



St Patrick's,
Stawell

St Patrick's Parish Newsletter

Stawell and Landsborough

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A, 9th August 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.

Go Gently

Here we go! Lockdown II.

My encouragement for parishioners is that we all go gently this time. Settle in. Hopefully these restrictions will end in six weeks' time, but what if they go longer? Let's go gently. If you're working from home with kids on remote learning – go gently. If you've been stood down - go gently.

In the 1st reading this Sunday God was not in the maelstrom but in the gentle breeze. So let's find the gentle breeze and sit in it. Sit with God. In the Gospel Jesus turned the stormy sea into a gentler breeze. Again, let's sit with God in the gentle breeze.

Let's sit with every person who is living (or dying) with covid, and those who care for them. I'm declaring this week "hug a health worker" week. Don't do it. We're not allowed. But think it. My sister is a nurse. My mother is a nurse. You know all those empty statue plinths where they knocked down the statues? Can we put nurses and doctors on the plinths? Thanks nurses and doctors for what you are doing. Go gently.

Arrangements during Stage 3 Restrictions

Masses and Funerals

All public Masses have been cancelled for now

The churches are closed

Funerals in our parishes will be at the cemeteries with a maximum of 10 people

Prayers

Fr Andrew and Srs Maree and John will continue to pray for the intentions of parishioners

The Sunday readings and prayers of the faithful will be on the bulletins

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au has a number of helpful resources

Mass on Television Mass for You at Home

6am Sunday on Channel 10

Mass Online

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au has a number of helpful resources Some of the links are listed here:

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat: Mass livestreamed daily from the Cathedral at 10.00am can be viewed here or on facebook.

St Mary Mackillop Parish, Western Border: Mass celebrated on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays can be viewed here. Follow their facebook page

St Joseph's Parish, Warrnambool: Sunday Masses at 8.30am can be viewed here or follow the link on facebook.

St Patrick's Parish, Camperdown: Sunday Mass at 10.30am livestreamed here.

Phone Lines

Victorian Coronavirus Hotline — 1800 675 398

If you suspect you may have the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) call the dedicated hotline – open 24 hours, seven days.

Older persons COVID-19 Support line — 1800 171 866

Translations for Victorian Government coronavirus website - www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/translations

1800RESPECT

Confidential information, counselling and support service for people affected by or experiencing sexual assault, domestic or family violence and abuse.

Relationships Australia — 1300 364 277

Support services for individuals, families and communities.

Australian Red Cross — 1800 RED CROSS

Vinnies Ararat Phone: (03) 5352 5560

Salvation Army Australia — 13 SALVOS

Masks

First Reading

1 Kgs 19:9.11-13

A reading from the first book of the Kings

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. **(R.)**
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **(R.)**
3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Rom 9:1-5

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 19:38

Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 14:22-33

Command me to come to you over the water.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

Gospel Reflection

I don't know that we've ever properly understood the significance of the disciples in the gospels; our attention is always focused on Jesus. The disciples certainly got the inside running on all of Jesus' teachings; they witnessed the miracles; and were themselves empowered to carry on the work of Jesus. They can be seen as the prototypes for all the followers of Jesus that have come since. When we read the gospel stories we can perhaps place ourselves in the position of James or John or Peter or Andrew.

To be a disciple to a rabbi was not just to be a supporter or an interested bystander. To be a disciple was to hungrily learn from your rabbi. The fact that all of Jesus' disciples were called from other walks of life means that no other rabbi had already chosen them. They had been passed over as not good enough to study with a rabbi. When they were called by Jesus it was an opportunity they would never have dreamed possible; of course they left everything and followed him.

To be a disciple was effectively an apprenticeship to becoming a rabbi. To be discipled to a rabbi was to believe that you could do what your rabbi did. It is this belief that makes Peter get out of the boat. His rabbi is walking on the water and Peter believes that he can do what his rabbi does. And extraordinarily, Peter begins to walk on the water just like Jesus. It is only when he starts to think about what he's doing that he sinks. When Jesus asks Peter, 'Why did you doubt?' he is asking Peter why he doubted himself. It wasn't that Peter doubted Jesus; he doubted his own ability to be the equal of his rabbi!

