



# St Patrick's Parish Newsletter

## Stawell and Landsborough



31st Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C

*St Patrick's, Stawell*

November 3, 2019

*St Francis of Assisi,  
Landsborough*

**THIS WEEK:**

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**ANNIVERSARIES:** Dolly Kelly

**WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:**

Tues; Wed; Thurs; Fri 10.00am.

**WEDNESDAY:** There will be a special meeting of the Catholic Women's League this Wednesday, November 6, to discuss further whether the branch will close or continue on. Could all members please attend.

**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:**

**Our New Planned Giving Campaign will be held in March 2020.**

A preparatory Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 19 at 7.00pm in the School Hall. We encourage as many people as possible to attend this meeting and to hear about what is entailed in the program.

**I am also asking for a volunteer to chair the meetings over the campaign period, including this first meeting. Any volunteer(s) see Fr Eric As soon as possible.**

Preparation Kick off Meeting (November 19)

Agenda

Welcome to all present	Chairperson
Opening Prayer	Parish Priest
Forward planning	Consultant
The 'Discover Church Stewardship' Program	
Program Calendar	
Getting started	Consultant
Formation of working groups	
Administration & Listing	
Vision Budget and Publicity	
Commitment Weekend Arrangements	
Discussion:	
Closing remarks & Prayer	Parish Priest

**PARTH CENSUS:**

A Parish Census will be taken up during the next few weeks. Details will be available next weekend hopefully.

**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 Rae-

burn 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.

**BOOKS FOR SALE:**

A NUMBER OF BOOKS HAVE BEEN DONATED TO THE PARISH OP-SHOP. SOME OF THESE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE IN THE CHURCH HALL THIS WEEKEND AND NEXT WEEKEND AFTER MASSES.. FEEL FREE TO BROWSE AND BUY....

**FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:**

Presbytery Collection \$ 767.30

Parish Collection: \$ 711.00

Loose Collection: \$ 68.80

*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.

**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:

A minister died and went to heaven and ahead of him at the Pearly Gate was a guy in sunglasses and a leather jacket and the guy said to St. Peter. "I'm Joe Nestorenko, cabdriver of Las Vegas." Saint Peter gave him a golden robe and golden staff and then it was the minister's turn. "I am Elmer Lundberg, pastor of Zion Lutheran for forty five years." Saint Peter gave him a cotton robe and wooden staff." "But that man was a taxi driver? and he gets a golden robe? and golden staff?" And St. Peter said, "Up here, we go by results. While you preached, people slept; while he drove, people prayed."

## FOR THE GIFT OF RAIN

Eternal God,  
In wisdom and love  
you created our earth  
to sustain us and give us life.  
We turn to you now  
in faith, hope and love,  
asking you to look with favour  
on our drought-stricken land,  
on our starving animals,  
on our failing crops.  
Strengthen, sustain and give new heart  
to our farmers  
and to all who are affected by drought;  
be with those who support them.  
In your loving providence,  
send abundant rain  
and restore our parched earth.  
Father of all compassion,  
hear our prayer  
through Jesus Christ your Son,  
in whom the promise of new life  
has dawned, and  
through the power  
of the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord the giver of life:  
Renew your faithful people;  
Renew the face of the earth.  
Our Lady of the Southern Cross,  
Mary, help of Christians –  
Pray for us.  
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop –  
Pray for us.



*Please take this Bulletin  
home and pray this prayer  
throughout the coming week*

## NEWS

### AGED CARE A 'SHOCKING TALE OF NEGLECT'

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An interim report from the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety has found the nation's aged care system tells a "shocking tale of neglect". Source: ABC News.

After a 10-month inquiry, the report said the system failed to meet the needs of elderly people, often neglected them and was "unkind and uncaring".

Commissioners Richard Tracey and Lynell Briggs said the aged care industry was "a sad and shocking system that diminishes Australia as a nation" and needed to be changed.

The inquiry, which began in February, investigated aged care housing, in-home care and care for young people with disabilities living in a residential aged care environment.

The commission found service shortfalls, serious substandard and unsafe care and an "underpaid, undervalued and insufficiently trained" staffing.

It identified three areas, which it said, could be acted upon immediately: more home-care packages for those on the waiting list, a reduction in the "over-reliance" on chemical restraints and stemming the intake of young people with disabilities into aged-care home.

The use of chemical restraints is one of the areas most strongly condemned.

The commission called for tighter regulations on the controversial practice to subdue patients, describing its use as "inhumane, abusive and unjustified".

Among the findings, it also summarised the aged-care system was based around "transactions" rather than care.

It also found the voices of those receiving care were not listened to and the workforce was "under pressure" and lacked key skills.

