



St Patrick's,
Stawell

St Patrick's Parish Newsletter Stawell and Landsborough

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A
Sunday of the Word of God (new Feast Day)



St Francis of Assisi,
Landsborough

January 26, 2020

THIS WEEK:

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NO WEEKDAY MASSES TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY AS FR ERIC WILL BE IN ADELAIDE ON CHURCH BUSINESS.

CONFESSIONS —Before or after 10.00am week-day 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.

ANNIVERSARY: Andrew Prowd

AUSTRALIA DAY 2020



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We
are
One

A SPECIAL COLLECTION TO AID THOSE AFFECTED BY BUSHFIRES WILL BE TAKEN UP AFTER COMMUNION TODAY. PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM:

This program will be held during February. There will be talks at Masses over three weekends, including the gifting weekend. Parishioners are urged to get behind the program, as our ability to function as a viable parish into the future depends on our response. There will also be an opportunity for all to come together for input and to share a supper as part of the campaign. Details will be made available in the next couple of weeks.

A meeting of the groups formed at the initial meeting will be organized as soon as possible. Our illustrious Co-ordinator, John Launder has been sidelined for a while.

FOR ALL MINISTERS NB:

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.

LENTEN DISCUSSIONS: Any one wishing to be part of the Lenten Discussions this year, please fill in the sheet at the front of the Church. Suggested day—Thursdays, 1.00pm-3.00pm. This needs to be done by next Sunday. Thank you.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

We are inviting parishioners (women & men) to help us with the 'Cuppa' after 10.30am Mass on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

If we have enough volunteers you might only have 1 or 2 turns in the year. We work in pairs. Tea, Coffee, Milk and biscuits are provided. Some like to bring a special treat, but that is not always necessary.

The Morning Tea gives parishioners the chance to provide hospitality to new people and visitors. We believe it is worthwhile and is appreciated by those who come along. Please give it consideration.

Names and phone numbers can be put on the clipboard at the back and front of the Church, or contact Margaret Rowe 5358 2421; Moyra Maestros 0404 006 471 or Kay Dalton 0414 650 777.

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection \$ 445.60

Parish Collection: \$ 525.00

Loose Collection: \$ 135.15

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; 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; 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:

While volunteering in a soup kitchen, I hit it off with a very attractive single man. It was a relief, since my mother and I always laughed because the men to whom I was drawn were inevitably married. So, optimistic about my chances, I asked my new friend what he did for a living. He replied, "I'm a priest."

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.
Protect our volunteer firefighters and members of
emergency services.

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.



Parishes across Australia will take up special collections at Masses on Australia Day weekend to support people and communities affected by devastating bushfires that have claimed more than 20 lives. Source: ACBC Media

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference president Archbishop Mark Coleridge, in a statement on January 7, spoke of "our powerlessness before the devastating force of nature", while praising the "heroic" efforts of firefighters and the resilience of the affected communities.

But, he said, "we need more than words. Expressions of solidarity are important, but they are not enough".

"The bishops are aware of the huge amount being done around the nation, led by governments and first responders. Many local faith communities, including Catholic parishes and organisations, as well as ecumenical and inter-religious coalitions, are also making a big contribution," Archbishop Coleridge said.

"While the bishops typically respond to challenges at a parish or diocesan level, the scale of this crisis requires a national response from the whole Church to complement and coordinate what is happening locally."

In addition to the special collections on the Australia Day weekend, which will support the Vinnies Bushfire Appeal, the bishops will also facilitate efforts to connect people in need with people who can help meet those needs.

Catholic Social Services Australia has said its national network of agencies has significant representation in many affected communities, with work to support individuals and families under way – but certain to take a long time.

"Our strengths in responding are in areas of trauma-informed counselling and support services, critical incident debriefing, financial counselling and children and family therapies," CSSA chief executive officer Ursula Stephens said.

"For Catholic social services responding to disasters, the efforts are targeted and sustained for weeks, months and years – well after the national spotlight has faded."

National Catholic Education Commission executive director Jacinta Collins said families of students in Catholic schools in affected areas should consider speaking to principals about school fee relief.

