



St Patrick's,
Stawell

St Patrick's Parish Newsletter Stawell and Landsborough



St Francis of Assisi,
Landsborough

Feast of The Presentation of The Lord—Year A
February 3, 2020

THIS WEEK:

St Pauls Sunday Missal Page 976 (Presentation)

WEEKDAY MASSES: TUES; 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
Sunday Mass. Any other time contact Fr Eric
0419 597 063.

TODAY'S FEAST—THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD.



**A LIGHT TO ENLIGHTEN THE
NATIONS!** Forty days have passed
since the feast of Christmas. We
have long since taken down our
Christmas decorations with their
multi coloured lights. But hopefully
the light of Christ continues to shine
brightly among us. The candles we
use in the liturgy remind us that
Christ is our light and that we, in
turn, are called reflect this light to
others.

(Introduction in St Paul's Sunday Missal (pg 976)

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM:

This program will be held during February. There
will be talks at Masses over three weekends, in-
cluding 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 over the next couple of weeks.

I would ask that if possible, the group arranging
the Parish Supper meet in the presbytery,
Wednesday at 5.00pm.

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 pro-
vide hospitality to new people and visitors. We be-
lieve 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 Marga-
ret Rowe 5358 2421; Moyra Maestros 0404 006 471
or Kay Dalton 0414 650 777.

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection \$ 642.10

Parish Collection: \$ 716.00

Loose Collection: \$ 93.80

Bushfire Special Collection (to date): \$ 1145.65

Thank you for your generosity.

*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 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; Bailey Young, Graeme Blake,
Pat Rathgeber; Carla Bowles (Bullumwaal); John Lau-
nder; 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.**

HUMOUR:

The Lone Ranger and Tonto went camping in the desert. After they got their tent all set up, both men fell sound asleep.

Some hours later, Tonto wakes the Lone Ranger and says, "Kemo Sabe, look towards sky, what you see?" "The Lone Ranger replies, "I see millions of stars."

"What that tell you?" asked Tonto. The Lone Ranger ponders for a minute then says, "Astronomically speaking, it tells me there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets.

Astrologically speaking, it tells me that Saturn is in Leo. Time wise, it appears to be approximately a quarter past three in the morning.

Theologically speaking, the Lord is all-powerful and we are small and insignificant.

Meteorologically speaking, it seems we will have a beautiful day tomorrow.

What does it tell you, Tonto?"

"You dumber than a buffalo . It means someone stole the tent."

**CIVILISED SOCIETY RECOGNISES VALUE OF HUMAN LIFE:
POPE**

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Pope Francis said the dignity of each person imposes a duty to never abandon anyone (CNA/Daniel Ibanez)

Warning of the modern tendency to judge human life on the basis of utility rather than



dignity, Pope Francis emphasised the need to protect the lives of the smallest and most vulnerable. Source: CNA.

By Courtney Mares, CNA

"A society deserves the title of 'civilised' ... if it recognises the intangible value of human life," Pope Francis said yesterday in a meeting with the Vatican Congregation of the Doctrine of Faith (CDF).

"The current socio-cultural context is progressively eroding awareness of what makes

human life precious. In fact, it is increasingly evaluated on the basis of its efficiency and usefulness, to the point of considering 'rejected lives' or 'unworthy lives' as those which do not meet this criterion," he warned.

Pope Francis applauded the CDF for dedicating its plenary assembly to the topic of care for the terminally and critically ill.

"Around the patient, it is necessary to create a real platform of human relationships while promoting medical treatment, open to hope, especially in those borderline situations," he said.

The dignity of each person "imposes a duty to never abandon anyone," Francis said.

Human life, because of its eternal destination, retains all its value and dignity in all conditions, including precariousness and fragility, and as such is always worthy of the utmost consideration," he said.

"When illness knocks on the door of our life, the need to have someone looking us in the eye, holding our hand, showing his tenderness and taking care of us, like the Good Samaritan of the Gospel parable," Pope Francis said.

Hospices can be places where terminally ill people are accompanied by qualified medical, psychological, and spiritual support to live with dignity, comforted by the closeness of their loved ones, the Pope said.

"I hope that these centres will continue to be places where 'therapy of dignity' is practised with commitment, thus nurturing love and respect for life," he added.

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NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS:

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

Sunday 09 Feb 2020

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time A

First Reading **Is 58:7-10**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Your light will shine like the dawn.

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,
and shelter the homeless poor,
clothe the man you see to be naked
and turn not from your own kin.
Then will your light shine like the dawn
and your wound be quickly healed over.
Your integrity will go before you
and the glory of the Lord behind you.
Cry, and the Lord will answer;
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'
If you do away with the yoke,
the clenched fist, the wicked word,
if you give your bread to the hungry,
and relief to the oppressed,
your light will rise in the darkness,
and your shadows become like noon.
The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 111:4-9. R. v.4**

(R.) A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

1. He is a light in the darkness for the upright:

he is generous, merciful and just.

The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour. **(R.)**

2. The just man will never waver:

he will be remembered for ever.

He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **(R.)**

3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear;

open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.

His head will be raised in glory. **(R.)**

Second Reading **1 Cor 2:1-5**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation **Jn 8:12**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
the man who follows me

will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 5:13-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You are the light of the world.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel Reflection



Today, when we describe a person as being the 'salt of the earth' it's generally meant in a way that says the person is hard working, straight talking and pretty down to earth. It's usually meant as a compliment but sometimes can come across as a bit condescending when used inappropriately. When Jesus tells the disciples that they are salt of the earth and the light of the world he is really saying 'You are to be the salt of the earth; you are to be the light of the world.' It is more of a directive than an affirmation of them.

Today's first reading from Isaiah helps to shed light on Jesus' meaning in the gospel passage: 'Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn.' It sounds a lot like the message from the last judgment in Matthew 25 when the king says 'whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' It's a message of justice and right relationship not only with God but with one another also.

To be salt of the earth and light of the world means to be the one who puts their hand up and steps forward to speak for, work for and act for those who are the least in this world. To have the potential and resources to be a force for good in the world and not act on it is to be like salt that's used for salting the streets or a lamp that's under a tub.

ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (February 2)

Readers: K Vance/J Murphy

Procession of Gifts: K & L Vance

Ext Minister: K Vance

Next Week (February 9)

Readers: C Browne/J Browne

Processions of Gifts: J Murphy/E Amarant

Ext. Minister: E Amarant

Church Care: February 8, E Amarant/J Murphy

Church Grounds— February— Volunteer

STAWELL:

This 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

Next Week (February 8) 6.00PM

Welcomer: N Rathgeber

Readers: N Rathgeber/E McIntyre

Ext. Ministers: M De Leon/L Moloney

Procession of Gifts: B Walsh

(February 9) 10.30AM

Welcomer: R Farrell

Readers: J Van Diesen/H Potter

Ext. Ministers: F Harney/M Maestros/K Dalton

Procession of Gifts: P Gooden/I Sturt

Counters: Today: E Driscoll/G Pickering

Next Week: T & A Ellis

ALTAR SOCIETY : Next week: Liz & Kay

MARY'S STATUE:

Feb 2-8 G Comitti, 9-15 E Driscoll, 16-22 M R Thomas, 23-29 N & E Musumeci



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.



My Eyes have seen Your Saving Power



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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