

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

This Week (September 25)

Readers: G Douglas/J Murphy

Procession of Gifts: B & B O'Callaghan

Ext Minister: Betty Amarant

Next Week (October 2)

Readers: J Browne/M Browne

Procession of Gifts: K & G Blake

Ext Minister: C O'Callaghan

Church Care: J Murphy/Betty Amarant

Church Grounds— October—R Brown

STAWELL:

This Week (September 24) 6.00pm

Welcomer: M Rogers

Readers: A Ellis/Y Evans

Procession of Gifts: M Howard/S Howard

Ext. Ministers: 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

Next Week (October 1) 6.00PM

Welcomer: Sandra Blake

Readers: T Brady/D Jones

Ext. Ministers: P Price/M Maestros

Procession of Gifts: Jeanette Croton

10.30AM (October 2)

Readers: D O'Donnell/H Potter

Ext Ministers: MR Thomas/F Harney/J Van Diesen

Procession of Gifts: G & G Pickering

Counters: Today: M & L Habben

Next Week: G Pickering/E Driscoll

Altar Society: September 10 — Liz & kay

MARY'S STATUE: Sept 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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Stawell-Glenorchy-Great Western-Halls Gap-Landsborough-Nararre

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year C

September 25, 2016

SUNDAY MISSAL Pg. 938

Saturday evening Mass will revert to 7.00pm next Sunday, October 8th

RECENT DEATHS:

Bernice Rathgeber;

Arch McSparron

SICK LIST:

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

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

There will be a meeting of St. Vincent dePaul in the Parish Hall at 2.00pm. on Tuesday.

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection: \$ 466.85

Parish Collection: \$ 522.00

Loose Collection: \$ 54.90

(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.

HOSPITALIZED AND HOUSE-BOUND:

Families of people who need Communion are reminded that they need to contact the parish office to make arrangements.

HUMOUR:

"Heads or Tails"

- God gives you two ends to use,
- One to sit and one to muse.
- Success depends on which you choose,
Heads you win, tails you lose.

MASSES THIS WEEK:

**Tuesday Funeral Mass 11.00am
no Mass Wed, Thurs, Fri.**

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.

NEWS:

BENEDICT: GOVERNANCE NOT MY STRONG SUIT BUT FRANCIS GOOD AT IT

In his first substantial comments since retiring in 2013, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI has said the work of governing the Church was not his "strong point" and that he had a weakness of "little resolve" before difficult decisions, reports NCR O



In the comments, published in a new book-length interview yesterday, Benedict also says that while there were difficult moments in his reign it was "also a period in which many people found a new life in the faith."

"A weak point of mine was maybe little resolve in governing and making decisions," he admits in the book, *Ultime Conversazioni* (Last Conversations), excerpted in Italy's *Corriere della Sera* newspaper.

"In reality I am more a professor, one who reflects and mediates on spiritual questions," Benedict states. "Practical governance is not my strong point and this is certainly a weakness.

"But I do not see myself as a failure. For eight years I carried out my work."

The new book is based on conversations Benedict had after his retirement with German journalist Peter Seewald, with whom he also published a book-length interview during his papacy.

The English-language edition will carry the title *Last Testament: In His Own Words*, and be published on November 3.

In the excerpts, Benedict widely praises his suc

cessor Pope Francis, calling him "the man of practical reform."

"He was an archbishop for a long time, he knows the trade," the retired pope says of Francis. "He was a superior of Jesuits and has the ability to put his hands to action in an organised way. I knew that this was not my strong point."

Speaking to his 2005-13 reign as pontiff, Benedict admits there were "difficult moments," citing specifically three scandals: Continued questioning of the Church's handling of sexual abuse; his decision to lift the excommunication of traditionalist Bishop Richard Williamson, who denies aspects of the Holocaust; and the so-called Vatileaks trial at which his butler was found guilty of publishing secret documents.

Setting aside the scandals, he states, "it was also a period in which many people found a new life in the faith and there was also a great positive movement."

Benedict also says he was surprised by the March 2013 election of Argentine Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio, who took the name Francis, and initially he was unsure of the choice.

"No one expected him," says the retired pope. "I knew him, naturally, but I did not think of him. In this sense it was a big surprise. I did not think that he was in the select group of candidates.

"When I heard his name, initially I was insecure.

"But when I saw him speak on one hand with God, and on the other with people, I was truly content and happy," he continues, in an apparent reference to the memorable moment when Francis was introduced to crowds in St Peter's Square and bowed his head towards them and asked that they pray to God to bless him in his ministry

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SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Both the reading from the prophet Amos and the gospel narrative pointedly condemn the lifestyles of the rich. It is not wealth itself, but the complacency and the disregard for others that it too frequently generates, that is denounced. Biblical covenant is a communal concept. It emerges from a society that insists on mutual responsibility. Today's readings invite us to consider the covenant bond we have with others. How do we measure up?

The fundamental image of God reveals mercy and compassion. However, we cannot disregard the fact of judgment. Amos pronounces a woe against his own people; Abraham declares that there is an unbridgeable chasm between the saved and the condemned. Paul speaks here of the appearance of the Lord Jesus Christ who will bring judgment when he comes. Judgment will be determined not primarily in terms of our obedience to law, but in view of our fidelity to covenant commitment.

Righteousness is a covenant term. It is a quality of God that is shared with us by means of our covenant bond. Paul admonishes Timothy, and us, to pursue this righteousness, along with devotion, faith, love, patience and gentleness. Some of these virtues focus on our relationship with God, but most of them are directed toward our relationship with others. Those who are less fortunate are our sisters and brothers. If we take lightly our covenant obligations and allow them to languish at our gates, we will have only ourselves to blame when we find ourselves facing the harsh judgment of God.

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