



St Patrick's,
Stawell

St Patrick's Parish Newsletter Stawell and Landsborough

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

July 26th, 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.

Masks Masks Masks

With the Covid news and requirements changing so quickly, I again urge all



parishioners to follow the advice of the authorities. Let's keep ourselves and one another safe and healthy. Masks are now mandatory in Melbourne and looking more and more like a good idea here. Please listen to the doctors and the premier! In Ararat we're starting to wonder whether the distribution of food to those who are isolated is less of a need, although that time might come again. The need is looking more like masks, so we're starting to talk about an army of parishioners making (non-medical grade) washable masks to distribute freely to those unable to purchase them or to make their own. We need to keep the bugs at bay! More information next week.

Covid 19 Arrangements

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

Weekday Mass in Stawell – Everyone welcome

Usually Tues-Fri 10am but do consult the website and bulletin.

Funerals – We are able to have 35 people. We will not yet be catering for cuppas after funerals.

Changes to How We Book in for Mass

In Stawell: Please phone Gloria (0438 150 058) between 11am and 5pm on Thursdays to put yourselves into the 20 for Sunday.

In Ararat: Please phone or email Joyce in the parish office (Wednesday to Friday) to put yourselves into the 20 for Sunday. The list of names for Ararat is also in the porch of the parish office. You're welcome to put your names there if that suits.

Fr Andrew stresses that he'd like parishioners to use the allotted office hours. The office staff in both parishes are employed to take calls of this nature during their work hours. Please don't be calling them at home for work things. The staff mightn't mind, but as an employer it is unfair to have them answering work calls when they're not working.

Mass Times

Ararat 8.30am—sheet on the notice board in foyer

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)

St Patrick's Op Shop – Volunteers Needed

The Op shop will be reopening in July and we are seeking some more volunteers. If you are able to help us out 4 hours per fortnight or more please contact Helen Potter on 0427590318. We would love to be able to open up on Saturdays but due to the lack of volunteers it has not been possible.

First Reading

1 Kgs 3:5.7-12

A reading from the first book of the Kings

You have asked for wisdom.

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130. R. v.97

(R.) Lord, I love your commands.

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold. (R.)
2. Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live
for your law is my delight. (R.)
3. That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways. (R.)
4. Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. (R.)

Second Reading

Rom 8:28-30

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

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 13:44-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

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Two themes seem to weave through the readings for this Sunday: treasure and delight. The treasure is the extraordinary gift that comes from God; the delight is the joy that we experience when we realise that the treasure is ours. A third theme, which is found in the first reading, picks up a theme that we have considered several times during this period of Ordinary Time, namely, service of others.

The treasure is the kingdom of heaven. It is the prize that gives meaning to the present, and its fullest delight draws us into the future. The reign of God is the fulfilment of our deepest desires and our fondest hopes. Nothing in the world can compare with it, and that is why we are willing to sacrifice everything to attain it. The treasure that we find is really a gift that is given. We need not work to attain the kingdom, nor can we earn it in any way. It is given to us by God. All we have to do is accept it.

Solomon chose to be of service to others. In this he is a model for disciples to follow. We have discovered the treasure in the field; we have found the pearl of great price. What we have been given, we must now give to others. In giving we will lose nothing. In fact, we gain an abundance of blessings. All things work for good, and God is glorified in all. Such is the character of the kingdom of God.

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ANNIVERSARIES ST PATRICK'S PARISH

STAWELL 27th July—2nd August

Thomas Smith 1958, Thas Homfray 1966, John Seeary 1977, Charles Parker 1981, Teresa Healey 1947, Catherine Layton 1950, Elsie Seeary 1963, Alan Walker 1995, Irene Naylor 2012,

Fleetwood Smith 1956, Michael Molan 1959, Mary Browne 1999, Annie Browne 2000, Robert McKey 2006, Brian Raeburn 2007, Eileen Mairs 1963, Mary Molan 1966, Katherina Guelpa 1971, Martha Borella 1970, Francis O'Sullivan 1981, Carly Faloon 1987, Pauline Coghlan 2002, Derek Peters 2004, Kevin (Mick) Rutter 2008, Gilbert Mairs 1963, Evelyn Gavin 1972, Aileen Falvey 1987

Readings **August 2nd 2020**

First Reading [Is 55:1-3](#)

Second Reading [Rom 8:35. 37-39](#)

Pope Francis—Twitter

Prophecy is born whenever we allow ourselves to be challenged by God, not when we are concerned to keep everything quiet and under control.

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PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest: God co-operates with all who love him. Let us bring our needs and the needs of the world before God who is our delight and consolation.

Reader: That the Church will continue to find strength and joy in and through its living and dynamic tradition. In your wisdom:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who govern or who are in positions of authority will be wise and fair. In your wisdom:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have wealth will share what they have gained with the many who have nothing. In your wisdom:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who teach or counsel others will be given right knowledge and a discerning spirit. In your wisdom:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That nations, groups and individuals will resolve disagreements peacefully and respectfully. In your wisdom:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those in the medical profession working in difficult and uncertain circumstances will be granted courage and endurance. In your wisdom:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That this community will value above all earthly things the treasure that is God's word. In your wisdom:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That God will glorify those who have died and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. In your wisdom:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: God of all goodness, your kingdom is like a pearl of great price. Hear these prayers and help us to delight in your gifts by working for the coming of your kingdom. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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.

Planned Giving

St. Patrick's Parish would like to acknowledge the continued and consistent commitment by parishioners to our Planned Giving Program, especially during these trying times. Without your financial support, we would not be able to run the parish and reach out to those in need. Many thanks

The Origin of "Old Sayings"

In George Washington's days, there were no cameras. One's image was either sculpted or painted. Some paintings of George Washington have him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back while others showed both legs and both arms. Prices charged by painters were not based on how many people were to be painted, but by how many limbs were to be painted.

Arms and legs are 'limbs,' therefore painting them would cost the buyer more. Hence the expression, 'Okay, but it'll cost you an arm and a leg.' (Artists know hands and arms are more difficult to paint.)

ST. MARY'S PARISH CAFÉ BIG SALE!!

The St. Mary's Parish Café are having a big sale of Gift Baskets (\$25 each), Drinks (from 50c), individual jams/pickles on Wed July 29th 3pm to 5pm in the Parish centre! All monies raised will go back into the parish centre to enable us to meet the requirements of our café, "Pay it Forward" program and of prospective hirers of the hall.



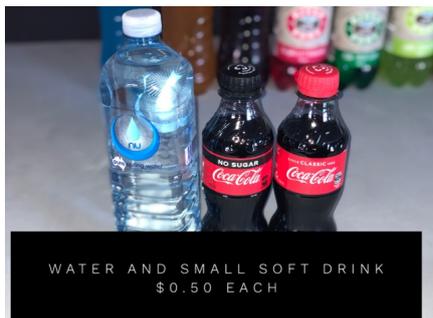
All drinks are within date and have been donated. A very big thank you to the Stapleton Family. Thank you to all the people who donated jars and ingredi-



All jams and pickles have been hand-made. You can pick and choose your jam/pickle to go in your basket. It makes a great gift!



FLAVOURED DRINKS - \$1.50 EACH



WATER AND SMALL SOFT DRINK
\$0.50 EACH



600ML SOFT DRINK AND WATER
\$1.00 EACH