



St Patrick's, Stawell

St Patrick's Parish Newsletter Stawell and Landsborough

29th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C

October 20, 2019



St Francis of Assisi,
Landsborough

THIS WEEK:

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ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Kindred, Pat O'Brien, Hugh Amarant, George and Coralie Brady, Bridget Pickering, Vera Wheeler and Brian Duffy

MONDAY 2pm St Vincent de Paul in the hall.

WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:

Tues; Thurs: Fri 10.00am.
Wed—Eventide Mass 10.30am

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

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection \$ 441.75

Parish Collection: \$ 622.00

Loose Collection: \$ 89.40

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.

St Vincent de Paul Society, "Assist a Student" Program for Victoria

Bishop Paul has approved the promotion of the St Vincent de Paul "Assist a Student" Program for parishes in the diocese on the weekend of October 19/20 or October 26/27, 2019. The program involves a \$70.00 sponsorship of a student from a poorer country to assist with attendance at school which is aimed at breaking the poverty cycle and encapsulates the Vincentian message of "a hand up, not a hand out". Flyer attached or go to https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Our_Impact/International_Impact/Assist_a_student_today/

TO DATE, NOTHING HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO ME BY ST VINNIES. Hopefully next week's bulletin.

RCIA DIOCESAN AND STATE CONFERENCE

The Ballarat Diocese is hosting the diocesan and state RCIA Conferences in November this year and registrations are now open for November 15th & 16th 2019. See Fr Eric if interested in attending, or see the poster on the church notice board.

BULLETIN NOTICES NEED TO BE INTO THE PARISH OFFICE BY THURSDAY LUNCHTIME. THE PREFERRED METHOD IS BY EMAIL.

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.



CUP OF TEA/COFFEE after 8.30am Mass at Landsborough today. All welcome.

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.

HUMOUR:

HELPFUL PRAYER

Billy had been misbehaving and was sent to his room. After a while he emerged and informed his mother that he had thought it over and then said a prayer. "Fine", said the pleased mother. "If you ask God to help you not misbehave, He will help you." "Oh, I didn't ask Him to help me not misbehave," said Johnny. "I asked Him to help you put up with me."

SOMETHING A LITTLE DIFFERENT:

CATHOLIC FAITH RUNS DEEP FOR MARATHON MAN

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Family and friends of Kenyan marathoner Eliud Kipchoge say his record in running a marathon under two hours might have something to do with his deep Catholic faith. Source: CNA.

On Saturday, Kipchoge broke the two-hour barrier, long-thought to be unbreakable. He finished the 42 kilometre course in Vienna in 1 hour 59 minutes 40 seconds.

Sometime after the run, Kipchoge, 34, did what he is reported to do after every race: he knelt down, bent his forehead to the ground, and made the sign of the cross, in thanksgiving for a good run.

In his hometown, his friends and family say that Kipchoge's extraordinary accomplishment might have something to do with his deep Catholic faith.

Kipchoge's cousin, Fr Kennedy Kipchumba, told ACI Africa on Saturday that the runner's accomplishment was "a moment of joy and jubilation, with a summary of 'God fulfils his promise!'"

"I was part of the close to 3000 people who were following the race from a big screen and with all of them, we ended up bowing to God to thank him for this much he offered to us," Fr Kipchumba said.

After Kipchoge's feat, his family, included several priests, celebrated Mass in thanksgiving.

"Everybody came to Church, to say thank you to God. We celebrated Mass to thank God," Fr Kipchumba said.

The Mass was celebrated in a small village chapel, St. Peter's Kapsisiwa, an "outstation" of St. Joseph's Sangalo Parish in the Diocese of Eldoret.

Kipchoge's mother, Janeth Rotich, is seen as a moral and spiritual supporter of her son.

"I wake up at 3am every day to pray for Kipchoge. I pray the Rosary," she has told local reporters.

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COUNCIL MOTION CALLS FOR SIGNS AT CHURCHES WARNING OF RISKS

A City of Melbourne councillor has proposed a motion that the council write to all the Catholic churches in the city, asking if they will abide by Victoria's new mandatory reporting law. Source: The Age.

The motion, put forward by Cr Nicholas Frances Gilley, will be voted on by the council tomorrow.

If the churches refuse to confirm they will follow the new laws, the councillor says the council should consider putting up signs in front of the churches, warning that the safety of children cannot be guaranteed.

Melbourne Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli has said he would sooner go to jail than comply with laws introduced by the Andrews Government last month aimed at forcing religious figures to reveal admissions of child sexual abuse made during confession.

