

ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (September 11)

Readers: B G Browne/M Browne

Procession of Gifts: J Murphy/K Vance

Ext Minister: G Douglas

Next Week (September 18)

Readers: C Browne/J Browne

Procession of Gifts: P & C O'Callaghan

Ext Minister: C Browne

Church Care: C Browne

Church Grounds— September—P O'Callaghan

STAWELL:

This Week (September 10) 6.00pm

Welcomer: M Cray

Readers: T Brady/Y Evans

Procession of Gifts: J McMahon/D Jones

Ext. Ministers: J Allan

(September 11) 10.30am

Readers: M Maestros/S Little

Ext. Ministers: K Dalton/G Comitti/G Little

Procession of Gifts: Carey Family

Next Week

6.00PM (September 17)

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

Counters: Today: T & A Ellis

Next Week: June Raeburn

Altar Society: September 10 — Liz & Kay

MARY'S STATUE: Sept 11-17 M Kinane; 18-24 Liz Driscoll; 25-Oct 1 Helen Prowd; Oct 2-8 Nelthorpe 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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St Patrick's Parish Community
Stawell-Glenorchy-Great Western-Halls Gap-Landsborough-Nararre

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year C

September 11, 2016

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RECENT DEATHS

Honesto Abellanosa, Fr Bob

Markey, Graham Carmichael



BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND
Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

Last year our parish contributed \$6.7.00 to this collection, which raised nearly \$54,000 throughout the Diocese. The collection in our parish this year has raised \$450.00 to date. The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund relies on your generosity to enable it to continue supporting our sick and retired priests. You are still able to contribute, by using the special envelope provided, or in an envelope marked "Ballarat Clergy Support Fund".

A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contri-

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

Contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.

CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US – THE CHURCH

COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY

VARIETY CONCERT:

18TH September, Anglican Church, Stawell, \$10.00 entry. Afternoon tea included. Notice on Board at back of the Church.



CUP OF TEA SUNDAY IN HALL AFTER 10.30AM MASS—ALL WELCOME

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection: \$ 423.60

Parish Collection: \$ 851.00

Loose Collection: \$ 61.990

(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.



NOTICE:

I will be taking some holidays from today,

September 12. Fr John Pothiyittel will celebrate Masses in my absence. I will be away for three Sundays.

BEYOND THE YEAR OF MERCY

A retreat afternoon, which is open to all adults, is to be held at St Patrick’s Cathedral Hall, Ballarat on Sunday, October 30, 2016 from 1.30pm concluding with 5.00pm Mass. The afternoon will be led by Sr Veronica Lawson, a Sister of Mercy from Ballarat, biblical scholar and author of “Blessings of Mercy.” Registrations through the Cathedral Parish Office ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5331 2933

THIS WEEK:

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

Tuesday, 2.00pm –St Vincent de Paul

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:

Sister Mary, who worked for a home health agency, was out making her rounds visiting home-bound patients when she ran out of gas. As luck would have it a gas station was just a block away. She walked to the station to borrow a gas can and buy some gas. The attendant told her the only gas can he owned had been loaned out but she could wait until it was returned. Since the nun was on the way to see a patient, she decided not to wait and walked back to her car. She looked for something in her car that she could fill with gas and spotted the bedpan she was taking to the patient. Always resourceful she carried the bedpan back to her car. As she was pouring the gas into her tank two men watched from across the street. One of them turned to the other and said, "If it starts, I'm turning Catholic!"

NEWS:

FRANCIS: TERESA ALWAYS A MOTHER - AND NOW A SAINT

September 5, 2016



Pope Francis has declared Mother Teresa a saint, honouring the nun who cared for the world’s most destitute, and put his words into action after the ceremony by giving lunch to 1500 of Italy’s poor in the Vatican, according to AP and *The Tablet*.

Applause erupted in St Peter’s Square even before Francis finished pronouncing the rite of canonisation at the start of the Mass.

In his homily, Pope Francis praised Mother Teresa as the merciful saint who defended the lives of the unborn, sick, and abandoned — and who shamed world leaders for the “crimes of poverty

they themselves created.”

Pope Francis held Mother Teresa up as a model for today’s Christians during his homily for the nun who cared for the “poorest of the poor.”

Speaking from the steps of St Peter’s Basilica, Francis said the saint spent her life “bowing down before those who were spent, left to die on the side of the road, seeing in them their God-given dignity.”

He added: “She made her voice heard before the powers of the world, so that they might recognise their guilt for the crimes of poverty they themselves created.”

As if to emphasise the point, Francis repeated the words “crimes of poverty they themselves created.”

In an unscripted remark, the Pope said that for some it would be difficult to refer to her as “St Teresa” and that she will still be referred to as “Mother Teresa” by many people. “We’ll keep on calling her Mother,” he said.

Tens of thousands of pilgrims filled the square for the canonisation.

Some 100,000 tickets were issued for the Mass and the crowd included nuns, priests, volunteers, pilgrims, and tourists.

Hundreds of Missionaries of Charity Sisters in their trademark blue-trimmed saris had front-row seats at the Mass, while one group of 40 Indian nationals travelled from Macerata, Italy, to honour a woman given India’s highest civilian and humanitarian awards for her work in the slums of Calcutta. Another group of 100 drove from Kosovo holding up a banner that read: “Mother Teresa: Pray for Us.”

In addition, 13 heads of state and government-led official delegations attended while 1500 homeless people invited by Pope Francis had VIP seats and were later treated by a Neapolitan pizza lunch in the Vatican auditorium.

Photo: Official banner for Mother Teresa’s canonisation hangs on the facade of St Peter’s Basilica (CNA)

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

The God who spoke to Moses is pained by the depravity of the people yet moved to show them mercy. Who could ever have imagined such a God? The God depicted in the gospel actually searches for what is lost. He seems to abandon the safe ones for the sake of the one who has strayed. She goes to great lengths to find one coin. As a spurned yet loving father, God patiently waits until we come to our senses. Who could ever have conceived of such a God?

Our God seems consumed with an insatiable desire to reestablish a relationship with us after we have turned our backs on God, have chosen to commit our loyalties elsewhere, have thoughtlessly wandered off into danger that threatens our well being, not God’s. What is it about us that makes us so desirable? The answer has less to do with us than with the magnanimous character of God. It is almost as if unconditional love is not simply a characteristic of God, but God’s very essence and no human frailty or depravity can change this.

Paul insists that it is through Christ that all of this is accomplished. It is through the sacrifice of Christ that the depraved are forgiven, that sinners are saved, that the lost are found. It is through Christ that we are sought by God, and Christ is the very gift of mercy, the forgiveness of our sins, the celebration of our return.

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