am sceptical. And I think I'm not the only one."

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**NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS:**

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

**Sunday 13 Oct 2019**

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

**First Reading 2 Kgs 5:14-17**

A reading from the second book of the Kings

*Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledged the Lord.*

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said, 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

The Word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2**

**(R.)** The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. **(R.)**

2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. **(R.)**

3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. **(R.)**

**Second Reading 2 Tm 2:8-13**

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

*If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.*

Remember the Good News that I carry. 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.

If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.

If we disown him, then he will disown us.

We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

The Word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**1 Thes 5:18**

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God,

because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia!

**Gospel Lk 17:11-19**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

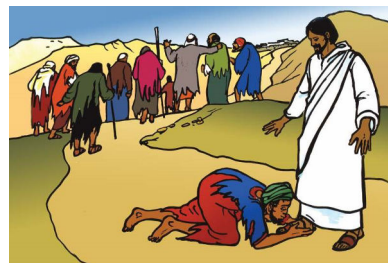
*It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.*

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**HISTORICAL CONTEXT – LEPROSY**

In ancient times, a wide variety of skin diseases were loosely labelled as 'leprosy'. Because of Jewish purity laws, people with skin diseases were automatically regarded as 'unclean' and were forced to live away from others. The assumption was that such disfigurement must be a punishment from God for sinful behaviour. When Jesus encounters the men they are outside the town and keep the required distance from Jesus. He tells them to go and show themselves to the priest, whose authority was relied upon to declare a person healed and fit to return to society after extensive ritual purification.



**HAVE YOU THOUGHT? – ON THE BORDERS**

When Jesus encounters the ten men, he is travelling along the border between Galilee and Samaria. The level of distrust between the Jews of Galilee and the

Samaritans were deep and abiding. The land that fell between the two countries was sparsely populated and mostly barren. That Jesus should encounter the men in this environment is not surprising for these men literally and metaphorically were at the border of society. Not welcome in any town, the men roamed the very edges of society. They lived their whole lives on the borderline – welcome nowhere and belonging nowhere.

**ROSTERS:**

**LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):**

**This Week** (October 6)

Readers: C Browne/J Browne

Processions of Gifts: Betty Amarant/M Traynor

Ext. Minister: C Browne

**Next Week** (October 13)

Readers: M Browne/C Browne

Procession of Gifts: B & C Brown

Ext Minister: M Traynor

**Next Week Church Care:** October 12– C Browne

**Church Grounds—** October - R Brown

**STAWELL:**

**This 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

**Next Week** (October 12) 6.00PM

**Welcomer:** N Rathgeber

**Readers:** L McIntyre/L Morgan

**Ext. Ministers:** A Obiano/M Maestros

**Procession of Gifts:** J Croton

(October 13) 10.30AM

**Welcomer:** M Rowe

**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:**

October 6-12 John Launder; 13-19 St Patrick's School; 20-26

St Patrick's School; 27-Nov 2 Fr Eric

**ANY PERSON/FAMILY WISHING TO HAVE MARY'S STATUE IN THE HOME FOR A WEEK CONTACT MARGARET ROWE OR FR ERIC.**

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

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