

ROSTERS:**LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):****This Week** (September 18)**Readers:** C Browne/J Browne**Procession of Gifts:** P & C O'Callaghan**Ext Minister:** C Browne**Next Week** (September 25)**Readers:** G Douglas/J Murphy**Procession of Gifts:** B & B O'Callaghan**Ext Minister:** Betty Amarant**Church Care:** C Browne**Church Grounds—** September—P O'Callaghan**STAWELL:****This Week** (September 17) **6.00PM****Welcomer:** D McIntosh**Readers:** T Brady/D Jones**Ext. Ministers:** A Ellis/J Raeburn**Procession of Gifts:** M, H, J, A Smith**10.30AM** (September 18)**Readers:** H Potter/D O'Donnell**Ext. Ministers:** F Harney/M R Thomas/C Barker**Procession of Gifts:** Cain/Rutter Family**Next Week** (September 24) 6.00pm**Welcomer:** M Rogers**Readers:** A Ellis/Y Evans**Ext. Ministers:** M Howard/S Howard**Procession of Gifts:** S Pickering

(September 25) 10.30am

Readers: E Driscoll/M Maestros**Ext. Ministers:** M Rowe/V Enriquez/K Ashton**Procession of Gifts:** L & M Habben**Counters:** Today: June Raeburn

Next Week: M & L Habben

Altar Society: September 24 — Gabrielle & Pat**MARY'S STATUE:** Sept 18-24 Liz Driscoll; 25-Oct 1 Helen Prowd; Oct 2-8 Nelthorp Family; 9-15 St Pat's School; 16-22 St pat's School; 23-29 Smith Family.**READERS PLEASE RETURN THE BOOKS TO THE SACRISTY AFTER MASS.****Extraordinary Ministers, please clean Sacred Vessels after Mass and prepare 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:**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**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 2.00pm in the presbytery.

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25th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year C

September 18, 2016

SUNDAY MISSAL Pg. 933**Saturday evening Mass will revert to 7.00pm on October 8th****ANNIVERSARIES:**Francis De Goede, and
Tony PickeringCup of tea/coffee after
8.30am Mass today.
Landsborough**VARIETY CONCERT:**18TH September, Anglican Church,
Stawell, \$10.00 entry. Afternoon
tea included. Notice on Board at**SICK LIST:**Noah Amarant; Kathryn Young; Glenis Leddin; Val Seear; Lourdes dela Cerna; Kath Hayes (Ballarat); John Delaney; Lynn Wright; Laurie Healey; John Jess; Simon Monas, Wendy Shea; Angela Moore; Jeff O'Donnell; Peter Duffy (Canada); Margaret McIntyre; Nance Rutter; Theresa Ellis (Edinburgh); Kate Sargent, Yvonne & Alf Evans; Margaret Boag; Nigel James (Canberra), Mary and Ian Kindred, John Coghlan (Shepparton); June McKee (Mother of Anglican Deacon Heather Scott); Terry Bartlett (WA); Arch McSparron **NB: A FAMILY MEMBER OF THE SICK PERSON MUST CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE TO HAVE NAMES ADDED OR REMOVED.**

back of the Church.

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection: \$ 508.20

Parish Collection: \$ 647.10

Loose Collection: \$ 135.90

(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.

**BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND
Collection for Sick and Retired
Priests.****Collection to date is \$674.00
THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE
GIVEN SO GENEROUSLY****OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY****OFFICER (OH&S)****CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER**

Helen Potter has been appointed to the position as she has had experience in such roles with

Victoria Police.
Further information on these
Positions will be provided when Fr
Eric returns from holidays.

HOSPITALIZED AND HOUSE- BOUND:

Families of people who need Com-
munion are reminded that they need
to contact the parish office to make
arrangement.

THIS WEEK:

MASSES THIS WEEK: Tuesday ,
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday —
10.00am

WEDNESDAY THIS WEEK: CWL
Meeting after 10.00am Mass

THURSDAY— Scripture Reflection

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 Three Hymns"

One Sunday a pastor told his congregation that the church needed some extra money and asked the people to prayerfully consider giving a little extra in the offering plate.

He said that whoever gave the most would be able to pick out three hymns.

After the offering plates were passed, the pastor glanced down and noticed that someone had placed a \$1,000 bill in offering.

He was so excited that he immediately shared his joy with his congregation and said he'd like to personally thank the person who placed the money in the plate.

A very quiet, elderly, saintly lady all the way in the back shyly raised her hand.

The pastor asked her to come to the front.

Slowly she made her way to the pastor.

He told her how wonderful it was that she gave so much and in thanksgiving asked her to pick out three hymns.

**Her eyes brightened as she looked over the congregation, pointed to the three handsomest men in the building and said,
"I'll take him and him and him."**

NEWS:

POPE TO FOCUS ON PRISONERS, HOMEL ESS FOR END OF HOLY YEAR

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Francis will devote special events in the last few months of the Year of Mercy to jubilee celebrations with prisoners and the homeless, sandwiched in between trips to Georgia, Azerbaijan,

and Sweden, reports *Crux*.

According to his recently released schedule, in the next three months Pope Francis will travel to Georgia and Azerbaijan from September 30-October 2, and then to Sweden from October 31 - November 1, to mark the 500 anniversary of the Reformation.

As is well known, however, if he sees fit the Argentine Pope might add a day trip to a place close to his heart, as he did earlier this year, with a visit to the Greek island of Lesbos, to bring the world's attention to the European refugee crisis.

One such "unscheduled" trip could be to the Italian town of Amatrice, recently hit by a devastating earthquake that left close to 300 people dead. During his weekly Angelus prayer after the quake, the Pontiff expressed his desire to go.

Francis will also preside over several Masses in Rome for the Jubilee of Mercy, and even though all the major events were carefully chosen by the Pontiff, some could argue he's leaving the ones closest to his heart for last.

On November 6, for instance, he will celebrate a Mass for prisoners and, a week later, with the homeless.

Photo: Pope Francis blesses a prisoner as he visits the Curran-Fromhold Correctional Facility in Philadelphia last September (CNS)

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

We are creatures of this world. We are made of it and we are totally dependent upon it for our very existence. We require its air, its water, its food, its heat. We need it for covering and for shelter; we need it to stimulate our minds and our spirits. Therefore, our use of its phenomenal resources cannot in itself be immoral. What is questionable is the character of our use.

There are many circumstances that contribute to the complexity of these matters. The merchant in the passage from Amos is not faulted because he was prosperous. Nor is the steward in the gospel criticised for putting resources aside for future use. But how much does a person need when there are others who are really needy?

We live our lives on the horns of a dilemma. We have the right to use and to enjoy the marvels of our world, but we cannot do this free of responsibility to each other and to the world itself. We are not called to disown the world. It is impossible for us to do that, because of our total dependence upon it. But we are called to live in it gently, using what we need and sharing what we can. We must make decisions as trustworthy stewards of the household of God, not like the man in the gospel who was only concerned with his own well being. We must serve God, not mammon.

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