

ROSTERS:**LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):****This Week** (November 13)**Readers:** C Browne/M Browne**Procession of Gifts:** J Murphy/K Vance**Ext Minister:** G Douglas**Next Week** (November 20**Readers:** J Murphy/J Browne**Procession of Gifts:** P & C O'Callaghan**Ext Minister:** C Browne**Church Care:** J Murphy/Betty Amarant**Church Grounds—** November—B O'Callaghan**STAWELL:****This Week** (November 12) 7.00PM**Welcomer:** D McIntosh**Readers:** N Rathgeber/A Ellis**Ext. Ministers:** M Howard/S Howard**Procession of Gifts:** J Allan**10.30AM** (November 13)**Readers:** M Maestros/E Driscoll**Ext Ministers:** M R Thomas/M Rowe/K Dalton**Procession of Gifts:** Carey Family**Next Week** (November 19) 7.00PM**Welcomer:** M Rogers**Readers:** T Brady/D Jones**Ext. Ministers:** L Moloney/J Obi**Procession of Gifts:** M, H, J, A Smith

(November 20) 10.30am

Readers: S Little/M R Thomas**Ext. Ministers:** C Barker/F Harney/G little**Procession of Gifts:** L & M Habben**Counters:** Today: T & A Ellis

Next Week: J Raeburn

Altar Society: November 19 Margaret & Di**MARY'S STATUE:** 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, before or 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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33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year C**November 13, 2016****SUNDAY MISSAL Pg. 965****RECENT DEATHS:** John Gannon (Wendouree—murdered), Mary O'Brien (Colac); Paul Belot**ANNIVERSARIES:** Irene Dawson**140years Ss Michael & John's Parish, Horsham**

Ss Michael & John's Parish, Horsham celebrates 140 years this year. Mass to celebrate this event is on Sunday, November 20 at Ss Michael & John's Church, Horsham at 10.30am, the Feast of Christ the King. After Mass, all are welcome to a parish dinner at the Coughlin Park Centre at 12.00noon, with a game of bowls and activities for the children to follow. Please contact the Parish office, ph. (03) 5382 1155 to book or for further information.

OUR DIOCESAN COMMUNITY MAGAZINEavailable at the doors of the Church today—**FREE** – please take one home.**CUP OF TEA/COFFEE** after 10.30am Mass in Stawell, today. All most welcome.**NOVEMBER OFFERING ENVELOPES:**Spare envelopes are available at the doors of the church. This gives an opportunity to have Masses celebrated for your deceased relatives and friends. The Bishop's Conference has set a stipend of \$20.00 for each Mass. Please ensure that you **PRINT** names of those you wish to have a Mass celebrated.**BOOK OF THE DEAD:**November is the month in which we pray especially for our dead. The Book of the Dead is at the front of the church. If you wish to have family members or friends remembered in our weekday Masses feel free to print their names on the pages available. **"It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead."** (Book of Macabees)**SISTERS OF ST JOSEPH THANKSGIVING RITUAL**As part of our celebrations for 150 years, a thanksgiving ritual will be held at the grave of Sisters Adrian and Edmund Murphy on Saturday 26th November 2016 at 11.30 am. Parishioners are invited to join the Sisters for this ritual and to join them for lunch after at the Gift Hotel, Stawell. Any further information can be obtained from Sr Mary Fermio, Ph 5367 2078**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 (Sherraparton); 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.

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection: \$ 384.50

Parish Collection: \$ 377.00

Loose Collection: \$ 63.00

(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.

WANTED: Still seeking some 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.

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The final edition of ODC for 2016 is available for collection from the Diocesan Offices in Ballarat. Thank you to those who have collected their copies. Encourage parishioners to take copies to the homebound, nursing homes, hospitals, etc., to spread the good news of the diocese.

