

ROSTERS:**LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):****This Week** (October 9)**Readers:** C Browne/J Murphy**Procession of Gifts:** D and M Browne**Ext Minister:** J Murphy**Next Week** (October 16)**Readers:** G Douglas/BG Browne**Procession of Gifts:** BG and W Browne**Ext Minister:** G Douglas**Church Care:** J Murphy/Betty Amarant**Church Grounds—** September—P O'Callaghan**STAWELL:****This Week** (October 8) 7.00PM**Welcomer:** M Cray**Readers:** J Raeburn/D Jones**Ext. Ministers:** N Rathgeber/J Obi**Procession of Gifts:** J Allan

(October 9) 10.30am

Readers: E Driscoll/K Dallinger**Ext. Ministers:** C Barker/V Enriquez/G Comitti**Procession of Gifts:** Cain/Rutter Family**Next Week**

(October 15) 7.00PM

Welcomer: D McIntosh**Readers:** T Brady/A Ellis**Ext. Ministers:** M and S Howard**Procession of Gifts:** M Smith Family**10.30AM** (October 16)**Readers:** M Maestros/K Dalton**Ext Ministers:** M Rowe/MR Thomas/K Ashton**Procession of Gifts:** Carey Family**Counters:** Today: T & A Ellis

Next Week: J Raeburn

Altar Society: October 15 — Margaret and Di.**MARY'S STATUE:** 9-15 St Pat's School; 16-22 St Pat's School; 23-29 Smith Family.**Any queries relating to rosters and volunteers please contact June Raeburn on 53583506.****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.*The English translation of the Psalm Responses, the Alleluia and Gospel Verses, and the Lenten Gospel Acclamations from the Lectionary for Mass © 1997, 1981, 1968, International Committee on English in the Liturgy, Inc. All rights reserved.*

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

28th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year C

October 9, 2016

SUNDAY MISSAL Pg. 946**ANNIVERSARIES**

Bert Launder, Zoe Grainger, Annette Cecelia Pollock and Hugh Prowd

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); Sharron Pickering.

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

After 10.30am Mass this weekend. All welcome.

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection: \$ 570.40

Parish Collection: \$ 758.00

Loose Collection: \$ 104.00

(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.)

ST VINCENT DE PAUL:

The Stawell Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society and the Stawell Branch of the Catholic Women's League are celebrating their sixty years of service in our community. You are invited to join with us on Sunday, October 23, 2016 , at 10.30am Mass, to be followed by lunch in our church hall. RSVP October 16, 2016—Mary Rita Thomas 5358 1533, or Liz Driscoll 5358 1724.

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY:

As mentioned some weeks ago, we have had to act quickly to comply with occupational health and safety requirements. This has caused some bad reactions among some who do not realize the urgency of our complying. This is sad, but we must do what is required.

HELP REQUIRED: We are looking for some willing volunteers to work at our Op Shop in Main St. This shop is vital for raising funds for the upkeep of the parish. People prepared to give a few hours a week to serve in the shop and to sort and size clothing for sale would be most welcome. Please contact Fr Eric if you can help.

ROSTERS READY TO PICK UP AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH TODAY.

HOSPITALIZED AND HOUSEBOUND:

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

THIS WEEK:

MASSES THIS WEEK: Mass Tuesday
Thurs, Fri. 10.00am
Wed. Eventide Homes 10.30am.

Tuesday—St Vincent de Paul—
2.00pm

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 Sermon

A little girl became restless as the preacher's sermon dragged on and on. Finally, she leaned over to her mother and whispered, "Mommy, if we give him the money now, will he let us go?"

NEWS:

NEXT SYNOD ON YOUTH AFTER PROPOSAL ON MARRIED PRIESTS REJECTED



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The topic of the next synod has been announced as *Young People, Faith, and Vocational Discernment*, according to a statement released by the Vatican. *The Catholic Herald* has the story.

But according to one respected Vatican journalist, the synod was nearly dedicated to a different theme - priestly celibacy.

Edward Pentin, Vatican correspondent of the *National Catholic Register*, reported that Pope Francis was "known to be keen" for the next synod to examine "priestly celibacy and a possible push to allow married priests."

However, Pentin wrote: "That proposal was understood to have been voted down by the majority of members on the XIV Ordinary Council of the Synod of Bishops."

The XIV Ordinary Council is a group of bishops which works with the Pope on choosing the theme of the synod. It in-

cludes Cardinal Christoph Schönborn of Vienna, Cardinal Wilfrid Napier of Durban, Cardinal George Pell, head of Vatican finance reform, and several other well-known prelates.

In choosing the theme, Pope Francis also consulted bishops' conferences, the Eastern Catholic Churches, and the heads of women's religious orders.

There had been speculation that the synod would address priestly celibacy. Cardinal Cláudio Hummes, Archbishop Emeritus of São Paulo and a friend of Pope Francis, is known to be interested in reforming the requirement for priests to be celibate, and recently had an audience with the Pope.

The Vatican statement said the choice of synod theme is expressive of "pastoral concern of the Church for the young," and was "continuous" with the previous Synod on the Family and the Pope's subsequent document *Amoris Laetitia*.

Photo: Pope Francis, accompanied by young people, passes through the Door of Mercy ahead of a prayer vigil during World Youth Day, in Campus Misericordiae in Brzegi, Poland (AP)



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

The leprosy of Naaman and the ten men in the gospel serves as a metaphor for sinfulness, the condition that makes us unfit for the presence of God and despicable in the eyes of others. Separated from God and alienated from society, we are truly in a deplorable state, a state out of which we are unable to extricate ourselves. Into these seemingly hopeless conditions step the prophet Elisha and Jesus. Each in his own way brings the healing power of God, the saving grace of God. Paul is such a mediator as well. He brings the gospel to those who are in need of salvation. When people are open to his preaching, they are transformed and made ready to receive eternal glory.

After healing come gratitude and praise. Both Naaman and the lone Samaritan are so filled with gratitude that they return to the one responsible for their healing. They are not so pre-occupied with their good fortune as to forget that it came to them as a gift. Their response is the kind of thanks and praise that is proclaimed in the psalm and that is also celebrated at each Sunday Eucharist. We have been saved from our alienation from God and from each other so let us give thanks to the Lord.

Those who know that they have been healed, who realize that this was a gift freely given to them, and who return to give thanks have, by these acts of devotion, stepped over a threshold into a new way of living. Their thanks and praise usher them into a new age, the age of eschatological promise.