

## Vinnies in Stawell

The Stawell branch of Vinnies are having a meeting in St. Patrick's Hall (opposite the church) at 10am on Monday January 18th. All welcome and this is a call out for NEW MEMBERS!!



### **Catholic Health Australia launches new Mission Scholarship Program for future Aged Care leaders**

Catholic Health Australia is offering a new scholarship to attend the prestigious Ministry Leadership Program at the Australian Catholic University. The scholarship is open to people working at a managerial level in the Catholic aged care sector and will help expand the successful mission program to new participants. To find out more about the program and the scholarship criteria go to <https://cha.org.au/mission/69-mlp/mission/911-the-father-gerard-arbuckle-catholic-health-australia-scholarship-program>

### **Year of St Joseph**

Pope Francis on December 8, 2020 published an Apostolic Letter *Patris corde* (With a Father's Heart), commemorating the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of St Joseph", running from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021. A number of resources are being developed by the ACBC to encourage and support the celebration of the Year of St Joseph. The resources are available from the ACBC website <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>

### **Plenary Council Discernment Papers**

The six discernment papers have been released and are available to be read. Here in the diocese, we will endeavour to look at one paper for a month. Please put the information on your bulletins (see notice below) and you might like to send out in emails to parishioners.

### **Advance Notice – dates for 2021:**

Rite of Election: Saturday, February 20, at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 12.30pm.

Mass of the Oils: Monday, March 29 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 6.30pm.

### **Word of God Sunday: February 7, 2021**

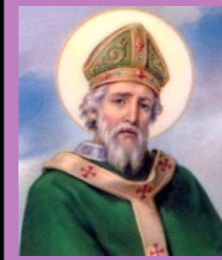
The Australian bishops have designated the first Sunday in February (February 7 next year) as "Word of God Sunday". The ACBC are preparing resources and provide the following to date (attached). Further resources will be distributed as they are received:

- Homily Notes;
- Liturgical Notes;
- Musical Recommendations;
- Prayers of the Faithful;

Reflection by Fr Tom Elich.

### **World Day of Prayer for the Sick: February 11, 2021**

An information letter and prayer card are attached for the World Day of Prayer for the Sick.



St Patrick's,  
Stawell

## St Patrick's Parish Newsletter Stawell and Landsborough Sunday 10 Jan 2021 The Baptism of the Lord



St Francis of Assisi,  
Landsborough

### **First Reading 1 Sm 3:3-10.19**

A reading from the first book of Samuel

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am'. Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.' Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

### **Responsorial Psalm Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv. 8.9**

**(R.) Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.**

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord. and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry.  
He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. **(R.)**
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,  
but an open ear.  
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.  
Instead, here am I. **(R.)**
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written  
that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law  
in the depth of my heart. **(R.)**
4. Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly.  
My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord. **(R.)**

### **Second Reading 1 Cor 6:13-15. 17-20**

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

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too. You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him. Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, which is in you since you have received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

### **Gospel Acclamation Jn 1:41. 17**

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah:

Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace. Alleluia!

### **Gospel Jn 1:35-42**

They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him.

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

### **Gospel Reflection**

Jesus' invitation to 'Come and See' is a powerful image in this week's gospel. It is not a simple reply to the question of where Jesus is living; in some ways it is a summary of his whole ministry – come and see what I am on about and become part of it. It is typical of the invitational nature of Jesus' ministry. Throughout the gospels, Jesus offers and invites, he does not force his ministry onto anyone. When he invites us to 'Come and See' it is an invitation to 'give it a go'; take a chance; let go of what we know.

To 'Come and See' is exactly what Jesus invited the apostles to do. In this week's reading, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, takes up the invitation and becomes a follower of Jesus. He is so impressed with what he sees in Jesus that he finds his brother and tells him that they've found the Messiah and that Simon should come and join them. Jesus immediately gives Simon a new nickname: the Rock (Peter). There are many instances throughout the Bible of people taking or being given new names. Abram became Abraham; Jacob became Israel; Saul became Paul. This change of name is used as a sign that they have encountered God in a special way and have taken on a new life – a new commitment to God. In this instance, Simon is becoming a disciple of Jesus, a trusted and influential one at that. Unlike the call of Samuel in today's first reading, in which the call to discipleship is heard as a booming voice, Andrew and Simon experience the call through personal encounter with Jesus. A booming voice from the sky might be helpful, but for most of us the call comes in much more subtle ways through our prayer and reflection on interaction with others.

