

**ROSTERS:**

**LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):**

**This Week** (March 8)  
**Readers:** J Murphy/K Vance  
**Processions of Gifts:** J Murphy/Betty Amarant  
**Ext. Minister:** J Murphy

**Next Week** (March 15)

**Readers:** BG Browne/M Browne  
**Procession of Gifts:** B Amarant  
**Ext Minister:** C Browne

**Church Care:** March 15 Maureen Browne  
**Church Grounds—** March—R Brown

**STAWELL:**

**This Week** (March 7) 6.00pm  
**Welcomer:** N Rathgeber  
**Readers:** D Jones/A Ellis  
**Ext. Ministers:** A Obioni/N Razthgeber  
**Procession of Gifts:** J Crotin

(March 8) 10.30am  
**Welcomer:** P Gooden  
**Readers:** D O'Donnell/M R Thomas  
**Ext. Ministers:** K Dalton/F Harney/S Enriquez  
**Procession of Gifts:** Cain/Rutter Family

**Next Week** (March 14) 6.00pm  
**Welcomer:** M Cray  
**Readers:** M Howard/N Rathgeber  
**Ext. Ministers:** M Howard/S Parry  
**Procession of Gifts:** M Smith Family

(March 15) 10.30am  
**Welcomer:** K Ashton  
**Readers:** I Sturt/K Dallinger  
**Ext. Ministers:** J Van Diesen/H Potter/K Ashton  
**Procession of Gifts:** P Gooden/I Sturt

**Counters: Today:** T & A Ellis  
**Next Week:** J Raeburn

**ALTAR SOCIETY:** Next week: Liz and Kay  
**MARY'S STATUE:** H Prowd

**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.**



**Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned**



**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](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

Our parish website can be accessed through the diocesan site.

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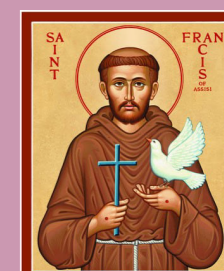
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St Patrick's, Stawell

# St Patrick's Parish Newsletter Stawell and Landsborough

## 2nd Sunday of Lent —Year A March 8, 2020



St Francis of Assisi, Landsborough

**PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME AND HAVE A READ. DEVOTE MASS TIME TO GOD AND NOT THE NOTICE SHEET.**

**THIS WEEK:**

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**WEEKDAY MASSES:**

NO WEEKDAY MASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.  
FR ANDREW WILL SAY MASS AT EVENTIDE 10.30 AM WEDNESDAY 11TH MARCH

**THURSDAY: Lenten discussion at the Anglican Hall, 1.00pm.**

**RECENT DEATH:**

Beryl Walsh.

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Ann Lynch.

**ALL CANDLES AND LIGHTERS MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE ALTAR AFTER ALL MASSES.**

**PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM:**

**ANYONE WHO HAS NOT YET COMPLETED A PLEDGE MAY DO SO DURING MASS TODAY AND PUT THEM ON THE SECOND COLLECTION PLATE. EVEN THOSE NOT CHANGING THEIR PLEDGE AMOUNT MUST FILL IN A NEW FORM, AS NEW NUMBERS WILL BE ALLOCATED TO SOME.**

**PROJECT COMPASSION ENVELOPES AND BOXES ARE AVAILABLE TODAY. Please take one or other home with you after Mass.**

**CUP OF TEA** after 10.30am. Mass today. All welcome.

**FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:**

Presbytery Collection \$ 522.20

Parish Collection: \$ 820.00

Loose Collection: \$ 118.40

*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.*



**Fr. Andrew Hayes: New Parish Priest (Ararat 5352 5460)**

"As I write this brief note I'm conscious that parishioners will be feeling the sadness of Fr Eric's retirement, as am I. For now I'm looking forward to meeting everyone and working our way through what's ahead for us. Sharing one priest across the two parishes of Stawell and Ararat (lots of parishes are sharing priests now) we'll need to adjust of course so there'll be lots to talk about. Some things we'll need to sort very quickly, especially Mass times that will need to change in the next month or so. With other things we'll settle in gently. I don't know what we'll do at this gathering but I propose that we meet on Wednesday March 11, 5pm for a decent chat about things. Home by 6.30 in time for tea. Anyone and everyone is welcome to attend. We won't be making decisions. Hopefully we can talk about lots of things and sort out what decisions we'll need to make first. It'll be nice to meet some of you. I expect that I'll be in Stawell and Landsborough for Masses next weekend. "

**NOTE: Fr Andrew would be pleased to meet and chat about Parish matters Wed March 11 at 5.00pm in Parish Hall.**

**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; Steven Oates; Maree Parkin; Rosemary Chisholm (Bendigo); Harry Comitti, John Dalziel; Mollie Barton; Patty Fenwick; Bailey Young, Graeme Blake, Pat Rathgeber; Carla Bowles (Bullumwaal); Kate Wheelan; Sam Sharrack.

