

ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (October 30)

Readers: J Murphy/J Browne

Procession of Gifts: J & C Browne

Ext Minister: B Amarant

Next Week (November 6)

Readers: B GH Browne/G Douglas

Procession of Gifts: Betty Amarant/G Douglas

Ext Minister: J Murphy

Church Care: G Douglas

Church Grounds— B O'Callaghan

STAWELL:

This Week (October 29) 7.00PM

Welcomer: S Blake

Readers: D Jones/T Brady

Ext. Ministers: N Rathgeber/J Raeburn

Procession of Gifts: I Robinson

10.30AM (October 30)

Readers: M R Thomas/S Little

Ext Ministers: G Little/M Rowe/F Harney

Procession of Gifts: Cain/Rutter Family

Next Week (November 5) 7.00PM

Welcomer: M Cray

Readers: J Raeburn/N Rathgeber

Ext. Ministers: M Maestros/P Price

Procession of Gifts: S Pickering

(November 6) 10.30am

Readers: L Morgan/K Dalton

Ext. Ministers: V Enriquez/G Comitti/K Ashton

Procession of Gifts: G & G Pickering

Counters: Today: T & A Ellis

Next Week: E Driscoll/G Pickering

Altar Society: November 5 — Marie & Gloria

MARY'S STATUE: Oct 30-Nov 5 G & G Pickering; Nov 6-12 N Rathgeber; Nov 13-19 M & J Jess; Nov 20-26 H Prowd; Nov 27-Dec 3 D McIntosh

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.

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

31th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year C

October 30, 2016

SUNDAY MISSAL Pg. 957

RECENT DEATH: Betty Rutter

ANNIVERSARIES

Fiona Seebus

ECUMENICAL SERVICE AT THE SALVATION ARMY CITADEL, MAIN STREET: TODAY, Sunday at 5.00pm

BISHOPS' STATEMENT REGARDING OFFSHORE VDETAINEES IS AVAILABLE AT THE DOORS OF THE CHURCH TODAY. PLEASE TAKE ONE HOME AND READ IT.

THANK YOU:

The Stawell CWL and St Vincent de Paul thanks all those who helped make the celebration of our joint 60th Anniversary such a success last Sunday.

HELP REQUIRED: We are looking for some willing volunteers to work at our Op Shop in Main St. This

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), 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.



YEAR OF MERCY:

You are invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving for the blessings of the Holy Year of Mercy to be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat by Bishop Paul

Bird CSsR on Sunday, November 13, 2016 at 10.30am. Refreshments will follow the Mass.

HOSPITALIZED AND HOUSE-BOUND:

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

WANTED: Ground cover plants for the church garden if anyone is trimming or thinning out their garden. Would be much appreciated. But please no pig face.

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection: \$ 632.80

Parish Collection: \$ 726.00

Loose Collection: \$ 111.95

(1st 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.

THIS WEEK:

MASSES THIS WEEK: Mass Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 10.00am

THURSDAY— Scripture Reflection— 2.00PM IN PRESBYTERY.

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: **Church Gossip**



Irene, the church gossip, and self appointed monitor of the church's morals, kept sticking her nose into other people's business. Several members did not approve of her extra curricular ac-

tivities, but feared her enough to maintain their silence.

She made a mistake, however, when she accused George, a new member, of being an alcoholic after she saw his old blue pickup parked in front of the town's only bar one afternoon. She emphatically told George, and several others, that everyone seeing it there would know exactly what he was doing.

George, a man of few words, stared at her for a few moments and just turned and walked away. He didn't explain, defend or deny! He said nothing!

Later that evening, George quietly parked his blue pickup in front of Irene's house walked home and left it there....all night!

NEWS:

MOSUL SUCCESS GIVES IRAQI CHRISTIANS RENEWED HOPE



Iraq army troops have stormed into a Christian region under Islamic State control since 2014 as part of US-backed operations to clear the entrances to Mosul, the militants' last major city stronghold in Iraq. Reuters has the story.

The advance took place as US Defence Secretary Ash Carter met Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi in Baghdad to evaluate the campaign that began on Monday with air and ground support from the US-led coalition.

A military statement said Iraqi units entered the centre of Qaraqosh, a mainly Christian town about 20km southeast of Mosul, and were carrying out mop-up operations across the town.

Further action was under way to seize a neighbouring Christian village, Karamless, also known as Karemlash in the Syriac language. The region's population fled in the summer of 2014, when Islamic State swept in.

Earlier this week, Iraqi special units also captured Bartella, a Christian village north of Qaraqosh.

A US military official estimated there were fewer than a couple of hundred Islamic State fighters in Qaraqosh.

The offensive on Mosul is expected to become the biggest battle fought in Iraq since the US-led invasion in 2003 and it could require a massive humanitarian relief operation.

Some 1.5 million residents remain in the city and worst-case scenario forecasts see up to a million being uprooted, according to the United Nations. UN aid agencies said the fighting has so far forced about 6000 to flee their homes.

Photo: Iraqi special forces soldiers inside a church damaged by Islamic States fighters in Bartella, east of Mosul, on Friday (Reuters)

PRAY FOR OUR PERSECUTED CHRISTIAN SISTERS AND BROTHERS

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

The change of seasons is always an opportune time to marvel at the magnificence of the natural world of which we are a part. Its colours, its textures, its smells all reflect the limitless imagination of the creator. Perhaps the most marvellous feature of the world is the interconnectedness of all the elements of which it consists. Somehow the spirit of the creator is manifested through each and every aspect of this universe. And we are part of it all. The universe may be as a grain in the balance or a drop of morning dew, but each grain and each drop contains within it the possibilities of the future.

Offering hospitality is a profound social act. When we offer hospitality, we invite another into our world, into our lives. We shift our attention from our own cares and concerns to the needs and comfort of the other. By the act of hospitality we transform strangers into friends and intimates, just as Jesus did with Zacchaeus. The hospitality that Jesus offers dissolves all constraints. Relationships disregard the biased measures of propriety, forging bonds of reconciliation and issuing everyone an invitation to intimacy. The hospitality that Jesus offers recreates the world from one of insider versus outsider to one of universal inclusivity. Sinners become friends, the lost are found, and all are restored to the rightful place as children not merely of Abraham but of God. The creativity of the creator is matched by the compassion of the re-creator.

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