



St Patrick's Parish Community

Starvell-Glenorchy-Great Western-Halls Gap-Landsborough-Nararre

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

September 20, 2015

SUNDAY MISSAL Pg 690

RECENT DEATHS: Hugh Thompson

ANNIVERSARIES: Frances de Goede

SICK LIST:

Noah Amarant; Kathryn Young; Glenis Leddin; Val Seear; Lourdes dela Cerna; Kath Hayes (Ballarat); John Delaney; ynn Wright; Laurie Healey; Fr Brendan Davey; Bernard Joyce; John Jess; Simon Monas; Wendy Shea; Angela Moore; Geoff O'Donnell; Belinda Scott (Ballarat); Peter Duffy (Canada); Patricia Price; (Melbourne); Margaret McIntyre; Nance Rutter; Theresa Ellis (Edinburgh)

(NAMES ON THE SICK LIST WILL BE CLEARED EVERY 4 WEEKS)

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

Corpus Christi College Building Appeal

On the weekend of September 26 & 27, 2015 across all parishes in Victoria, a special appeal will be conducted to raise funds for the addition of new rooms for Seminarians at Corpus Christ College, Carlton.

SATURDAY EVENING MASS TIMES:

It has been requested by a number of parishioners that we might consider keeping the Saturday evening Mass time at 6.00pm over the summer period.

This weekend a form is available for those who attend the Saturday even-

ing Mass, and who wish to vote on this matter.



**CUP OF TEA AFTER 8.30am
Mass at Landsborough**

**Happy big birthday to Marg
Jess for tomorrow (Monday)**

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection: \$ 546.50

Parish Collection: \$ 611.00

Loose Plate: \$ 95.70

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.

Jubilee Year of Mercy

Pope Francis has announced an Extraordinary Jubilee which has at its centre the mercy of God. It will be a Holy Year of Mercy. This Holy Year will commence on December 8, 2015, the next Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and will conclude on Sunday, November 20, 2016, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Year of Mercy website: <http://www.iubilaeummisericordiae.va/content/gdm/en.html>. All are invited to attend the Opening of the Door of Mercy at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat by Bishop Paul Bird CSsR on December 13, 2015, 10.30am. Refreshments will follow the Mass

Liturgy of Lament and Hope

A Liturgy of Lament and Hope will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral in Ballarat at 2.00pm on Sunday, November 1. This is being ar-

ranged in the context of the hearings of the Royal Commission relating to child abuse. The liturgy will offer people from throughout the diocese an occasion to lament the wrongs that have occurred in our Church, to ask forgiveness, and to pray for healing for all involved. The liturgy will include Scripture readings and prayers. Following the liturgy there will be a cuppa and time for a chat in the cathedral hall. To help with planning, the organising group asks that a representative from each parish contact one of the following: Karen Davies on 0407 820 622 or kdavies54@hotmail.com or Liz Hanrahan on 0417 347 262 or lizh@aanet.com.au

A copy of a prayer for peace in Syria, together with a copy of Caritas Australia's media release (September 8, 2015) regarding support for refugees is available at the doors of the churches today. Please take a copy home.

THIS WEEK:

**MASS: Thursday & Friday
10.00am**

Wednesday: Eventide 10.30am

NO MASS Tuesday Appointment in Ballarat.

THURSDAY—Scripture Reflection at 2.00pm in Presbytery.

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:

The strongman at a circus squeezed the juice from a lemon between his hands. He then said to the audience, "I will offer \$200 to anyone in the audience who can squeeze another drop from this lemon. A thin scholarly looking woman came forward, picked up the lemon, strained hard and managed to get a drop. The strongman was amazed. He paid the woman and asked, "What is the secret of your strength?" "Practice," the woman answered. "I was the treasurer of a Catholic Church Finance Council for thirty-two years!"

NEWS:

Syrian priest tells of atrocities and why Australia must help



Father Rahal Dergham understands the Syrian refugee crisis better than just about anyone else in Australia, having witnessed unimaginable changes since he moved here eight years ago, reports news.com.au.

When the Sydney priest arrived from Syria, he says he left a country that was "moving forward". In his home town of Hama, the young clergyman freely held Masses, his family worked happily and worshipped freely, and the children went to school for a decent and compulsory education.

Now, he says, it's a completely different place. Every time he speaks to his family or friends who are still there or have recently fled, or even when he checks up on how the conflict is progressing online, there are some terrifying reminders of how bad it has become.

