

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

This Week (August 28)

Readers: G Douglas/B G Browne

Procession of Gifts: J & C Browne

Ext Minister: C O'Callaghan

Next Week (September 4)

Readers: M Browne/C Browne

Procession of Gifts: E Amarant/G Douglas

Ext Minister: J Murphy

Church Care: B O'Callaghan

Church Grounds—September—P O'Callaghan

STAWELL:

This Week (August 27) 6.00pm

Welcomer: S Blake

Readers: J Raeburn/Y Evans

Procession of Gifts: P Price

Ext. Ministers: M Howard/S Howard

10.30AM (August 28)

Readers: K Dalton/K Dallinger

Ext. Ministers: H Potter/S Enriquez/G Comitti

Procession of Gifts: Cain/Rutter Family

Next Week 6.00PM (September 3)

Welcomer: S Blake

Readers: N Rathgeber/A Ellis

Ext. Ministers: J Raeburn/P Price

Procession of Gifts: I Robinson

10.30AM (September 4)

Readers: D O'Donnell/E Driscoll

Ext Ministers: K Ashton/M Rowe/M R Thomas

Procession of Gifts: G & G Pickering

Counters: Today: M & L Habben

Next Week: G Pickering/E Driscoll

Altar Society: September 3 — Marie & Gloria

MARY'S STATUE: Aug. 28th — Sept 3rd. E. & N. Musumeci.

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

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year C

August 28th, 2016

SUNDAY MISSAL Pg. 920**RECENT DEATHS:** Doris Woolley.

Nicholas Hristodoulou

FAREWELL, DORIS WOOLLEY:

To Frank, Michelle and Trevor and their families, our deepest sympathy.

Doris was one of those exceptional people who went beyond and above what would be expected to serve her Church community.

Apart from being the current Chairperson of the CWL, Doris was a tireless worker with others in providing the monthly cups of tea in the parish hall and co-ordinating morning/afternoon tea for funerals. However, her great service was her dedication to the parish Liturgy. For some years, Doris spent a lot of time at home downloading the Data Projector formats of the Mass and putting them together in a way that made them useable in the church. She operated the data projector during Saturday evening Mass and at Funerals (she asked Michelle last week whether or not she would be required to operate it at her own funeral!!!).

Doris prepared for the Mass by preparing the hosts and bread and wine, setting out the microphones, books, lighting the

candles etc. She could also hold her own in arguing with the parish priest. Thank you, Doris, you will be greatly missed.

Real men wash dishes**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:**

Ministers are reminded that part of this Ministry is to help with the clean up after Mass and filling the cruets for the next

Mass. Our male Ministers seem to have the idea that this task is only for the ladies. How sexist! Fellows, please get your act together and do your bit. Thank you.

OP SHOP VOLUNTEERS:

A meeting of all volunteers will be held in St Patrick's Hall at 2.0pm, this Wednesday, August 31.

**ANNUAL APPEAL FOR SICK AND RETIRED CLERGY:**

This appeal will be taken up next weekend of September 3/4. Envelopes are available this week-

end.

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.**

HOSPITALIZED AND HOUSEBOUND:

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

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection: \$509.60

Parish Collection: \$577.50

Loose Collection: \$ 111.60
plus one half button!!

(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.

HELP REQUIRED to work the data projector, particularly at Saturday Evening Mass. Please contact Fr Eric if you are prepared to give it a go.

On site training provided.

NOTICES FOR BULLETINS:

Please have notices for the Bulletin in by lunch time on Thursdays.

THIS WEEK:

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

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:

Being a new pastor to an aging congregation, I told them I would be serving them prune juice in Holy Communion. When asked why I would dare entertain such a thought, I said, "If the Holy Spirit won't move you--the prune juice will!"

NEWS:

POPE DISCARDS REGULAR ADDRESS TO LEAD PRAYERS FOR QUAKE VIC- TIMS

Published: 25 August 2016



Pope Francis has turned his weekly general audience into a prayer service for victims of the earthquake that struck central Italy overnight, reports the Catholic News Service.

Beginning the audience in St Peter's Square, Pope Francis said he had prepared a normal audience talk on how the merciful Jesus is close to people, but given the devastation in central Italy, he decided to lead the recitation of the sorrowful mysteries of the rosary.

Italy's National Institute of Geophysics and Volcanology reported that the first quake, which registered a 6.0 magnitude, struck at 3.36am with an epicentre about 160km north-east of Rome between the towns of Accumoli and Amatrice.

The US Geological Survey said the magnitude was 6.2 and the epicentre was closer to Norcia, the birthplace of St Benedict.

Later in the day, the Vatican press office said

that as a concrete sign of Pope Francis' concern for the earthquake victims, six Vatican firefighters had been sent to Amatrice. They will work under the direction of the Italian government emergency services in searching for victims and offering them assistance.

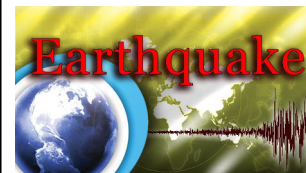
By early evening, the death toll had reached 120 but was expected to rise; more than 350 were reported injured.

"Hearing the news of the earthquake that has struck central Italy and devastated entire areas, leaving many dead and wounded, I cannot fail to express my heartfelt sorrow and my closeness" to everyone in the earthquake zone, especially those who lost loved ones and "those who are still shaken by fear and terror," the Pope said.

"Having heard the mayor of Amatrice say, 'The town no longer exists,' and knowing that there are children among the dead, I am deeply saddened," Pope Francis said.

The Pope thanked all the volunteers and emergency workers who were trying to rescue victims people trapped under the rubble.

Photo: A nun checks her mobile phone as she lies near a victim laid on a ladder following an earthquake in Amatrice Italy (AP)



**Let us pray for the
victims of natural
disasters, espe-
cially the people
of Amatrice, Italy
and surrounds,
and other areas**

badly affected by similar tragedies.

**122 Earthquakes recorded from Thursday, Au-
gust 18 up until noon on Friday this week.**

REFLECTION

The goodness of God is seen in the extravagant generosity with which God gives gifts. This is described in the psalm in the boundlessness and universal scope of God's generosity. Like the rain that falls on the entire landscape, the blessings of God are showered on all. These blessings are true gifts. They have not been earned, nor can they be repaid. God's openness is also seen in the reading from the Letter to the Hebrews and in the gospel. All are invited to approach the heavenly city; the heavenly banquet will be open to the poor and to those who have no way of repaying.

Only the humble can receive the gifts of God. Only those who can admit their neediness are open enough to realise that God's blessings are gifts freely given, not compensation for a job well done. Without a humble spirit we are unable to receive gifts as gifts. This is either because we are too proud or we do not know how to receive with the open hearts of children, who never think that they must return in kind. This is the kind of humility recommended by Sirach. This is the kind of humility possessed by the disadvantaged pictured in the gospel.

As we have received from the bounty of God, so we are called to give to others. Only those who have received with a humble spirit can give with the generosity of God, for they know that they do not deserve God's goodness and they do not require anything in return.

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