



St Patrick's, Stawell

St Patrick's Parish Newsletter Stawell and Landsborough



St Francis of Assisi,
Landsborough

The Feast of Christ the King Year C

November 24, 2019

THIS WEEK:

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WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:

Tues; Thurs, Fri 10.00am.

NO MASS, WEDNESDAY AT EVENTIDE DUE TO FUNERAL AT LANDSBOROUGH

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.

RECENT DEATHS: Bernie O'Callaghan (Funeral at Landsborough, 11.00am Wednesday)

CONGRATULATIONS, the students from St Pat's School who celebrated their first reconciliation on Wednesday evening. Thank you Edward Redford, Ethan Jones, Savannah Farrell, Ella Groves and Madison Prydderch.

Two of our young Filipino parishioners will make their first confession in the coming weeks.

PLANNED GIVING CAMPAIGN:

A very sincere thank-you to the 10 parishioners who attended the Planned Giving Meeting last Tuesday evening. We looked at the process of the campaign and three groups were formed to address different aspects of the process. More volunteers are needed to make the campaign run smoothly, and, hopefully, to be a success.

CENSUS FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH THIS WEEKEND AND YOU ARE ASKED TO TAKE THESE HOME, FILL THEM IN AND BRING THEM BACK ASAP. THESE FORMS ARE NOT JUST FOR PLANNED GIVING PURPOSES, BUT WILL BE USED TO UPDATE OUR PARISH RECORDS.

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.

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 unwrapped 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 \$ 599.65

Parish Collection: \$ 483.00

Loose Collection: \$ 156.45

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; 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); Bailey Young, Graeme Blake

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 priest, a minister and a rabbi are discussing when life begins. The priest says, "It begins at conception". The minister says, "Life begins at 24 weeks gestation". The rabbi says, "You are both wrong, Life begins when the kids move out of the house and the dog dies."

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

TURNING RED SPOTLIGHT ON PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIANS

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The facades of cathedrals in Australia and monuments across the world were bathed in red light on Wednesday to draw attention to the plight of persecuted Christians. Source: Aid to the Church in Need.

Several Australian Cathedrals were the first in the world (thanks to Australia's time zone difference) to launch Aid to the Church in Need's Red Wednesday initiative.

The aim of Red Wednesday is to draw attention to the plight of millions of Christians who are living in environments where they are violently persecuted, discriminated against and prevented from practising their Faith.

Red Wednesday participants were asked to pray for persecuted Christians, to wear red in honour of the Martyrs of the Faith and to share a picture on social media with the hashtag #RedWednesday.

The Archdiocese of Melbourne has extended Red Wednesday into an entire "Red Week" with prayer events taking place until November 27.

Melbourne Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli said: "Daily across the world, many of our brothers and sisters continue to suffer deeply through injustice and persecution in the name of Christ. As they choose to remain close to Him, so we choose to remain close to them – in solidarity for the courageous witness they model. We are proud to be #RedWednesday Champions."

In Hobart, Archbishop Julian Porteous led a Red Wednesday prayer service. Attendees at the service heard powerful testimonies of persecution, lit candles, and prayed for both the victims of atrocities and their perpetrators.

Bernard Toutounji, national director of Aid to the Church in Need, said he was grateful to all those that supported Red Wednesday. "It was incredible to see the photos of so many cathedrals around Australia lit up in red. It sends a strong message to our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ that we have not forgotten them."

NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS:

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

Sunday 01 Dec 2019

First Sunday of Advent A

First Reading **Is 2:1-5**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come

the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills.

All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob

that he may teach us his ways

so that we may walk in his paths;

since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'

He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples;

these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles.

Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war.

O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 121:1-2. 4-5. 6-9. R. see v.1.

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

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.)**

3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray: 'Peace be to your homes!

May peace reign in your walls, in your palaces, peace!' **(R.)**

4. For love of my brethren and friends I say: 'Peace upon you!'

For love of the house of the Lord I will ask for your good. **(R.)**

Second Reading **Rom 13:11-14**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The time has come, our salvation is near.

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation **Ps 84:8**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 24:37-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Stay awake, you must be ready.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

The Gospel Of the Lord.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The first Sunday of Advent sees the commencement of the new liturgical year. This new liturgical cycle is referred to as Year A and features the gospel of Matthew. (Year B features the gospel of Mark and Year C, that we have just completed, features the gospel of Luke.) Advent comes from the Latin word Adventus which literally means 'coming'; it is also reflected in the Greek word Parousia, which is used to describe the second coming of Jesus. So Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation of the coming of Christ into the world that is celebrated in the Nativity at Christmas. The gospel passage chosen for today's reading richly expresses that anticipation and need for preparation.

It may seem a little confusing that we begin our year-long exploration of the gospel of Matthew by taking a reading from chapter 24. However, the need for readiness and alertness that Jesus speaks about in relation to the coming of the Kingdom is equally suitable for a modern audience when preparing to celebrate once again the coming of Jesus into the world. Jesus is the best expression of the Kingdom that we have yet experienced and so rather than seeing the choice of this passage as a confusion, we should recognise the alignment that exists between the anticipation of the Kingdom and the anticipation of the Nativity.

The two great feasts of Christianity – the Nativity and Easter –

are each preceded by a period of preparation: Advent and Lent. The emphasis of these seasons is on the mental and spiritual preparation to fully enter into one of the great mysteries of faith. In the Nativity, we celebrate God become human; God present in the world in a physical way. Advent is a time to remember the many and varied ways that God continues to be present in the world.



ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (November 24)

Readers: M Browne/B G Browne

Procession of Gifts: D & M Browne

Ext Minister: C Browne

Next Week (December 1)

Readers: B G Browne/C Browne

Processions of Gifts: M Traynor/E Amarant

Ext. Minister: M Traynor

Church Care: November 30 K Vance

Church Grounds— November - Volunteer

STAWELL:

This 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

Next Week (November 30) 6.00PM

Welcomer:

Readers: E McIntyre/A Ellis

Ext. Ministers: C Barker/J Obi

Procession of Gifts: J Allan

(December 1) 10.30AM

Welcomer: E Driscoll

Readers: K Dalton/H Potter

Ext. Ministers: I Sturt/M Maestros/M R Thomas

Procession of Gifts: G & G Pickering

Counters: Today: M & L Habben

Next Week: G Pickering/E Driscoll

ALTAR SOCIETY : Next week: Gloria & Marie

MARY'S STATUE:

November 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.



Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom



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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