



St Patrick's Parish Newsletter

Stawell and Landsborough

St Patrick's,
Stawell

Feast of Corpus Christi

Year A

JUNE 14th, 2020



St Francis of Assisi,
Landsborough

As we celebrate, we acknowledge the Indigenous owners of the land on which our Churches are built, the Tjapwurong people, and we respect the presence of the spirits of their ancestors among us.

Fr. Andrew Hayes

I will be taking two weeks' leave at the beginning of July. Lake Bolac will not have Mass on Saturday July 4.

Feast of Corpus Christi

This week we celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, or perhaps the feast of the presence of Christ in our lives through the celebration of the Eucharist. How poignant this year when we're feeling the absence of Mass. With our twenty person Masses in Ararat being in the Parish Centre at present we've been able to sit around the altar, at arm's reach almost. We've also enjoyed the warmth. That's brought up the question of whether we have Mass in the Parish Centre every Winter for three months, even when we're allowed back in larger numbers. We have Winter weekday Masses in the convent because it's warmer. Is Mass better when we sit two metres from the altar? Just a thought at this stage. We'll talk some more.

I'm writing this comment on Thursday with the television news in the background. They're tearing down the slave-owner statues around the place. Serendipitous that the first reading on Sunday is about God delivering the people from slavery. Once out of Egypt the freedom wasn't immediately apparent. It took some time and the people grew frustrated. Maybe it's taken 3000 years and a few broken statues for God to REALLY deliver the people from slavery. If the privileged people will let it happen. It's the feast of Christ's presence amongst us. Good week to have that feast.



Covid 19 Arrangements

For all public liturgy we will require names and numbers and sanitising of hands, seats and door knobs.

Sunday Mass – Twenty people by invitation only. There is a ballot system. We will be pleased to call you when your name comes out of the hat.

Weekday Mass in Ararat – Twenty people by invitation only.

Weekday Mass in Stawell – Everyone welcome (20 people Max) **NO MASS TUESDAY JUNE 16th**

Funerals – We are able to have fifty people. We will not yet be catering for cuppas after funerals.

Mass Times

Ararat 8.30am—by ballot system

Stawell 10.30am—by ballot system

Landsborough 6pm Sat Vigil 2nd 4th Sundays

Lake Bolac 6.30pm Sat Vigil 1st 3rd 5th Sundays

(Glenthompson have Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sundays)

Interim Parish Council

This week the Interim Parish Council met in person for the first time. Among the discussion was that we'll probably not merge our parishes for the next twelve months, to give us plenty of time to find our feet with Covid and a change of priest and so on. We will need to move the parish office out of the presbytery so that it can be rented at some stage. We're thinking that the office will move into the hall. It won't take up all of the hall. It'll more likely be a locked cupboard out of the way when Gloria isn't in there on a Thursday.

Mary Rita Thomas is looking for volunteers to open and close the church each day.

John Launder is looking for helpers to deliver Stewardship Program material.

We'll also be looking for volunteers for a liturgy group, for funerals, for finance and property management (we have 7 rental properties, 2 churches, a hall and a shop to maintain) More information to come.

First Reading

Dt 8:2-3. 14-16

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.'

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 147:12-15. 19-20. R. v.12

(R.) Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

1. O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

Zion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates,
he has blessed the children within you. (R.)

2. He has established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.

He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command. (R.)

3. He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.

He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Cor 10:16-17

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

*Though we are many, we form a single body
because we share this one loaf.*

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 6:51-58

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and
the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of
the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the
flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you
will not have life in you.
Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood
has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day.
For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.
He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood
lives in me and I live in him.
As I, who am sent by the living Father,
myself draw life from the Father,
so whoever eats me will draw life from me.
This is the bread come down from heaven;
not like the bread our ancestors ate:
they are dead,
but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

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This feast harkens back to the celebration of Holy Thursday. By way of the metaphors of food and drink, its readings provide us with a look at the mystery of divine presence. They first provide a picture of a God who feeds us. In the past God set a table in freedom, and then provided food that enabled our ancestors to survive. God fed those who were needy, not those who were worthy. Jesus offered sustenance to the crowds that gathered around him. It was not manna from heaven that he offered but his own flesh and blood as food and drink. This food and drink are the pledge of eternal life.

