

## Vinnies in Stawell

The next meeting for St Vincent de Paul Stawell Conference will be held next



**MONDAY January 18**

**@ 10 A.M.**

**@ St Patrick's Hall**

**NEW MEMBERS WELCOME**

### Bishops Appeal in Stawell

2020 \$690

### 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 24 Jan 2021**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
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St Francis of Assisi,  
Landsborough



### **First Reading Jon 3:1-5. 10**

A reading from the prophet Jonah

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

### **Responsorial Psalm Ps 24:4-9. R. v.4**

#### **(R.) Teach me your ways, O Lord.**

1. Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

### **Second Reading 1 Cor 7:29-31**

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

The world as we know it is passing away.

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

### **Gospel Acclamation Mk 1:15**

Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is near:  
believe the Good News! Alleluia!

### **Gospel Mk 1:14-20**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come,' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.' As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him. Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

### **Gospel Reflection**

This week's Gospel shows us clearly that those Jesus chose to follow him closely were the most ordinary of people. Anyone today wanting to enter into some sort of public life would gather around them a team of advisers, an image stylist, a public relations expert, a market analyst and probably a guard or two. Who did Jesus choose to be 'entourage'? A few fishermen, some friends of friends and even a tax collector – one the most despised occupations of his time. The very ordinariness of these disciples was a deliberate action on the part of Jesus. It was a clear statement that his message was not for the learned scholars and interpreters of the Torah but rather for the everyday person. Throughout the gospels we see that the vast majority of encounters and interactions that Jesus has are with common, everyday people. When he encounters the officials of the Jewish faith – the scribes and Pharisees – it is inevitably in a conflict situation. Those to whom he directs his ministry are the common people – those who have felt the brunt of Roman oppression and the strict interpretation of Jewish Law. The gospel passage also gives us an insight into what a charismatic figure Jesus must have been. Fishing was a good solid livelihood. Fish was a staple in the diet of Galileans and so supplying that staple would have provided a regular income. But on encountering this man Jesus, the fishermen abandon their nets and begin to follow him. They must have immediately seen something in him that impressed them. It seems hard to believe that physically tough men such as fishermen would have been easily impressed – much like today. So the impact that Jesus made on these men must have been quite special to make them walk away from everything that they knew.

## Fr Andrew Hayes

Masses this week:

**Stawell:** Tues to Fri 10am

Sun 24th 10.30am, Sun 31st 10.30am

**Ararat:** Wed 27<sup>th</sup> 9.30am,

Fri 29<sup>th</sup> 11am with lunch

Sun 24th 8.30am, Sun 31st 8.30am

**Landsborough:** Sat 23rd 6pm,

Sat 30th Lake Bolac 6.30pm

Joint Parish Council Meeting

This Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, our two Parish Pastoral Councils will meet together for the first time. We will discuss how we're going with sharing a priest and what further things we can share. A particular question will be what we think we need to do to prepare to become one parish, and whether we aim to make that happen in July this year or July 2022. Why July? It makes the finances easier. Parishioners can be assured that you will be consulted. We'll have more to say after the councils have met.

### 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:** There was a man \_\_\_\_\_ sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe. Is your name in the Gospel today?

## ANNIVERSARIES: Jan 25<sup>th</sup>—31<sup>st</sup>

Louisa Trevan 1990 Gerald Herald 1972  
Mary Flynn 1996 William Borella 1962  
Mae Hinniberg 1968 Michael Seeary 1978  
Jeni-Anne Dunn 1997 Valerie Seeary 2019  
Charles Evans 1951 Christopher Brown 1971  
Catherine Monaghan 1973 James Aubrey 1993

## 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

Or phone the office on 5358 1119 Stawell (Thursdays)

### Saint of the Week St. Angela Merici

**Feastday:** January 27 **Patron:** of the sick, disabled and physically challenged people and those grieving the loss of parents  
Birth: March 21, 1474 Death: January 27, 1540 St. Angela Merici was an Italian religious educator and founder of the Ursulines whose deep prayer life and relationship with the Lord bore the fruit of mystical encounters with God. She was born on March 21, 1474 in Desenzano, a small town on the shore of Lake Garda in Lombardy.

*Read more on—www.catholic.org/saints*

Readings Jan 31st 2020

First Reading [Dt 18:15-20](#)

Second Reading [1 Cor 7:32-35](#)

### Pope Francis—Twitter

The world's faith depends on [#ChristianUnity](#); in fact, the Lord asked that we be one "so the world might believe" (Jn 17:21). The world will not believe because of our convincing arguments, but because we have borne witness to that love that unites us and draws us near. [#Prayer](#)

Parish Priest: Fr. Andrew Hayes

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Download Church Bulletin -

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(Closed Public Holidays)

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Catholic Woman's League:

President Margaret Rowe

St. Vincent de Paul Society:

St Vincent de Paul, Stawell – 0437 344 323

Di O'Donnell

### PRINCIPAL ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL:

Mr Chris McAloon

Download newsletter:

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**Invitation to Mass is no longer required—the church can now hold up to 100 people.**



## 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**

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