



St Patrick's, Stawell

St Patrick's Parish Newsletter Stawell and Landsborough



St Francis of Assisi,
Landsborough

33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C

November 17, 2019

THIS WEEK:

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ANNIVERSARIES: Irene Dawson, John Gannon, Paul Belot, Jack Rathgeber, Margaret Giles, Mary O'Brien,

WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:

Tues; Wed, Thurs, Fri 10.00am.

ST V DE PAUL, Monday at 2.00pm in Hall.

CWL Annual Meeting Wednesday, starting with 10.00am Mass.

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:

A preparatory Meeting is scheduled for this 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. We need your help. Please support your parish.

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

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.



CUP OF TEA AFTER MASS AT LANDSBOROUGH THIS WEEKEND

OUR DIOCESAN COMMUNITY MAGAZINE IS AVAILABLE, FREE, AT THE DOORS OF THE CHURCH. PLEASE TAKE ONE HOME TODAY.

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.

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection \$ 369.05

Parish Collection: \$ 736.00

Loose Collection: \$ 114.15

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.

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 woman stopped by our customer-service desk and asked me for a copy of the book that has Jesus in it. After much back-and-forth, I determined that she wanted the Bible.

After searching for a particular book on dinosaurs in the science section without luck, a customer looked to me for help.

She showed me a piece of paper with the title written on it: Thesaurus.

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.**

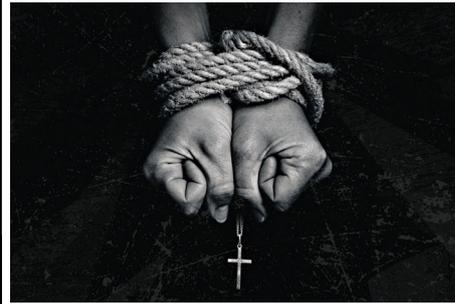


*Please take this
Bulletin home and
pray this prayer
throughout the
coming week*

NEWS

CHRISTIANITY IN THE MIDDLE EAST 'COULD VANISH'

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Christianity's disappearance in parts of the Middle East can only be stopped if the international community acts now, according to a new report produced by Aid to the Church in Need.

The 2019 Persecuted and Forgotten? report, warns of Christianity vanishing from towns and cities in the Middle East as the impact of genocide has led to haemorrhaging numbers of the faithful.

There were 1.5 million Christians in Iraq before 2003 but by mid-2019, the number had fallen to well below 150,000 and perhaps even less than 120,000 – a decline of up to 90 per cent within a generation.

In Syria, Christian numbers have fallen by two thirds since the conflict began in 2011. The ACN report notes that the international community has shown unprecedented concern about the persecution of the region's Christians, but failed to provide the aid required to ensure its survival during that period covered by the report (2017-19).

Persecuted and Forgotten? found that "Governments in the West and the UN failed to offer Christians in countries such as Iraq and Syria the emergency help they needed as genocide got underway." The report warns that the Church in the region could vanish if radical Islamists were to mount another attack on vulnerable communities.

The report also found that the persecution of Christians has worsened the most in South and East Asia – noting that, in 2017, 477 anti-Christian incidents were reported in India, while in Sri Lanka 300 people were killed in the Easter Sunday bombings.

Aid to the Church in Need Australia national director Bernard Toutounji said the report was a sobering reminder about the extent of religious persecution around the world.

"Christians sadly continue to be a favoured target for violent militant extremists. In our own region, we are particularly conscious of the persecution faced in countries such as Sri Lanka, India and the Philippines, reflected in increasing Church attacks", Mr Toutounji said.

The release of the report coincides with next week's Red Wednesday event, which draws attention to the plight of those who are persecuted and oppressed for their religious beliefs. Cathedrals, churches and public buildings around the world will light up in red to show solidarity with persecuted Christians.

In Australia, seven cathedrals in five states will light up in red on November 20, while eight cathedrals will hold Red Wednesday events.

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NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS:

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

Sunday 24 Nov 2019

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe C

First Reading 2 Sm 5:1-3

A reading from the second book of Samuel

They anointed David king of Israel.

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel.'" So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 121:1-5. R. see v.2

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'

And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **(R.)**

2. Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.

It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord. **(R.)**

3. For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.

There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. **(R.)**

Second Reading Col 1:12-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible
for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the
light.

Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of
the power of darkness and created a place for us in the
kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain
our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God
and the first-born of all creation,
for in him were created

all things in heaven and on earth:

everything visible and everything invisible,

Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers –

all things were created through him and for him.

Before anything was created, he existed,

and he holds all things in unity.

Now the Church is his body,

he is its head.

As he is the Beginning,

he was first to be born from the dead,

so that he should be first in every way;

because God wanted all perfection

to be found in him

and all things to be reconciled through him and for him,

everything in heaven and everything on earth,

when he made peace

by his death on the cross.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Mk 11:9. 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 23:35-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom.

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus.

As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,'
they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God,
the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when
they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are
the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was
an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you
not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But
the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of
God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did,
but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we
did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said,
'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed,
I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in
paradise.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel Reflection



The choice of today's
gospel passage in the
lectionary appears to be
twofold. Firstly, the in-
scription above the cruci-
fied Christ reads, 'This is
the King of the Jews',
one of the scriptural ref-
erences to Christ's king-
ship – although that ref-

erence is more complicated than it first appears. Secondly,
the feast of Christ the King marks the end of the liturgical
year and the end of the year-long journey through the gos-
pel of Luke. Given that the second half of the gospel is a
physical and psychological journey towards Jerusalem and
the death that awaits Jesus there, it is fitting that the final
reading for the liturgical year is the crucifixion.

When the feast of Christ the King was first conceived by
Pope Pius XI in 1925, its intention was to emphasise the
majesty and power of Jesus Christ, King and ruler of the
world. However, our understanding of 'king' as it can be
applied to Jesus has changed significantly in the interven-
ing years. Despite earthly notions of kingship and the role
of the Messiah, Jesus completely rejected such expectations
and assumed the role of servant to the poor and outcast.
As we have seen throughout this year, the gospel of Luke
depicts in great detail the emphasis and priority that Jesus
gave to the lowly and marginalised.

ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (November 17)

Readers: M Browne/C Browne

Processions of Gifts: M Traynor/E Amarant

Ext. Minister: M Traynor

Next Week (November 10)

Readers: M Browne/B G Browne

Procession of Gifts: D & M Browne

Ext Minister: C Browne

Church Care: October 27 M Browne

Church Grounds— November - Volunteer

STAWELL:

This 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

Next Week (November 23) 6.00PM

Welcomer: D McIntosh

Readers: T Brady/D Jones

Ext. Ministers: B Walsh/P Price

Procession of Gifts: I Robinson

(November 24) 10.30AM

Welcomer: M Rowe

Readers: S Little/D O'Donnell

Ext. Ministers: M Rowe/S Enriquez/G little

Procession of Gifts: L & M Habben

Counters: Today: J Raeburn

Next Week: M & L Habben

ALTAR SOCIETY : Next week: Gabrielle & Pat

MARY'S STATUE:

November 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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