ROSTERS: LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (April 23) **Readers:** Krystal Browne/C Browne Procession of Gifts: G & K Christie Ext Minister: G Christie

Next Week (April 30) **Readers:** J Murphy/B G Browne Procession of Gifts: B & B O'Callaghan Ext Minister: Betty Amarant

Church Care: B O'Callaghan Church Grounds— April—P O'Callaghan

STAWELL:

This Week (April 15) 6.00PM (Palm Sunday) Welcomer: Mary Rogers **Readers:** J Raeburn/T Brady Ext. Ministers: N Rathgeber/A Ellis Procession of Gifts: J Croton

(April 16) 10.30AM **Readers:** M R Thomas/S Little Ext Ministers: G Little/M Rowe/F Harney Procession of Gifts: Carey family

Next Week (April 29) 6.00PM Welcomer: N Rathaeber Readers: L McIntyre/N Rathgeber Ext. Ministers: J Obi/C Barker Procession of Gifts: P Price

April 30 (10.30)

Readers: L Morgan/K Dalton **Ext. Ministers:** V Enriquez/G Comitti/K Ashton Procession of Gifts: L & M Habben

Counters: Today: M & L Habben Next Week: T & A Ellis

Altar Society: April 29 Working Bee

MARY'S STATUE: April 23-29 E & N Musumeci

Any gueries relating to rosters and volunteers please contact June Raeburn on 53583506.

READERS PLEASE RETURN THE BOOKS TO THE SACRISTY AFTER MASS.

Extraordinary Ministers, part of your duty is to clean the Sacred Vessels in the sacristy after Mass and prepare them for the next Mass—fill wine and water cruets, etc.

WEEKEND MASSES YEAR B:

Stawell: Saturday at 7.00pm (Summer time-Daylight Saving), 6.00pm (wintertime-end of Daylight Saving)) Sunday at 10.30am.

Landsborough: Sunday Mass at 8.30am.

WEEKDAY MASSES (YEAR 1):

Tues: Wed: Thurs : Fri 10.00am. 2nd & 4th Wednesday of Month-Eventide-10.30am. (Check front of Bulletin for any changes to this routine)

RECONCILIATION:

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Stawell: 1st & 3rd Saturday 10.00 am, before or after each weekday Mass (by request) or by appointment at any time. At Landsborough: Before 8.20 am Sundays

MEETINGS & GATHERINGS:

Prayer Group: every Monday, 1.30pm. Cuppa tea Stawell—2nd Sunday after Mass; Landsborough-3rd Sunday after Mass. St Vincent de Paul: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 2.00pm in Parish Hall. CWL: 3rd Wednesday commencing with10.00am Mass. Scripture reflection group Thursday 2.00pm in the presbytery.

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St Patrick's Parish Community

Stawell-Glenorchy-Great Western-Kalls Gap-Landsborough-

2nd Sunday of Easter - Year A

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY **PROJECT COMPASSION Please ensure that Project**



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RECENT DEATHS:

Eddie Phelan, Louis Molavin, Fr Frank Madden (Retired, Koroit)

Because of Anzac day the next meeting of St Vincent de Paul will be Thursday 27th April at 2pm in the church hall.

SICK LIST



(Canberra), Ian Kindred, June McKee (Mother of Anglican Deacon Heather Scott); Terry Bartlett (WA); Sharron Pickering; Andrew Van Diesen; Benjamin Wolfson; Karlee Thorpe (Bendigo), Bernie O'Callaghan

NB: A FAMILY MEMBER OF THE SICK PERSON MUST CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE TO HAVE NAMES ADDED OR REMOVED.

are returned as soon as possible in order that the may be forwarded to the Project Compassion Office.

Compassion Boxes/Envelopes

Thank you to all who have contributed to this important appeal.

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection: \$ 1,310.85 Parish Collection: \$ 528.00 Loose Collection: \$ 657.70 Holy Land Collection on

Good Friday \$ 310.00 1st Collection is for the clergy stipend, presbytery costs and support of the bishop and sick and retired priests. The 2nd collection is for the upkeep of the parish.

Sacramental Family Night

A Family Sacramental Night will be held on Thursday 27th of April, commencing at 6.00pm in the School Hall. The Sacraments are a key part of Church life and are celebrated within our Parish church community. St Patrick's Parish

offers a special program to help candidates and families prepare for the celebration of the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation. The Sacramental program is supported by St Patrick's School Community. If it is your wish that your child/ children receive any of the above-mentioned Sacraments in 2017 you will be required to attend the Information night.

LITURGY ROSTERS for Stawell are available to be picked up at the rear of the Church today. Please take yours as you leave. Thank you.

THIS WEEK:

MASSES THIS WEEK: Mass Tuesday 9.00am—Anzac Day Wed—Funeral Mass—No Mass at Eventide. ,Thurs, Fri 10.00am No Mass Tuesday—Apologies

Thursday 2.00pm St V De Paul in the Hall

THURSDAY— No Scripture Reflection **THIS WEEK.**

CONFESSIONS —Before or after 10.00am weekday Masses by request (i.e. – just ask Fr Eric.) ; 10.00am 1st & 3rd Saturdays; Landsborough—before Sunday Mass.

Any other time by appointment.

HUMOUR:

Two ministers met in the after life. One said, "Isn't heaven wonderful after the parish ministry?" The other said, "This isn't heaven!"

NEWS:

THE FEAST OF MERCY



During the course of Jesus' revelations to Saint Faustina on the Divine Mercy He asked on numerous occasions that a feast day be dedicated to the Divine Mercy and that this feast be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. The liturgical texts of that day, the 2nd Sunday of Easter, concern the institution of

the Sacrament of Penance, the Tribunal of the Divine Mercy, and are thus already suited to the request of Our Lord.

This Feast, which had already been granted to the nation of Poland and been celebrated within Vatican City, was granted to the Universal Church by Pope John Paul II on the occasion of the canonization of Sr. Faustina on 30 April 2000.

In a decree dated 23 May 2000, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments stated that "throughout the world the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday, a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come." These papal acts represent the highest endorsement that the Church can give to a private revelation, an act of papal infallibility proclaiming the certain sanctity of the mystic, and the granting of a universal feast, as requested by Our Lord to St. Faustina.



Lest

we forget

WHEN YOU GO HOME TELL THEM OF US AND SAY "FOR YOUR TOMORROW, WE GAVE OUR TODAY."

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

The themes for the second Sunday of Easter set the tone for the entire Easter season. They are all directed toward mystagogical instruction, primarily of the neophytes who were baptised during the Easter Vigil, but also of the whole Christian community. The readings for this season provide us an extended meditation on the resurrection and on our own incorporation into it through the mysteries of initiation.

Most of us are like Thomas who looked for some tangible evidence of the resurrection. We do not find it any easier to live by faith than he did. However, when we do live by faith, we actually discover tangible proof. This proof can be seen in the way the community reaches out in care and support to others. Jesus extends his wounded hands to us as he did to Thomas, and the community is invited to touch his wounds as we touch the wounds of our world. We find a similar situation in the reading from Acts where the fledgling Christian community grew in number as a result of the teaching of the apostles. So it has always been. Those who are not eye witnesses of the actual events are called, through the teaching of others, to witness to the power of the resurrection.

Although the blessings that we derive from the resurrection are clearly gifts from God, they are nonetheless costly gifts. They have been won through the blood of Christ, and we too may have to pay dearly for having received them.

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