



St Patrick's, Stawell

St Patrick's Parish Newsletter Stawell and Landsborough

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Year A

December 25, 2019



St Francis of Assisi,
Landsborough

THIS WEEK:

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WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:

TUESDAY—THERE WILL BE NO MASS Apologies
Wed, Thurs, Fri 10.00am.

CONFESSIONS —Before or after 10.00am week-
day Masses by request (i.e. – just ask Fr Eric.);
10.00am Saturdays; Landsborough—before Sun-
day Mass. Any other time contact Fr Eric 0419
597 063.



ANNIVERSARIES:

Thomas William Foo

NEW YEARS DAY

MASS: Wed—
10.00AM



THANK YOU: to all who of-
fered prayers and wishes
over the Christmas time, and
for cards and gifts. All very
much appreciated. Thank
you very much, and God
Bless!

Fr Eric

**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.**



MISSING KEY: The
key to the safe in
the sacristy went
missing after the

9.00am Christmas morning Mass. Would the
ministers who did the clean up after Mass
please check your purses or pockets. Thank
you.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS are on sale from this
weekend for \$9.00 each.. A great catholic cal-
endar to have in the home with feast days,
catholic art, etc..

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection \$ 439.00

Parish Collection: \$ 462.00

Loose Collection: \$ 51.00

CHRISTMAS:

Presbytery \$ 643.85

Bishops Collection for the needy: \$ 709.35

*Collection is for the clergy stipend, presbytery
costs and support of the bishop and sick and re-
tired 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 Ger-
ritsen; Steven Oates; Maree Parkin; Rosemary Chisholm
(Bendigo); Harry Comitti, John Dalziel; Mollie Barton;
Patty Fenwick; John Farrell (Swan Hill); Bailey Young,
Graeme Blake, Pat Rathgeber; Carla Bowles
(Bullumwaal); John Launder; Kate Wheelan

**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:

The Flight into Egypt:



A Sunday school teacher asked her students to draw a picture of Jesus' family depicting their flight into Egypt.. After collecting the drawings, she noticed that one little boy's drawing depicted an airplane with four heads sticking out of the windows. "I see you drew three heads to show Joseph, Mary and Jesus," she said to the boy. "But who does the fourth head belong to?"

The boy replied, "That's Pontius the pilot."

NEWS:

NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS:

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

Sunday 05 Jan 2020 The Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading Is 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come,
the glory of the Lord is rising on you,
though night still covers the earth
and darkness the peoples.
Above you the Lord now rises
and above you his glory appears.
The nations come to your light
and kings to your dawning brightness.
Lift up your eyes and look round:
all are assembling and coming towards you,
your sons from far away
and your daughters being tenderly carried.
At this sight you will grow radiant,
your heart throbbing and full;
since the riches of the sea will flow to you;
the wealth of the nations come to you;
camels in throngs will cover you,
and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;
everyone in Sheba will come,
bringing gold and incense
and singing the praise of the Lord.
The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

1. O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. *(R.)*
2. In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds. *(R.)*
3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts
shall pay him tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him. *(R.)*
4. For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. *(R.)*

Second Reading Eph 3:2-3. 5-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

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You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.
The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 2:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

We have come from the East to worship the king.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,
for out of you will come a leader
who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.
The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel Reflection

The gospel of Mark, the first of the four canonical gospels to be written, does not bother at all with the question of the birth of Jesus. Written some ten or more years later, the gospels of Luke and Matthew both present a version of the circumstances surrounding the birth of Jesus. The gospel of John, written later still, also avoids details of Jesus' birth. The two accounts of the infancy that we do have from the gospels tell very different stories because they have each been used to place the rest of the gospel in a particular context. Unfortunately, the two stories have been mashed together so much that we now have one notion of the Christmas story that is a poor amalgam of the two unique narratives.

In the gospel of Luke, Joseph and Mary are living in Nazareth and travel to Bethlehem and are forced to give birth out in a field because there is no room at the only inn in Bethlehem. The ones who bear witness to the birth in this account are shepherds – some of the lowest of the low – as the gospel of Luke identifies Jesus as having a preferential option for the lowly ones. In the gospel of Matthew, Joseph and Mary are living in Bethlehem and give birth in their own house. They later flee to Egypt and then settle in Nazareth. The two towns need to be included in both accounts because they are named in some of the ancient prophecies about the Messiah. In the gospel of Matthew, the witnesses to the birth are wise men, dignitaries from another land. The Matthew writer wants to emphasise the 'kingship' of Jesus and it is fitting that foreign dignitaries present gifts on the birth of a king.

The two stories deserve to be dealt with uniquely and should be unravelled from the muddled, entwined version that dominates our Christmas imagery.

ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (December 29)

Readers: M Browne/J Browne

Processions of Gifts: E Amarant/M Traynor

Ext. Minister: E Amarant

Next Week (January 5)

Readers: J Murphy/C Browne.

Procession of Gifts: J Murphy/E Amarant

Ext Minister: J Murphy

Church Care: January 4—M Browne

Church Grounds— January—J Browne

STAWELL:

This Week (December 28) 6.00PM

Welcomer:

Readers: L Morgan/N Rathgeber

Ext. Ministers: M Howard/J Obi

Procession of Gifts: J Allan

(December 29) 10.30AM

Welcomer: S Enriquez

Readers: J Van Diesen/H Potter

Ext. Ministers: G Comitti/S Enriquez/M Maestros

Procession of Gifts: Cain/Rutter Family

Next Week (January 4) 6.00PM

Welcomer:

Readers: T Brady/D Jones

Ext. Ministers: L Morgan/B Walsh

Procession of Gifts: P Price

(January 5) 10.30AM

Welcomer: S Enriquez

Readers: K Dallinger/I Sturt

Ext. Ministers: G Comitti/V Enriquez/M R Thomas

Procession of Gifts: G & G Pickering

Counters: Today: E Driscoll/G Pickering

Next Week: T & A Ellis

ALTAR SOCIETY : Next week: Gloria & Marie

MARY'S STATUE:

December 29—January 4 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, every nation on earth will adore you.



WEEKEND MASSES YEAR A

Stawell: Saturday 6.00pm

Sunday at 10.30am.

Landsborough: Sunday Mass at 8.30am.

WEEKDAY MASSES (YEAR 2):

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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