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ANNIVERSARIES ST PATRICK'S PARISH

STAWELL 10th-16th August

Mary Pentney 1974, Cyril Pickering 1980
Agnes Rutter 1981, Norm Manning 1985
Kathleen Morgan 2004, John Molan 1947
Joseph McGuan 1961, Paolo Ronchi 1971
Madeline Stephens 1996

Lurlene Delahunty 2006

LJoan Pickering 2013

Keith Watson 1993

Readings **August 16th 2020**

First Reading Is 56:1.6-7

Second Reading Rom 11:13-15. 29-32

OFFICE

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Pope Francis—Twitter

In the next few weeks, I invite you to tackle together the pressing questions that the pandemic has brought to the fore, social ills above all. And we will do it in the light of the Gospel, of the theological virtues and of the principles of the Church's social doctrine.

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Prayers for the Pandemic

When this is over, may we never again take for granted. A handshake with a stranger,
Full shelves at the shops,
Conversations with neighbours,
A crowded theatre.
Friday night out,
The sharing of Eucharist,
A routine check-up,
The school rush each morning. The roar of the G,
Each deep breath, A boring Tuesday, Life itself.
And when this ends,
May we find that we have become more like the people
We wanted to be,
We were called to be,
We hoped to be.
And may we stay that way –
Better for each other because of the worst.
- Laura Kelly Fanucci

Pope Francis' Prayer for Protection from Coronavirus

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.
At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.
You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.
We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee,
joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

Food for Purchase

Joyce and helpers will again be preparing food for pick up or delivery in Ararat. Proceeds will be used for further out-reach.

St. Mary's Cafe

St. Mary's Cafe will look a bit different during this second lockdown. We will have handmade meals to a tried a tested recipe from Fresh Food Fast Company #freshfoodfast. These soups and evening meals will be frozen for your convenience and can be pre-ordered and collected on Thursdays and Fridays in the Parish Centre from 10am to 3pm. Phone ahead. 03 5352 5460 All soups will be gluten free.

MENU

Soups \$5

Tuscan Bean Soup or Pea & Mint or Tomato

Evening Meals (Serves 2)

Cottage Pie \$12

Vegetarian Lasagne (GF) \$12

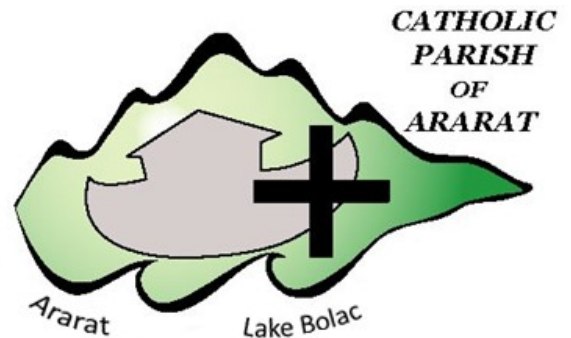
Chicken Fried Rice \$12

Tuna, Tomato & Cheese Pasta Bake \$10

Deserts

Apple Crumble (serves 2) \$8

Biscuit Dough (8 biscuits) \$5



Food Donations

Donations of food will be gratefully received. Items such as, tins of tomatoes & apples. Liquid stock, UHT milk, packets of pasta, butter, carrots, celery, eggs.

Again, please deliver on Thursdays and Fridays.

Profit from the Café

This time round, our profit will go to the Ararat Emergency Relief Team. This is a collaboration of combined churches, Ararat Emergency Relief Team and the Ararat Council. This means we are reaching out to those in real need here in our community. We have a couple of volunteers helping to prepare and cook these meals. We may even be able to do a weekly special but we don't want to lose the run of ourselves!!