Those who eat this bread and drink this cup are caught up in a profound unity with God, a unity not envisioned in the wilderness experience. There is a new overlay of significance. Jesus' claim to give his flesh and blood was a bold one, Paul's seems even bolder. He states that partaking of the bread and the cup not only joins us with Christ, but actually makes us participants in the body and blood of Christ. Humanity and divinity are joined as one. The Eucharist is a sign of unity in another way. Joined to the body and blood of Christ, we are joined to each other. We are one body and that body is Christ. The Eucharist is truly a celebration of thanksgiving: thanksgiving for our transformation and thanksgiving for our unity.

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ANNIVERSARIES ST PATRICK'S PARISH

STAWELL 15-21 June

John Peters 1964, Laurence Brown 1998,
Joseph Healy 1957, Bernard Kelly 2003,
Peter Yanner 1962, Stanley Freeland 1949,
John Seeary 1971, Phyllis Walsh 1974,
Margaret Bushick 1974, Mary Raycroft 1976
Winifred Copley 1986,
Maurie Delahunty 1986

Next Week's Readings June 21st 2020

First Reading	Jer 20:10-13
Second Reading	Mt 10:26-33

Pope Francis—Twitter

"In many nations [#Covid19](#) continues to claim many victims. I wish to express my closeness to those populations, to the sick and their families, and to all those who care for them.
[#PrayTogether](#) " @Pontifex June 7th 2020

OFFICE INFORMATION

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Prayers of the Faithful

Priest: My sisters and brothers, gathered around the table of the word and eucharist, let us pray for the needs of the world and of this community.

Reader: For all the baptised who celebrate the memorial of the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus in word and sacrament. Hear us we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For all those who serve and lead the church in every culture. Hear us we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For law makers and politicians who serve the needy of the community. Hear us we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For those who promote the stewardship of creation and the beauty of the environment. Hear us we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For those who share their daily bread with those who are wanting. Hear us we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For all gathered here today in communion of faith and witness. Hear us we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For those who have died, especially those who were unloved and unmourned. Hear us we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: God ever-faithful, you satisfy the hunger of the human heart through the blessed and broken body of Christ Jesus. Hear these prayers and strengthen us to live your gospel in fidelity to the One who gave his life for the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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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; Kate Whelan; Sam Sharrock.

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.

Finances

Thank you for your continued support at this incredibly hard time. Please phone the office 03 5358 1119 to discuss contributions for the Planned Giving Program and the Presbytery. During office hours—Thurs 11am-5pm,

Giving Program and the Presbytery. During office hours—Thurs 11am-5pm, there will be a box to place your envelopes in. Otherwise you can make a direct debit into the following account:

St Patricks Parish BSB 013 815 Account No 2863 26347

Please reference your Family name

Deus te Benedicat—God Bless You

WHO CAN I CALL FOR HELP?

LIFELINE 13 11 14 24 HOURS/7 DAYS CRISIS SUPPORT SUICIDE PREVENTION	BEYOND BLUE 1300 22 4636 24 HOURS/7 DAYS ONLINE FORUMS & CHAT FUNCTION
HEADSPACE 1800 650 890 AGES 12-25 PHONE & ONLINE SUPPORT (headspace)	KIDS HELPLINE 1800 551 800 AGES 5-12 24 HOURS/7 DAYS COUNSELLING
HEADSPACE BALLARAT 5304 4777 AGES 12-25 REFERRALS DROP IN SERVICE: MON-FRI 9AM-4PM VIA TELEHEALTH	NATIONAL CORONAVIRUS HELPLINE 1800 020 080 24 HOURS/7 DAYS INFO ON COVID-19

Humour

"The best thing about the future is that it comes one day at a time."—

Abraham Lincoln

"Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak out and remove all doubt."

• **Abraham Lincoln**

Women always worry about the things men forget. Men always worry about the things women remember! - Albert Einstein



"Ever tried. Ever failed. No matter. Try Again. Fail again. Fail better." - Samuel Beckett