



St Patrick's, Stawell

St Patrick's Parish Newsletter Stawell and Landsborough

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C

October 27, 2019



St Francis of Assisi,
Landsborough

THIS WEEK:

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ANNIVERSARIES: Fiona Seebus, Pat O'Loughlin, Father Frank Monaghan, Hugh Amarant, Peter Scarsi, Elsie Dalziel, and Bob Boag

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

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 \$ 506.85

Parish Collection: \$ 752.00

Loose Collection: \$ 141.35

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.

THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL ASSIST A STUDENT

PROGRAMME helps student in poor circumstance in countries to our North to get to school. We all appreciate that education is the key to helping people to get out of the poverty cycle. It costs \$70 to assist one student for one year and 100% of your donation goes to

each student. Some parishioners are already supporting this project. There are posters and contribution pamphlets on the notice board and a tin where you can leave smaller contributions so the parish community may then sponsor a student.

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.

ROSTERS AND PHONE NUMBERS:

Apologies to those ministers whose names have not appeared on the Contact List with the rosters. We will correct this in time. Also, any rostered minister prepared to share their phone number are asked to ensure the correct number is on the list. Please give any corrected numbers to June Raeburn or to Fr Eric.

PRAYER FOR RAIN:

The Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference has proclaimed November as the month for the Australian Church to concentrate on praying for rain. Let us pray for this great need not only at Mass, but also in our homes and our schools.

PLANT CUTTINGS: 'Tis the season for some pruning and digging. Any offers of cuttings, etc. would be gratefully accepted for the church garden.

SICK LIST

Noah Amarant; Kathryn Young; Glenis Leddin; Lourdes de la Cerna; Kath Hayes (Ballarat); John Delaney; Lynn Wright; 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; Steven Oates; Maree Parkin; Rosemary Chisholm (Bendigo); Harry Comitti, John Dalziel; Mollie Barton; Patty Fenwick; John Farrell (Swan Hill); Jordan Young

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:

Joke of the Day

The Pastor's wife walked into the kitchen to find her husband stalking around with a fly swatter. "What are you doing?" She asked. "Hunting flies" He responded. "Oh. Killing any?" She asked. "Yep, 3 males, 2 females," he replied. Intrigued, she asked. "How can you tell them apart?" He responded, "3 were on a beer can, 2 were on the phone."

NEWS:

Cardinal calls for greater role for women in the Church

Published: 24 October 2019



Cardinal Oswald Gracias (CNS/Anto Akkara)

Catholic bishops are not fully utilizing Church law to maximize the role of women in decision-making capacities, Indian Cardinal Oswald Gracias of Mumbai said yesterday. Source: *Crux*.

While acknowledging that women are unable to hear confession, say Mass, or administer confirmation, "she can do practically everything else", Cardinal Gracias said. "Women can even be in charge of a parish according to Church law."

The cardinal's remarks came during a press briefing as the Synod of Bishops on the Amazon nears its final conclusion this week, where the role of women in the Church has been a repeated theme as the Church considers how to better respond to the pastoral needs of the Amazon region.

"We must use all of this," he added, noting that Pope Francis "very [much] wants decentralization," and for bishops to enact changes where they can already do so without the permission of the Holy See.

In addition to being the archbishop of Mumbai, Cardinal Gracias serves on Francis's Council of Cardinal Advisors.

The role of women in the Church dominated much of yesterday's press conference with several of the other representatives from the Amazon speaking for the need for concrete and tangible action, while steering clear of addressing the question of women's ordina-

tion to the diaconate, which is anticipated to be addressed in some form in the Synod's final document.

Bishop Ricardo Ernesto Centellas Guzmán of Potosí, Bolivia, who heads the country's bishops' conference, also called for a change in "mindset" when it comes to women in the Church.

"We all have to change our mentality to make sure participation of women becomes authentic and that is equitable and fair," he said.

Sr Roselei Bertoldo, a nun from Brazil who works in human trafficking, echoed his words, telling reporters that the structure of the Church is often focused on men when it comes to questions of authority.

"We want to become the protagonist in this process," she said. "We will not keep silent. We want space, and we will start building a space."

The Synod of Bishops on the Amazon is set to conclude with a Mass on Sunday.