“He was a peaceful man, a kind man,” Father Dergham says of his close friend and former colleague Father Francois Murad.

The priest was one of the early victims of Islamic State’s broadcast beheadings. “They taped it when they decapitated him and posted the video on YouTube. We saw it even before the media started talking about it. Now whenever you search Syrian crisis or anything about Christian persecution, you will see him.”

The 33-year-old has seen, heard of, and counselled his friends over more atrocities than any man his age should have encountered.

There’s the time a teenager from his town was tortured and murdered trying to visit his family at Christmas. “One of the last ones we lost was a young man, he was about 18,” he says. “He was not even armed. He had run away from the compulsory army service and was working in Lebanon but he was smuggled back to the country to be with his family on Christmas Day.

“At the checkpoint they, ISIS, found him and took him from the car. They took him out and they beat him and he was killed. His family didn’t get to see him for Christmas Day but they did see him again.”

When the parents of that young man saw him again, Fr Dergham explains, his body had been delivered to them in a plastic bag, chopped into pieces.

“We’ve received many of our people in parts,” he says. Like the time a taxi driver, the young priest used to work with, was returned to his family.

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September 17, 2015

REFLECTION ON TODAY’S SCRIPTURE

Jesus was well aware of the constant temptation for the leaders amongst his followers to be conditioned by the surrounding social and political structures. So, when he became aware that his disciples were disputing ‘who is the greatest’, he decided to teach them a lesson by engaging in some counter-cultural street theatre.

Jesus saw a young boy on the edge of the crowd and beckoned him into the middle of his group of disciples. This was not because of some sentimental idea that all kids are little innocents, but because in his society, children were absolutely at the bottom of the social scale. Jesus moved an utter nobody from the margins of society to the centre, challenging his disciples to change their perspective.

This challenge is made to all of us. We must identify those on the margins, some of whom we have quite literally dis-located like indigenous communities or asylum seekers, and bring them into the centre of our concern. There may be pain, personal and social, in changing perspective.

We might pause for a moment to pray for a new way of seeing, for perseverance in re-locating someone in the centre of our concerns, for the graceful insight that in welcoming that person we have welcomed Christ.

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ROSTERS:**LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):****This Week:** (September 20)**Readers:** G Douglas/C Browne**Procession of Gifts:** B G & W Browne**Ext Minister:** G Douglas**Next Week:** (September 27)**Readers:** J Murphy/M Browne**Procession of Gifts:** G Douglas/Betty Amarant**Ext Minister:****Church Care:** Betty Amarant/J Murphy**Church Grounds—** September— P O'Callaghan**STAWELL:****This Week 6.00PM** ((September 19)**Welcomer:** D McIntosh**Readers:** J Raeburn/Y Evans**Ext. Ministers:** D Jones/N Rathgeber**Procession of Gifts:** M, H, J, A Smith**10.30AM** (September 20)**Readers:** D O'Donnell/H Potter**Ext Ministers:** F Harney/G Comitti/ G Little**Procession of Gifts:** Cain/Rutter Family**Next Week 6.00PM** September 26)**Welcomer:** M Rogers**Readers:** N Rathgeber/T Brady**Ext. Ministers:** M Howard/D Woolley**Procession of Gifts:** S Pickering**10.30AM** (September 13)**Readers:** J Van Diesen/D Duffy**Ext. Ministers:** M Rowe/M R Thomas/G Cain**Procession of Gifts:** L & M Habben**Altar Society:** (August 26) Gabrielle & Maryanne**Counters:** Today: J Raeburn

Next Week: L & M Habben

MARY'S STATUE : 27—3 October M Rowe**READERS PLEASE RETURN THE BOOKS TO THE SACRISTY AFTER MASS.**

Always looking for readers and extraordinary ministers. If you ever wish to be considered for a ministry, contact Fr Eric or June Raeburn. Thank you

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:**Stawell: 1st & 3rd Saturday 10.00 am, after each weekday Mass (by request) or by appointment at any time at Landsborough: Before 8.20 am Sundays**HOLY HOUR:** 1st Friday, commencing with Mass at 10.00 AM**FUNERAL MASSES WILL ALWAYS TAKE THE PLACE OF ROSTERED WEEKDAY MASSES.****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 with 10.00am Mass.

Scripture reflection group Thursday 1.30pm in the presbytery.

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