Catholic Religious Australia said many members of religious institutes work in remote parts of the country and will look to support affected communities, in partnership with other Catholic agencies.

The Bishops Conference has published prayers for various settings. They can be accessed on the Bishops Conference website.

NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS:

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

SUNDAY 02 FEB 2020**The Presentation of the Lord****First Reading Malachi 3:1-4**

A reading from the prophet Malachi

The Lord whom you seek will come to his temple.

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fuller's alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 23:7-10. R. v.10**(R.)** Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

1. O gates, lift up your heads; grow higher, ancient doors.

Let him enter, the king of glory! **(R.)**

2. Who is the king of glory?

The Lord, the mighty, the valiant, the Lord, the valiant in war. **(R.)**

3. O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors.

Let him enter, the king of glory! **(R.)**

4. Who is he, the king of glory?

He, the Lord of armies, he is the king of glory. **(R.)****Second Reading Hebrews 2:14-18**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

He had to be made like us in all things.

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Jesus too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 2:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 2:22-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

My eyes have seen your saving power.

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a

man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God, and he said:

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised;

because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.'

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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Gospel Reflection

The gospel writer has merged two different ritual events into one in this passage: a ritual of purification following childbirth and an act of redeeming a first-born son through tribute to the Temple. The ritual of purification referred to would take place forty days after childbirth and today's feast is the fortieth day from Christmas and the celebration of the birth of Jesus. It was a ritual for the mother, not the child. Mary and Joseph took the opportunity of attending the Temple to bring Jesus into the presence of God who, according to tradition, dwelt in the Temple. The tradition associated with this purification of women after childbirth dictated that a lamb and a turtledove or pigeon be sacrificed. However, for the poor, an extra turtledove or pigeon could be substituted for the lamb. The gospel tells us that Mary and Joseph were sacrificing a pair of birds. This fact gives us an indication of the status of Mary and Joseph – they were sufficiently poor that they could not afford to sacrifice a lamb.

The other ritual alluded to in the passage relates to the tradition from Exodus 13:2 and Numbers 18:15 that every first-born son belonged to the Lord and had to be 'bought back' or 'redeemed' by payment to the Temple. The original command of the first-born belonging to the Lord meant that the child was destined to serve in the Temple. However, the child could be 'redeemed' from this service by payment to the Temple.

There is a great contrast between the forceful entry into the Temple by the Lord as foretold by Malachi in today's first reading and the humble entry of the baby Jesus into the Temple. It reinforces the way in which throughout his ministry Jesus confounded many of the expectations about the Messiah.

ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (January 26)

Readers: C Browne/J Murphy
Processions of Gifts: J & C Browne
Ext. Minister: J Murphy

Next Week (February 2)

Readers: K Vance/J Murphy
Procession of Gifts: K & L Vance
Ext Minister: K Vance

Church Care: January 25 K Vance

Church Grounds— January—J Browne

STAWELL:

This Week (January 25) 6.00PM

Welcomer: D McIntosh

Readers: J Raeburn/T Brady

Ext. Ministers: N Rathgeber/C Barker

Procession of Gifts: I Robinson

(January 26) 10.30AM

Welcomer: P Gooden

Readers: K Dalton/J Van Diesen

Ext. Ministers: H Potter/G Comitti/I Sturt

Procession of Gifts: L & M Habben

Next Week (February 1) 6.00PM

Welcomer:

Readers: M Howard/D Jones

Ext. Ministers: M Howards/S Parry

Procession of Gifts: J Allan

(February 2) 10.30AM

Welcomer: K Ashton

Readers: D O'Donnell

Ext. Ministers: M Rowe/J Van Diesen/K Ashton

Procession of Gifts: G & G Pickering

Counters: Today: M & L Habben

Next Week: E Driscoll/G Pickering

ALTAR SOCIETY : Next week: Margaret & Di

MARY'S STATUE:

January 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.

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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.



There is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.



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 10.00AM in Parish Hall.

CWL: 3rd Wednesday commencing with 10.00am Mass.

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www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

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