



St Patrick's, Stawell

St Patrick's Parish Newsletter Stawell and Landsborough

32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C

November 10, 2019



St Francis of Assisi,
Landsborough

THIS WEEK:

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ANNIVERSARIES:

WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:

Tues; Fri 10.00am.

Wed—Mass at Eventide 10.30am

NO MASS THURSDAY—FR ERIC IN BALLARAT

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 thank John Launder for offering his service as Chairperson of the Planned Giving Campaign.

Preparation Kick off Meeting (November 19)

Agenda

Welcome to all present Chairperson (Filled)

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

PARISH CENSUS:

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

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.

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 \$ 469.10

Parish Collection: \$ 653.00

Loose Collection: \$ 82.30

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 AND STAWELL INTER CHURCH COUNCIL

WELFARE work together to help those in need in our town and region.

If you know anyone who might need assistance this Christmas, could you please direct them to the Cottage at 20 Sloane St. Stawell? We are open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10.30am – 12.30. Requests for help this Christmas with grocery shopping vouchers and new toys and books for children need to be made at the Cottage during this month of November.

GIVING TO THE NEEDY AT CHRISTMAS:

Christmas is not a happy time for those in need in our community. Last year our local St Vincent de Paul and Stawell Inter Church Council Welfare distributed Christmas grocery shopping vouchers to 113 households in Stawell and region, made up of 357 individuals. New toys and books were given to 133 children aged 13 years and under. You can help locals in need by leaving a donation of a new un-wrapped toy or children's book under the Christmas giving tree at the back of the church. Donations will be collected on Sunday 15th December and will be distributed on Wednesday 18th December.

ASSIST A STUDENT APPEAL:

Thankyou to all parishioners who took leaflets for St Vincent de Paul's Assist a Student programme. Thankyou also to those who put a donation into the tin at the back of the church. We have enough for St Patrick's parish to sponsor one student.

NO MASS THURSDAY AS FR ERIC WILL BE IN BALLARAT. BISHOP SHANE MACKINLAY'S THANKSGIVING MASS IS BEING CELEBRATED IN THE CATHEDRAL WEDNESDAY EVENING. 7.00PM

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:



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

A GOOD CHRISTIAN MAN IS HARD TO FIND

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Christian presents unique challenges when looking for love, and as Christian women outnumber men, some are realising they may never have families. Source: ABC News.

At 32 years of age, Anna Hitchings expected to be married with children by now. But over the past year, she has found herself grappling with a realisation that she may never tie the knot.

“But that’s a reality I have to deal with,” she says. “It no longer seems impossible that I may never marry. In fact, some might argue it may even be likely.”

The “man drought” is a demographic reality in Australia – for every 100 women, there are 98.6 men. The gender gap widens if you’re a Christian woman hoping to marry a man who shares the same beliefs and values.

The proportion of Australians with a Christian affiliation has dropped drastically from 88 per cent in 1966, to just over half the population in 2016 – and women are more likely than men to report being Christian (55 per cent, compared to 50 per cent).

Ms Hitchings is Catholic. She grew up in the Church and was a student at Campion College, a Catholic university in Sydney’s western suburbs, where she now works.

“I’m constantly meeting other great women, but it seems to be quite a rare thing to meet a man on the same level who also shares our faith,” she says. “The ideal is to marry somebody else who shares your values because it’s just easier.”

But not sharing the same faith isn’t necessarily a deal-breaker. Her sister is married to an agnostic man and while “he’s great and we love him”, Ms Hitchings is quick to admit there were some difficult conversations that needed to take place early on.

The Church also provides a place of hope and empowerment for single women, giving those like Ms Hitchings the confidence to live a life that doesn’t start and end with marriage.

“I very much hope I do get married – I really hope that happens – but I don’t believe that my life is meaningless or purposeless if I don’t get married either.”

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NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS:

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

Sunday 17 Nov 2019

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time C

First Reading Mal 3:19-20

A reading from the prophet Malachi

The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 97:5-9. R. see v.9

(R.) The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

1. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. **(R.)**

2. Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples.

Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord. **(R.)**

3. For the Lord comes, he comes to rule the earth.

He will rule the world with justice and the peoples with fairness. **(R.)**

Second Reading 2 Thes 3:7-12

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

Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work.

Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 21:28

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 21:5-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Your endurance will win you your life.

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel Reflection

This week marks the final week of Ordinary Time in the Church's liturgical calendar and draws us almost to the end of our journey through the gospel of Luke. Next week's reading of the crucifixion concludes the Year of Luke. It is in this context that we need to read today's gospel passage. Jesus and his disciples are gathered around the Temple in Jerusalem in the final days before he is to be put to death. The end is imminent and Jesus takes the opportunity to reassure the disciples that, although they are about to experience a period of distress, betrayal and persecution that will stretch well into the future, ultimately, God's love and mercy will triumph – not only in their own lives but also in the world.

The language of passages like today's gospel can be off-putting at times and can also be seized upon by those who would interpret scripture literally. The graphic descriptions certainly lend themselves to predictions of gloom and doom. However, we must also remember that the gospel was written some 50 or more years after the death of Jesus. At the time of writing, many of these things had already come to pass. The message for the community who were suffering through these very experiences is that they should not despair because all of this was anticipated by Jesus and that ultimately the reign of God will come about and the effort and distress that they have endured will be vindicated.

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ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (November 10)

Readers: K Vance/C Browne

Procession of Gifts: K & L Vance

Ext Minister: K Vance

Next Week (November 17)

Readers: M Browne/C Browne

Processions of Gifts: M Traynor/E Amarant

Ext. Minister: M Traynor

Church Care: October 27 M Browne

Church Grounds— November - Volunteer

STAWELL:

This 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

Next Week November 16) 6.00PM

Welcomer: M Cray

Readers: L Morgan/T Brady

Ext. Ministers: A Obiano/L McIntyre

Procession of Gifts: M Smith

(November 17) 10.30AM

Welcomer: S Enriquez

Readers: I Sturt/K Dallinger

Ext. Ministers: V Enriquez/G Little/G Comitti

Procession of Gifts: Cain/Rutter Family

Counters: Today: T & A Ellis

Next Week: J Raeburn

ALTAR SOCIETY : Next week: Margaret & Di

MARY'S STATUE:

November 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.



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



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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