**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:

A minister wound up the services one morning by saying, "next Sunday I am going to preach on the subject of liars. And in this connection, as a preparation for my discourse, I would like you all to read the seventeenth chapter of Mark." On the following Sunday, the preacher rose to begin, and said, "Now, then, all of you who have done as I requested and read the seventeenth chapter of Mark, please raise your hands." Nearly every hand in the congregation went up. Then said the preacher, "You are the people I want to talk to. There is no seventeenth chapter of Mark."

## Pope Francis asks the faithful to join him in prayer for the many displaced people who are fleeing wars

By Linda Bordoni  
(Vatican News 1-3-2020)

Pope Francis on Sunday expressed his sorrow for the plight of refugees and migrants fleeing war and asked the faithful to pray for them.

"I am saddened by the news of so many displaced people, so many men, women and children who are discarded by war," he said during the Angelus in St. Peter's Square.

He said his thoughts go to the hundreds of thousands of migrants seeking refuge and help throughout the world, and noting that there is much in the news about them in these days, the Pope said: "Let us pray for them."

Pope Francis' appeal for prayers comes as hundreds of migrants are reportedly headed through permeable borders to Greece from Turkey, and thousands more are gathered on the Turkish side seeking entry after Ankara relaxed curbs on their movement.

At least 500 people had arrived by sea on three Greek islands close to the Turkish coast within a few hours on Sunday morning.

On the mainland further north, groups waded across a river to the Greek side. Reuters reporters said they included an Afghan mother with a five-day-old infant. Turkey said on Thursday it would no longer restrain hundreds of thousands of asylum seekers in its territory from reaching Europe despite an agreement to do so reached with the EU in 2016. Its announcement triggered an almost instant rush to the borders it shares with European Union member Greece.

## Catholic Social Teaching

- THE HUMAN PERSON IS SACRED.
- THE HUMAN PERSON IS SOCIAL.
- EVERY PERSON HAS A RIGHT TO THE BASIC NEEDS OF LIFE.
- EVERY PERSON HAS A CORRESPONDING DUTY TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS.
- WE PUT THE NEEDS OF THE LEAST AMONG US FIRST.
- WORK HAS DIGNITY. WORKERS HAVE RIGHTS TO FAIR WAGES, PROPERTY, AND UNIONS.
- WE ARE OUR BROTHERS' AND SISTERS' KEEPERS, CALLED TO SOLIDARITY AS A HUMAN FAMILY.
- WE CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION AND PROTECT THE EARTH.
- WE WORK FOR PEACE, WHICH IS BASED IN JUSTICE.

## Catholic Diocese of Ballarat—March 5, 2020

### Pastoral Statement from the Vicar—General Kevin Maloney

As you are aware the spread of the coronavirus COVID-19, continues to present health challenges around the world, including here in Australia. Hence it has been necessary to temporarily alter certain practices in the Mass to ensure the health and safety of parishioners. The following directives are to be immediately enacted:

- **In those parishes where Holy Communion is distributed under both kinds (Hosts and Chalice), this practice to cease. Communion to be received in the hand not on the tongue.**
- **At the Sign of Peace, parishioners with coughs and sneezes, the vulnerable and those parishioners who may feel uncomfortable about shaking hands at the Sign of Peace, may wish to exchange the peace of Christ with a smile or a bow, and should be encouraged to do so.**
- **All Ministers of Holy Communion (both ordinary and extraordinary) are to use hand sanitisers before the distribution of Holy Communion commences, and are not to physically touch anyone in the act of blessing.**
- **Holy water fonts are to be emptied or removed.**

These directives are informed by the latest advice from the Australian Government Department of Health which states everyone should practice good hygiene to protect against coronavirus infection.

Everyone is encouraged to monitor local and national health advice, and to practice good hygiene, including washing hands in soap and water.

## NEXT WEEKENDS READINGS:

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

First Reading Ex 17:3-7

A reading from the book of Exodus

Give us water to drink.

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we

the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)

3. O that today you would listen to his voice!

'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

Second Reading Rom 5:1-2. 5-8

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

Gospel Acclamation

See Jn 4:42. 15

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Jn 4:5-15. 19-26. 39-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
**The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.**  
Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.' 'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again: but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.' 'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants.

God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

