



St Patrick's, Stawell

St Patrick's Parish Newsletter Stawell and Landsborough

The Feast of the Epiphany Year A

January 5, 2019



St Francis of Assisi,
Landsborough

THIS WEEK:

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WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:

Tues, Thurs, Fri 10.00am.

Wed—Eventide Mass 10.30am

CONFESSIONS —Before or after 10.00am
weekday Masses by request (i.e. – just
ask Fr Eric.); 10.00am Saturdays; Lands-
borough—before Sunday Mass. Any oth-
er time contact Fr Eric 0419 597 063.

sacristy went missing after the 9.00am
Christmas morning Mass. Would the minis-
ters who did the clean up after Mass please
check your purses or pockets. Thank you.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS are still on sale 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 \$ 386.15

Parish Collection: \$ 551.00

Loose Collection: \$ 71.10

*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.*



RECENT DEATHS:

Nell Ellis (Geelong)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Michael Pickering,
Paul Kirsch, Jim Devery; Pat O'Callaghan

HELP REQUIRED:

We require people to operate the data projec-
tor from time to time in the church. Any volun-
teers please see Fr Eric. We may then be able
to include the operation on a roster basis.
Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS, Rhenz Enriquez and



Lhanz De Leon who cele-
brated their First Confes-
sion (Reconciliation) on Jan-
uary 1st. Every blessing
now as you prepare to cel-
ebrate Confirmation and

First Communion this year.

**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.**

SICK LIST

Noah Amarant; Kathryn Young; Glenis Leddin; Lourdes
de la Cerna; Kath Hayes (Ballarat); John Delaney;
Lynn Wright; Simon Monas; Angela Moore; Kate Sar-
gent; 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, Pat Rathgeber; Carla Bowles
(Bullumwaal); John Launder; Kate Wheelan

**NB: A Family member of the sick person must con-
tact
the Parish Office to have names added. They must
also have the permission of the sick person if they
are able to give it.**

MISSING KEY: The key to the safe in the

HUMOUR:

An inexperienced preacher was to hold a graveside burial service at a pauper's cemetery for an indigent man with no family or friends. Not knowing where the cemetery was, he made several wrong turns and got lost. When he eventually arrived an hour late, the hearse was nowhere in sight, the backhoe was next to the open hole, and the workmen were sitting under a tree eating lunch.

The diligent young pastor went to the open grave and found the vault lid already in place. Feeling guilty because of his tardiness, he preached an impassioned and lengthy service, sending the deceased to the great beyond in style.

As he returned to his car, he overheard one of the workmen say to the other, "I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years and I ain't never seen anything like that."

**PRAYER FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY BUSHFIRE
AND DROUGHT:**

**(An adaption of the prayer for rain during
the month of November)**

**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 on our fire ravaged and drought-
stricken land,
on our starving and displaced
animals,
on our failing crops and burning
farms, towns and forests.**

**Strengthen, sustain and give new heart
to our farmers
and to all who are affected by drought;
be with those who support them.
Strengthen and comfort the victims of the
fires, those who have lost family, friends,
property and stock. Especially protect our
volunteer firefighters.**

**In your loving providence,
send abundant rain to quench the fires**

and to 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.**



NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS:

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

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The Baptism of the Lord A

First Reading **Is 42:1-4. 6-7**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Here is my servant, my chosen one in whom I am well pleased.

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom my soul delights.
I have endowed him with my spirit
that he may bring true justice to the nations.
He does not cry out or shout aloud,
or make his voice heard in the streets.
He does not break the crushed reed,
nor quench the wavering flame.
Faithfully he brings true justice;
he will neither waver, nor be crushed
until true justice is established on earth,
for the islands are awaiting his law.
I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right;
I have taken you by the hand and formed you;
I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations,
to open the eyes of the blind,
to free captives from prison,
and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.
The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 28:1-4. 9-10. R. v.11**

(R.) The Lord will bless his people with peace.

1. O give the Lord you sons of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.

Adore the Lord in his holy court. **(R.)**

2. The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. **(R.)**

3. The God of glory thunders.
In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits as king for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading **Acts 10:34-38**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him. 'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him,

Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation **See Mk 9:8**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Alleluia!

Gospel **Mt 3:13-17**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus was baptised, the heavens were opened and the Spirit of God came upon him.

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. A voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel Reflection

When Jesus approaches John for baptism, John recognises him as the Messiah that John has been preaching about, the one for whom he was preparing the way. Recognising the significance of the moment, John tries to reverse roles and force Jesus into a superior role to himself. But Jesus says let's just do it like this for now and 'do all that righteousness demands'. In the gospel of Matthew, whenever Jesus speaks about fulfilling the demands of righteousness or doing what is righteous, he is speaking about carrying out the will of God; acting in accordance with the covenant relationship between God and the people.

It would have been easy for Jesus to accept John's offer to exchange places. In many ways perhaps he would have liked to do so as a way of acknowledging the great work John had done. But part of the demands of righteousness that Jesus needed to fulfil was to be the sort of Messiah that did not sit within normal expectations. Part of his fulfilment of God's will was to be a servant Messiah rather than a powerful, avenging Messiah for which many of the people hoped and prayed. To have exchanged places with John would have been to say, here I am, I am greater than John and I am here to show you all the way. Rather, by submitting to John's baptism he does indeed show the way – the way of humility and gentleness. We are assured of the rightness of Jesus' actions immediately because, upon his rising from the water, the voice of God affirms favour and approval upon Jesus. In the first test of his will, Jesus has acted in accordance with the will of God.



ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (January 5)

Readers: J Murphy/C Browne.

Procession of Gifts: J Murphy/E Amarant

Ext Minister: J Murphy

Next Week (January 12)

Readers: K Vance/M Browne

Processions of Gifts: B & C Brown

Ext. Minister: K Vance

Church Care: January 11—J Murphy/E Amarant

Church Grounds— January—J Browne

STAWELL:

This 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

Next Week (January 11) 6.00PM

Welcomer: N Rathgeber

Readers: L McIntyre/L Morgan

Ext. Ministers: J Obi/A Ellis

Procession of Gifts: J Croton

(January 12) 10.30AM

Welcomer: M Rowe

Readers: S Little/H Potter

Ext. Ministers: S Enriquez/M Rowe/K Dalton

Procession of Gifts: I Sturt/P Gooden

Counters: Today: E Driscoll/G Pickering

Next Week: T & A Ellis

ALTAR SOCIETY : Next week: Liz & Kay

MARY'S STATUE:

January 5—11 N Rathgeber; 12-18 G & G Pickering; 19-25 M Rowe; 26—Feb 1 J Launder



ANY PERSON/FAMILY WISHING TO HAVE MARY'S STATUE IN THE HOME FOR A WEEK (SUNDAY—SATURDAY) 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.



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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