Source: *Crux*. In *LiturgyHelp.com.au*, Thursday, October 24, 2019



This is a Catholic prayer for rain:

Almighty God, we are in need of rain. We realize now, looking up into the clear, blue sky, what a marvel even the least drop of rain really is. To think that so much water can really fall out of the sky, which now is empty and clear! We place our trust in You. We are sure that You know our needs. But You want us to ask you anyway, to show You that we know we are dependent on you. Look to our dry hills and fields, dear God, and bless them with the living blessing of soft rain. Then the land will rejoice and rivers will sing Your praises, and the hearts of all will be made glad. Amen.

NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS:

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

SUNDAY 03 NOV 2019

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First Reading Wis 11:22 – 12:2

A reading from the book of Wisdom

You have mercy on all things because you love everything that exists.

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground. Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent. Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it. And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth by you? You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all. Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord. The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14. R. see v.1
(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

1. I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever. *(R.)*

2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. *(R.)*

3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. *(R.)*

4. The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down. *(R.)*

Second Reading 2 Thes 1:11 – 2:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

The name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him.

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 19:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The Son of Man came to seek and to find that which was lost.

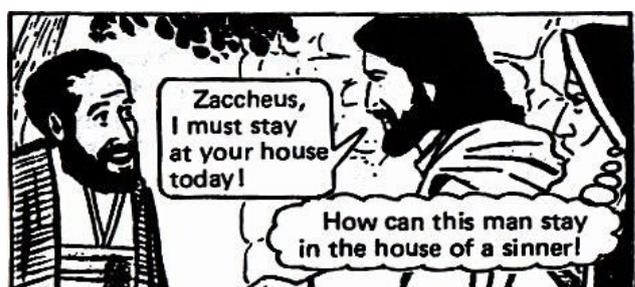
Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'
The Gospel of the Lord.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Through nine or ten chapters of the gospel of Luke and over several months we have been following the journey of Jesus towards Jerusalem. In today's gospel, Jesus has drawn very near to Jerusalem – Jericho is just a short distance from Jerusalem – and Jesus is moving steadily closer to the Passion of his final days.

Zacchaeus is as keen as the rest of Jericho to see Jesus as he passes through the town. However, because he is so short he can't see past the crowd and because he is a despised tax collector, no one was going to make room for him to see. He goes to the extreme length of climbing a tree just to catch a glimpse of Jesus. Like other characters in the gospel, his determination to simply catch sight of Jesus is an indication of his readiness to accept the message of Jesus. Because of his evident willingness to welcome the message of Jesus into his life, Jesus prompts Zacchaeus to welcome Jesus into his home. The readiness of Jesus to enter into the house of someone regarded as a sinner causes great scandal among the onlookers. What's more, Jesus is prepared to eat with this man as well – a sign of complete acceptance. The welcome of Zacchaeus meets the welcome of God.

Jesus declares that salvation has come to Zacchaeus' house and that he is a son of Abraham – one of the faithful. His words are directed to the crowd, not Zacchaeus. They are so determined to draw lines between those who are acceptable and those who are not that they have failed to notice what Jesus has taught all along – that faith can flourish in all people and is not determined by their social status.



ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (October 27)

Readers: B G Browne/C Browne

Procession of Gifts: B Amarant/M Traynor

Ext Minister: Kate Vance

Next Week (November 3)

Readers: J Murphy/C Browne

Processions of Gifts: J Murphy/Anne-Marie Browne

Ext. Minister: J Murphy

Church Care: October 27 M Browne

Church Grounds— October - R Brown

STAWELL:

This 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

Next Week (November 2) 6.00PM

Welcomer:

Readers: M Howard/D Jones

Ext. Ministers: M Howard/S Parry

Procession of Gifts: J Allan

(November 3) 10.30AM

Welcomer: K Ashton

Readers: D O'Donnell/S Little

Ext. Ministers: K Ashton/M R Thomas/S Enriquez

Procession of Gifts: G & Pickering

Counters: Today: M & L Habben

Next Week: Gloria & Liz

ALTAR SOCIETY : Next week: Marie & Gloria & Greg

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

Our parish website can be accessed through the diocesan site.

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