The My Aged Care website and call centre was a costly failure which did not adequately provide information on care or how to access it, the Commission said.

Elsewhere, it described the provision of care as a "lottery" with waiting times of up to 12 months or more, with people dying on the wait list.

The final report will be handed to the Governor-General in November 2020.

In response to the findings, Minister for Aged Care Richard Colbeck said he had been shocked by the extent of the findings and said it had put the Government "on notice".

"One of the really important things that the royal commission has done is to give people a voice," Mr Colbeck said.

"The Prime Minister warned us that we would hear some bad stories — what shocked us all has been the extent of that."

Reported in LiturgyHelp.com.au (Friday)

**Let us pray for all in residents in Aged Care, that they be treated with great dignity and cared for.**

**Let us pray that our aged care facilities be staffed with adequate caring staff.**

**NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS:**

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

**Sunday 10 Nov 2019**

**Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time C**

**First Reading      2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14**

A reading from the second book of Maccabees

*The king of the world will receive us into life eternal at the resurrection.*

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.'

With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.'

After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering.

When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

The Word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm      Ps 16:1. 5-6. 8. 15. R. v.15**

**(R.)** Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

1. Lord, hear a cause that is just,  
pay heed to my cry.

Turn your ear to my prayer:  
no deceit is on my lips. **(R.)**

2. I keep my feet firmly in your paths;  
there was no faltering in my steps.

I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God.  
Turn your ear to me; hear my words. **(R.)**

3. Guard me as the apple of your eye.  
Hide me in the shadow of your wings.

As for me, in my justice I shall see your face  
and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory. **(R.)**

**Second Reading      2 Thes 2:16 – 3:5**

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

*May the Lord strengthen you in everything good  
that you do or say.*

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on do-

ing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Rv 1:5. 6**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;  
glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**Lk 20:27-38**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*He is not a God of the dead but of the living.*

Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put this question to him, 'Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well, then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?'

Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

### **GOSPEL REFLECTION**

Life after death, in one form or another, is a common belief of most of the major faiths of the world. It is certainly a basic tenet of Christian faith. Because the gospels record Jesus as speaking about an afterlife, we tend to assume that this was a common belief of his time. However, within the different groups of Judaism, there was significant diversity of belief about this point. While the Pharisees believed in resurrection, the Sadducees did not. The Sadducees, whose name means 'righteous ones' were an elite group within the Jewish faith. They were ;/urists in their adherence to the Torah and their rejection of any later teachings or writings – this actually put them in conflict with the Pharisees, although the two groups are often portrayed in the gospels as being united against Jesus. Today's gospel passage depicts an attempt by the Sadducees to ridicule belief in an afterlife by questioning Jesus about an extremely exaggerated scenario.

The reply Jesus gives largely ignores the farcical nature of the question. Rather, Jesus makes clear that the resurrected life is not merely an extension of the earthly life. The things that are of concern in this world are not an issue in the next. Through death and resurrection, life is changed; not ended. This idea can be challenging at a time when we are mourning the loss of a loved one, yet we are called to respond to that challenge with a genuine hope and trust in the life that goes on in a different way. Jesus, in fact, dismisses the whole idea of death as an ending by saying that to God all people are alive, whether on earth or in the resurrection.

**ROSTERS:****LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):****This Week** (November 3)

Readers: J Murphy/C Browne

Processions of Gifts: J Murphy/Anne-Marie Browne

Ext. Minister: J Murphy

**Next Week** (November 10)

Readers: K Vance/C Browne

Procession of Gifts: K &amp; L Vance

Ext Minister: K Vance

**Church Care:** October 27 M Browne**Church Grounds—** November - Volunteer**STA WELL:****This 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 &amp; Pickering

**Next Week** (November 9) 6.00PM**Welcomer:** N Rathgeber

Readers: N Rathgeber/A Ellis

Ext. Ministers: A De Leon/J Raeburn

Procession of Gifts: B Walsh

(November 10) 10.30AM

**Welcomer:** R Farrell

Readers: J Van Diesen/K Dallinger

Ext. Ministers: F Harney/I Sturt/K Dalton

Procession of Gifts: P Gooden

**Counters: Today:** G Pickering/E Driscoll**Next Week:** T & A Ellis**ALTAR SOCIETY :** Next week: Liz & Kay**MARY'S STATUE:**November 3-9 G Comitti; 10-16 M Rowe; 17-23 D O'Donnell;  
24-30 K & P Fenwick**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.****I WILL PRAISE YOUR NAME FOREVER, MY KING AND MY GOD.****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 &amp; 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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good likeness.  
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a decent one.