The Church says that it supports mandatory reporting and encourages victims to report abuse to police but will not break the seal of confession.

In the motion, Cr Frances Gilley asks council officers to "write to all churches and places of worship requesting assurances that all staff and associates will abide by the law of mandatory reporting".

If this assurance was not received, Cr Frances Gilley, said the council should "clearly advise people of the risks of using such institutions".

"Should we put up great big signs [in front of churches], or should we write on the pavement? I don't know, but I believe that we should look at that," said Cr Frances Gilley.

On Friday, Lord Mayor Sally Capp said she supported the motion, which she said reflected the expectations of the community regarding mandatory reporting.

Approached for comment in response to the motion, Francis Moore, the Melbourne Archdiocese's executive director of administration, said: "The Archdiocese is committed to the safety of all children and has been on the public record since

NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS:

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

Sunday 27 Oct 2019

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time C

First Reading Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.

The Lord is a judge
who is no respecter of personages.
He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a
poor man,
he listens to the plea of the injured party.
He does not ignore the orphan's supplication,
nor the widow's as she pours out her story.
The man who with his whole heart serves God will be
accepted,
his petitions will carry to the clouds.
The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds,
until it arrives he is inconsolable
nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him,
acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.
And the Lord will not be slow,
nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:2-3. 17-19. 23. R. v.7

(R.) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **(R.)**

Second Reading 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

My life is already being poured away as a libation,
and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought
the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish;
I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown
of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord,
the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not
only to me but to all those who have longed for his Ap-
pearing.
The first time I had to present my defence, there was not
a single witness to support me. Every one of them de-
serted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But
the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that
through me the whole message might be proclaimed for
all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the
lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil at-

tempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly king-
dom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 18:9-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*The publican returned to his home justified;
the pharisee did not.*

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who
prided themselves on being virtuous and despised every-
one else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a
Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there
and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am
not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind,
and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I
fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collec-
tor stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his
eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be
merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home
again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone
who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who hum-
bles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

GOSPEL REFLECTION (NEXT WEEK'S GOSPEL)

This week's gospel passage flows on directly from last week's
gospel and continues the teaching of Jesus about prayer. Where-
as the preceding passage emphasised the need for persistence in
prayer, this passage is about the way in which we come before
God in prayer. It is the tax collector, whose simple prayer is
'God, be merciful to me, a sinner,' who goes home at rights with
God. In this simple prayer, the tax collector recognises that he is
not in right relationship with God and asks for God's mercy. This
is a hallmark of the lowly and outcast in the gospel of Luke: they
recognise their need and seek God's forgiveness and mercy. The
model of faith that is depicted over and over again in this gospel
is the one who recognises their need for God's loving mercy and
asks for it. We are repeatedly reminded that God's mercy, for-
giveness and abundant love are constantly out-flowing towards
us and all we have to do is humbly desire and welcome them.

Humility is at the heart of this parable. The Pharisee is repre-
sentative of those who are assured of their own rightness but who
rely on comparison with others to make themselves feel righteous
and justified. The actions of this man were not limited to Pharisees
alone, nor are they limited to a particular time and place. This
man's attitude of asserting his own faithfulness and religious ob-
servance by comparison with others can be easily seen in the
world today. All faiths seem to be afflicted with these characters
who assure themselves of their own 'goodness' by railing against
those who are different. But, as the parable assures us, it is the
humble who are exalted by God.



*The Publican and the Pharisee
By Heinrich Schutz (1990)*

ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (October 20)

Readers: J Murphy/K Vance

Processions of Gifts: J & C Browne

Ext. Minister: J Murphy

Next Week (October 27)

Readers: B G Browne/C Browne

Procession of Gifts: B Amarant/M Traynor

Ext Minister: Kate Vance

Church Care: October 27 M Browne

Church Grounds— October - R Brown

STAWELL:

This 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

Next Week (October 26) 6.00PM

Welcomer: D McIntosh

Readers: J Raeburn/M Maestros

Ext. Ministers: D Jones/L Moloney

Procession of Gifts: I Robinson

(October 27) 10.30AM

Welcomer: P Gooden

Readers: K Dalton/I Sturt

Ext. Ministers: M Rowe/J Van Diesen/G Comitti

Procession of Gifts: L & M Habben

Counters: Today: J Raeburn

Next Week: M & L Habben

ALTAR SOCIETY : Next week: Gabrielle & Pat

MARY'S STATUE:

October 20-26 St Patrick's School; 27-Nov 2 St Patrick's School.

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

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The Principal claims <~ this is not a good likeness. Keep trying till I find a decent one.