## Fr Andrew Hayes

Masses this Week

**Stawell:** Tues to Fri 10am

### **Ararat:**

Tues 19<sup>th</sup> 9.30am

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> 11am with lunch

### Australia Day in Ararat

We're not having our combined prayer for Australia Day this year at St Mary's. Why? We've been told enough times that this is a very hurtful day to celebrate our nation. Is there another day for us to pray together that would be more healing? Should we continue to pray on Australia Day but with a deliberate focus on reconciliation? What ought we do? For now, we at least need not to hurt people.

#### Stawell QR Code



Location Code

RE5 7WJ

You will need to have downloaded the APP onto your phone. It will not work if you just take a "photo" of the image above. There will be someone to help. But we would urge you to come 10 minutes earlier to Mass if you are unsure of what to do.

**A VOCATION VIEW:** A good Vocation prayer to say everyday, from the time we are ten years old till we are ninety years old, is found in today's first Scripture Reading: 'Speak, Lord for your servant is listening.' Just try it with sincerity starting today.

### **ANNIVERSARIES: Jan 18th—24th**

Rosina Coleman 1972 William Facey 1978  
Elizabeth Murtagh 1969 Gwyn McSparron 1970  
Marie Bell 1970 Peter McLean 2001  
Grace Nellthorp 2004 Judith Flynn 1978  
Ruth Healy 2009 Harold (John) Tavener 2010  
Ellen McCray 1953 Jennie Wood 1975  
John Griffen 1954 Leah Seear 1972  
Gordon Douglas 2011

### **Recent Deaths**

#### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:**

*Julie Neale and Margaret Hassall*

Please contact the office if you would like your name to be on the sick list. Names are kept on this list for one month—and be put on again.

Anyone in hospital wishing to have communion, please contact the office on 53525460.

#### **Ministry to the Sick:**

Please email Fr. Andrew during these difficult times to discuss Ministry to the sick on

[andrew.hayes@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:andrew.hayes@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

Or phone the office on 5358 1119 Stawell (Thursdays)

#### **Saint of the Week St. Agnes**

Feastday: January 21

Patron: of young girls, chastity, rape survivors, and the Children of Mary Birth: 291 Death: 304

St. Agnes of Rome was born in 291 AD and raised in a Christian family. Agnes was very beautiful and belonged to a wealthy family. Her hand in marriage was highly sought after, and she had many high ranking men chasing after her. However, Agnes made a promise to God never to stain her purity. Her love for the Lord was great and she hated sin even more than death!

*Read more on—[www.catholic.org/saints](http://www.catholic.org/saints)*

#### **Readings Jan 24th 2020**

**First Reading** [Jon 3:1-5, 10](#)

**Second Reading** [1 Cor 7:29-31](#)

#### **Pope Francis—Twitter**

We possess a great wealth that depends on what we are: the life we have received, the good within us, the indelible beauty God has given us by making us in his image. All these things make each of us precious in his eyes, each one of us is priceless and unique in history.

### **Parish Priest: Fr. Andrew Hayes**

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

### **Parish Secretary: Gloria Pickering**

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**(Closed Public Holidays)**

**PRINCIPAL ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL:** Mr Chris McAloon

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Ph: 03 5352 1796



### **Other Important Numbers**

#### **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](http://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/translations)**

**Vinnies Ararat Welfare Phone: 0459 163 461**

#### **Salvation Army Australia — 13 SALVOS**

St Vincent de Paul, Stawell – 0437 344 323

Stawell Inter Church Council Welfare Cottage – 0408 038 949

**Fred Crouch & Sons (Stawell) 03 5358 1043**

**John Dunn Funerals 03 5352 1047**

[jdfs@westnet.com.au](mailto:jdfs@westnet.com.au)

**Ballarat Cathedral Office 03 5331 2933**

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

#### **Finances**

If you would like to donate to a parish, please see the details below. Many thanks

#### **Details for Ararat Parish:**

Parish Account "Main Church Account"

Westpac Bank **BSB** 033 201 // Acc 810035

Presbytery Account "Presbytery Account"

Westpac Bank **BSB** 033 201 //Acc 810043

#### **Details for Stawell Parish**

Parish Account **BSB** 013 815 **Acc:** 286326347

Presbytery Account **BSB** 013 815 **Acc:** 286326355