



St Patrick's, Stawell

St Patrick's Parish Newsletter Stawell and Landsborough

28th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C

October 13, 2019



St Francis of Assisi,
Landsborough

THIS WEEK:

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ANNIVERSARIES: Monica Browne, Bert Launder, Zoe Grainger, Annette Cecelia Pollock, Hugh Prowd

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



CUP OF TEA/COFFEE in the hall after 10.30am Mass today. All welcome.

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.

CATHOLIC MISSION:

October is traditionally Mission Month in the Catholic Church. It reminds us of our obligation to support the missionary activity of the church in order that the Word of God might be preached to all peoples.

Pope Francis has declared Mission Month 2019 as an **“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.

MISSION ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH FOR THOSE WHO SUPPORT THE MISSIONS. WE ENCOURAGE ALL TO DO SO.

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection \$ 529.80

Parish Collection: \$ 668.00

Loose Collection: \$ 157.20

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.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION:

Thank you to the parents who attended the meeting on Thursday Evening. We have 5 candidates for the Sacrament of Reconciliation this year. Please keep the children in your prayers.

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:

How to Get to Heaven?

The prep teacher at St Pat's school asked the children in her class, "If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale and gave all my money to the church, would I get into heaven?"

"NO!" the children all answered.

"If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the yard, and kept everything neat and tidy, would I get into heaven?"

Again, the answer was "NO!"

"Well," she continued, "then how can I get to heaven?"

In the back of the room, a five-year-old boy shouted out, "You gotta be dead!"

DODSON'S WARNING ON EUTHANASIA

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Senator Pat Dodson (EREA)

Labor Senator Pat Dodson fears that legalised euthanasia will create a barrier to Indigenous people getting medical care, deepening the health crisis in remote communities. Source: The Weekend Australian.

The widely respected Labor senator is the first major figure on his side of politics to speak out against voluntary assisted dying, as the ALP-governed states continue to champion the law change.

Writing in The Weekend Australian, Senator Dodson says legislation passed in the lower house of the West Australian parliament lacks indigenous input and could backfire if enacted.

"Fears and suspicions of 'whitefella' medicine will only increase, and the capacity to ascertain

informed consent will be difficult," Senator Dodson writes.

The state is the second after Victoria to bring forward a government-backed bill for voluntary assisted dying (VAD), while a parliamentary committee in Queensland is well-advanced on assessing the case for legislation there.

Liberal-governed South Australia is also eyeing reform, two decades after VAD became law in the Northern Territory but was voided by John Howard's federal government.

"The Northern Territory experience in the 1990s suggests that the mere presence of this legislation may be a barrier to First Nations peoples receiving healthcare," Senator Dodson writes.

He says supporters of the bill — "most with good intentions and compassion for loved ones" — are building their case on an individualist rights agenda.

"Such a perspective emphasises the rights of an individual and ignores the wider influence of such decisions on those around them — families, friends and communities," he writes.

"Individual choice is an important component of this but it should not be the only significant factor because other humans are going to be required to live with the consequences of their part in ending the life of another.

"In an increasingly atomised world, we are finding it harder than ever to understand the interconnect-edness of our social structures and the political choices that hold them together."

Asked how a VAD law in his home state of Western Australia would compromise indigenous medical services, Senator Dodson said: "People are very suspicious of the whole (health) system generally. If they find it is associated with potentially the capacity to end your life, as much as to save it, I am fearful people will then, despite their need, start to move away."

NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS:

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

Sunday 20 Oct 2019

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time C

First Reading Ex 17:8-13

A reading from the book of Exodus

As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 120. R. v.2

(R.) Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains:

from where shall come my help?

My help shall come from the Lord

who made heaven and earth. *(R.)*

2. May he never allow you to stumble!

Let him sleep not, your guard.

No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,

Israel's guard. *(R.)*

3. The Lord is your guard and your shade;

at your right side he stands.

By day the sun shall not smite you

nor the moon in the night. *(R.)*

4. The Lord will guard you from evil,

he will guard your soul.

The Lord will guard your going and coming

both now and for ever. *(R.)*

Second Reading 2 Tm 3:14 – 4:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Heb 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active;

it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 18:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

The Gospel of the Lord.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In the gospel of Luke, widows represent the lowly of society. They also are a measure of how the society is travelling. In the Old Testament, God commanded the people to care for widows, orphans and strangers. Widows, in particular, were to be cared for by the whole community. From that point on, the level of compassion within the society could be measured by the care extended to the widows. A number of the prophets point to neglect of the widows as a sign that the community has turned its back on the covenant with God. The gospel of Luke picks up this prophetic tradition and on several occasions uses widows as the key figures in stories or parables.

In this parable, the widow is petitioning her local judge for justice against towards the widow, but the judge fobs her off repeatedly. The widow, knowing that her cause is just, persists and finally wears down the judge.

Another feature of the gospel of Luke is that the lowly and poor – represented here by the widow – are those who recognise their own condition and call on the mercy of God to lift them up. Jesus says that God will see justice done to those who cry out for God's help. Jesus' final comment about finding any faith on earth is a reminder that human beings have a tendency to think they can solve all their own problems and forget that they need God's action in their lives. The faithful in the gospel of Luke are those who know that they are in need of God's mercy and love and call out for it.

ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (October 13)

Readers: M Browne/C Browne

Procession of Gifts: B & C Brown

Ext Minister: M Traynor

Next Week (October 20)

Readers: J Murphy/K Vance

Processions of Gifts: J & C Browne

Ext. Minister: J Murphy

Church Care: October 20 Betty Amarant/J Murphy

Church Grounds— October - R Brown

STAWELL:

This 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

Next Week

(October 19) 6.00PM

Welcomer: M Cray

Readers: N Rathgeber/T Brady

Ext. Ministers: C Barker/J Obi

Procession of Gifts: M Smith Family

(October 20) 10.30AM

Welcomer: E Driscoll

Readers: M R Thomas/J Van Diesen

Ext. Ministers: G Little/H Potter/F Harney

Procession of Gifts: Cain/Rutter Family

Counters: Today: T & A Ellis

Next Week: J Raeburn

ALTAR SOCIETY : Next week: Margaret & Di

MARY'S STATUE:

October 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.



Only one returned to thank Jesus



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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