THIS WEEK:

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

NO MASS TUESDAY—COUNCIL OF PRIESTS MEETING BALLARAT

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:

The Old Preacher was out fishing one afternoon when he heard a noise beside him. He looked down and saw a frog sitting next to him. The frog said, "Buddy, I've had a spell cast on me. If you'll kiss me, I'll turn into a beautiful princess and I'll make you happy for the rest of your life." The Old Preacher smiled, picked up the frog and put it in his pocket. A little later, he looked into his pocket to see how the frog was doing. The frog said to him again, this time with exasperation, "Buddy, I've had a spell cast on me. If you'll kiss me, I'll turn into a beautiful princess and I'll make you happy for the rest of your life." The Old Preacher just smiled and kept on fishing. A little later he checked on the frog again. This time it said, "What's wrong with you, fella. I said I've been bewitched. Just kiss me and I'll turn back into a beautiful princess and make you the happiest man on earth for the rest of your life." The Old Preacher just smiled and said, "Frog, I hate to tell you this, but at my age, I'd rather have a talking frog than a beautiful princess!"

NEWS:

US CHURCH LEADERS PROMISE TO HOLD TRUMP TO PRO-LIFE PLEDGES

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US Bishops and Church leaders have reacted to Tuesday's election result by congratulating Donald Trump on his victory and promising to hold his feet to the fire over his pro-life pledges, reports the Catholic News Service.

While most lay and religious leaders expressed hope that the President-elect would pay attention to their agenda, others were more decidedly downbeat, and still others counselled prayer.

President of the US Bishops' Conference, Archbishop Joseph Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky, outlined an ambitious agenda in a post-election statement that congratulated Mr Trump and all election victors.

"The Bishops' Conference looks forward to working with President-elect Trump to protect human life from its most vulnerable beginning to its natural end. We will advocate for policies that offer opportunity to all people, of all faiths, in all walks of life," Archbishop Kurtz said.

He added: "We are firm in our resolve that our brothers and sisters who are migrants and refugees can be humanely welcomed without sacrificing our security. We will call attention to the violent persecution threatening our fellow Christians and people of other faiths around the world, especially in the Middle East.

"And we will look for the new administration's commitment to domestic religious liberty, ensuring people of faith remain free to proclaim and shape our lives around the truth about man and woman, and the unique bond of marriage that they can form."

Referring to a need to bridge the divides created in the country by such a contentious election, Archbishop Kurtz said: "Now is the moment to move toward the responsibility of governing for the common good of all citizens. I believe God will give us the strength to heal and unite."

After Mr Trump clinched the Electoral College majority, Cardinal Seán O'Malley of Boston tweeted: "Congratulations to President-elect Donald Trump. May God grant you good health, wisdom, and courage during your presidency."

"Regardless of who received our vote, now is the time to be reminded that the strength of our republic lies in our unity as fellow citizens and members of God's holy family," said Bishop Michael Burbidge of Raleigh, North Carolina.

"Such relationships are the bedrock of our society and it is our sacred duty to foster them so that nothing divides us. When we live in such harmony, there will be true dialogue, and the exchange of ideas will occur in a civil and respectful manner."

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SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

The Day of the Lord was believed to be the time when God would come in majesty and power to set all things right. We must remember that the descriptions in today's readings are metaphorical or symbolic in nature. As with all metaphors or symbols, we miss something of their profound meaning if we merely understand them literally. It is not helpful to relate elements of the description with particular aspects of the contemporary world. Belief in the Day of the Lord is a way of testifying to our faith in the righteousness of God.

Although the narrative readings for today concentrate on the disruptions that will accompany the coming of God, they also contain hints of the salvation that will finally arrive. Malachi speaks of the sun of justice that comes with healing rays; Luke promises that the faithful disciples will escape without a hair of their heads being destroyed. Just as the descriptions of the upheavals should not be understood literally, neither should these descriptions. It may be that the faithful followers of Jesus will suffer terrible agonies. The point here is that even in the midst of their pain, they will be protected. The healing rays of justice and the rescue of the lives of the upright are references to salvation. God does not come at the end to condemn, but to save. Furthermore, the suffering that precedes the end is intended for purification and refinement, not punishment. Christians are exhorted to live in this endtime with patient endurance of difficulties.

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