



St Patrick's Parish Community

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

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

September 27, 2015

SUNDAY MISSAL Pg 699

RECENT DEATHS:

Freida Coffey (Margaret Jones' mother in Bendigo. Age 95); Marie Stewart (Penola)

ANNIVERSARIES: Cyril (Tony) Pickering

SICK LIST:

Noah Amarant; Kathryn Young; Glenis Leddin; Val Seary; 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

This weekend, 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:

Those who voted for 7.00PM mass during AEDST won the vote. Thank you to Joy Seary who counted the votes on last Monday Morning.

C.W.L. NOTICE.

Tuesday 6th October at 1.30 pm. A **SOCIAL AFTERNOON** will be held in the **PARISH HALL. MEMBERS please bring a PLATE for Afternoon Tea. \$5.00 Donation. Guest Speaker will be Joy Obi, all Parishioners are welcome.**



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT (NEXT FRIDAY):

On the First Friday of each month, a Holy Hour is celebrated in St Pat's Church commencing with Mass at 10.00Am. During this time there is both public and private prayer according to liturgical guidelines. For the Holy Hour to continue, it is important that people support it, and it is also necessary that an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist be present to replace the Host in the Tabernacle at the end. Please support the Holy Hour by giving some time on first Fridays.

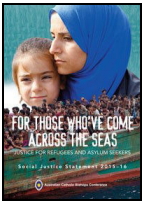
FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection: \$ 622.90

Parish Collection: \$ 492.00

Loose Plate: \$ 74.90

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.



SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT OF THE AUSTRALIAN BISHOPS:

"For Those Who've Come Across The Seas".
Social Justice Sunday is celebrated today

AVAILABLE TODAY. PLEASE TAKE A COPY.

THIS WEEK:

**MASS: Tuesday to Friday
10.00am**

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:

Board Meeting

'There will be a meeting of the Board immediately after the service,' announced Reverend Morris.

After the close of the service, the group gathered at the back of church for the announced meeting. However, there was a stranger in their midst. He was a visitor who had never attended their church before.

'My friend,' asked Reverend Morris, 'did you understand that this is a meeting of the Board?'

'Oh, yes,' came the rejoinder from the visitor, 'and after that sermon, I'm about as bored as you can get.'

NEWS:

POPE VISITS SOUP KITCHEN: 'NO JUSTIFICATION FOR HOMELESSNESS'



Pope Francis went straight from charging the US Congress to care for the neediest to blessing and encouraging Washington's hungry and homeless, reports CNS in *NCR Online*.

Still, Francis, wearing his cross showing a shepherd and his flock, carried a political message along with his pastoral mission.

"The Son of God came into this world as a homeless person," he told staff and clients of Catholic Charities, at St Patrick's in the city's Ministry to the Needy.

"The Son of God knew what it was to start life without a roof over his head," he said,

speaking in Spanish.

Francis told them that while "we can find no social or moral justification, no justification whatsoever, for lack of housing - we know that God is suffering with us, experiencing them at our side. He does not abandon us."

And he assured them that all are equal in prayer. "Faith makes us open to the quiet presence of God at every moment of our lives, in every person and in every situation. God is present in every one of you, in each one of us."

At the adjacent headquarters of Catholic Charities, the Pope paused briefly to bless the agency's chapel and moved out to the moment that may have been the real highlight of the shepherd's day — greeting the homeless clients who come there weekly for a meal from St Maria's Meals Program.

The location is marked by a statue known as the "Homeless Jesus" — identified by the nails in the statue's feet, said Monsignor John Enzler, president of Catholic Charities at the Archdiocese of Washington. The poor call it "our Washington monument, our sign of dignity," he said.

The street-side soup kitchen was set up with 55 white tablecloth-covered tables and floral centrepieces where families were served a hot lunch. There, Francis blessed little children, posed for selfies and, with open arms and a smile, called out "Buon appetito!"

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REFLECTION ON TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

An easy way to deal with this Gospel: 'anyone who is not against us is for us,' would be to emphasise the transformation of the relationship of Catholics with Protestants. Too easy.

But what about our relationship with the Muslims? There is a huge gulf between Muslims and us about Jesus Christ. Muslims do not even believe that he was killed on the cross, let alone raised to life. We hold to the testimony and the faith of the Apostles.

But Catholics also believe that the Divine Wind blows where it pleases amongst all people of all religious traditions (and of none). In the early Church this was expressed by saying that the Seeds of the Word were sown by the Holy Spirit in the hearts of all human beings.

We need to recognise the Seed of the Word in Islam — our shared belief in the one God, Creator of the cosmos, Lord of history, merciful and just. The task of the Church is to bring that Seed closer to the illumination of Divine Light so that it may eventually grow in belief that God is indeed One in the loving relationship of Triune life.

The world is holding its breath over the encounter of the Catholic Church and Islam. There is a history of mutual violence and contemporary barbarities which are inhumane and blasphemous. But, in the face of indifference and hostility to religion, at least in the West, it is good to acknowledge what we share in common.

We may take a moment to pray for the grace to relate to those Muslims whom we know in our own society in light of our faith that the Divine Wind has sown and is nurturing the Seed of the Word amongst them.

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ROSTERS:**LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):**

This Week: (September 27)

Readers: J Murphy/M Browne

Procession of Gifts: G Douglas/Betty Amarant

Ext Minister: C O'Callaghan

Next Week: ((October 4)

Readers: C Browne/J Browne

Procession of Gifts: B & C Brown**Ext Minister:** J Murphy**Church Care:** M Browne**Church Grounds—** October R Brown**STAWELL:****This 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

((September 19)

Next Week 6.00PM (October 3)**Welcomer:** S Blake**Readers:** Y Evans/D Jones**Ext. Ministers:** P Price/J McMahon**Procession of Gifts:** J Croton**10.30AM** (October 4)**Readers:** M R Thomas/K Dallinger**Ext Ministers:** J Van Diesen/G Little/H Potter**Procession of Gifts:** G & G Pickering**Counters:** Today: L & M Habben

Next Week: E Driscoll/G Pickering

Altar Society: (September 3) Marie & Gloria**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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