



St Patrick's,
Stawell

St Patrick's Parish Newsletter Stawell and Landsborough



St Francis of Assisi,
Landsborough

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time —Year A
February 9, 2020

THIS WEEK:

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WEEKDAY MASSES: TUES; THURS; FRI 10.00AM
WED—EVENTIDE—10.30AM

FRI 10.00 OPENING SCHOOL MASS IN ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

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.

RECENT DEATHS:

Alan Giles

ANNIVERSARIES:

Margaret Walker; Kevin Kelly

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM:

This program Commences this weekend.. 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. This will be on Friday, February 21.

A meeting of Core group people plus other interested persons will be held this Tuesday evening at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall. Please consider being supporters and helpers for the campaign. We encourage all parishioners to make an effort to come along.

This weekend, we welcome the Campaign Director Mr Ron Cameron and his wife Marie to Stawell. A great amount of preparation has already taken place, but now we need numbers of parishioners to take responsibility of what is to follow.



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 \$ 414.35

Parish Collection: \$ 798.00

Loose Collection: \$ 152.85

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 Lauder; 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:

Mrs. Smartt was fumbling in her purse for her offering when a large television remote fell out and clattered into the aisle.

The curious usher bent over to retrieve it for her and whispered, "Do you always carry your TV remote to church?"

"No," she replied, "but my husband refused to come with me this morning, and I figured this was the most evil thing I could do to him legally."

NEWS:

Pope turns 19th-century palace into homeless shelter

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A 19th-century palace in prime position in the centre of the Vatican has been converted into a homeless shelter on Pope Francis' orders. Source: ABC News.

Palazzo Migliori, which was constructed in the early 1800s, served as the headquarters of the all-female Calasanziane religious order, which used the building to care for young single mothers.

After occupying the building for 70 years, the order relocated to new premises last year and the palace was renovated, leading to questions about how it would be used.

Sitting on prime real estate just off St Peter's Square, the building could have generated significant income for the Church as a luxury hotel, but Pope Francis had other intentions.

According to Vatican News, Pope Francis personally directed his almoner, Cardinal Konrad Krajewski (his officer in charge of

distributing services to the poor), to convert it into a homeless shelter.

The four-storey building will house around 50 men and women, although the 16-bedroom facility has capacity for more during cold winter temperatures, Cardinal Krajewski said.

The lower levels will be used to provide social support to the occupants, including computing, reading, recreation, and psychological counselling.

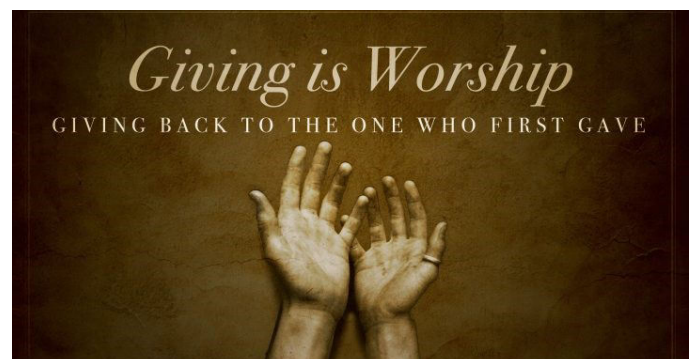
Volunteers can also use the building to prepare meals for homeless people who were sheltering elsewhere.

Cardinal Krajewski said the Vatican requested the construction company in charge of renovating the building employ homeless people during the overhaul.

Andrea Riccardi, founder of Rome-based Catholic association Community of Sant'Egidio, which will run the shelter, said all people should be welcomed by the Vatican.

"The important thing is that here we are in front of the Vatican, within the heart of the Pope, the poor have a home in front of the Pope," he said.

Pope Francis blessed the venue in November and dubbed it "A Palace for the Poor", just ahead of World Day of the Poor on November 17.



NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS:

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

Sunday 16 Feb 2020

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time A

First Reading Sir 15:15-20

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

He never commanded anyone to be godless.

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power.

He has set fire and water before you;

put out your hand to whichever you prefer.

Man has life and death before him;

whichever a man likes better will be given him.

For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;

he is almighty and all-seeing.

His eyes are on those who fear him,

he notes every action of man.

He never commanded anyone to be godless,

he has given no one permission to sin.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R. v.1

(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

1. They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law!

They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. **(R.)**

2. You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care.

May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. **(R.)**

3. Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word.

Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. **(R.)**

4. Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end.

Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Cor 2:6-10

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

God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation See Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 5:17-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.

'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.

'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (February 9)

Readers: C Browne/J Browne

Processions of Gifts: J Murphy/E Amarant

Ext. Minister: E Amarant

Next Week (February 16)

Readers: M Browne/C Browne

Procession of Gifts: D Browne/M Browne

Ext Minister: C Browne

Church Care: February 15 M Browne

Church Grounds— February— Volunteer

STAWELL:

This 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

Next Week (February 15) 6.00PM

Welcomer: M Cray

Readers: L Morgan/T Brady

Ext. Ministers: B Walsh/J Raeburn

Procession of Gifts: M Smith

(February 16) 10.30AM

Welcomer: S Enriquez

Readers: M R Thomas/K Dallinger

Ext. Ministers: V Enriquez/G Comitti/G Little

Procession of Gifts: Cain/Rutter Family

Counters: Today: T & A Ellis

Next Week: J Raeburn

ALTAR SOCIETY : Next week: Margaret & Di

MARY'S STATUE:

Feb 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.

You are the salt of the earth... You are the light 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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