

ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (December 11)

Readers: J Murphy/J Browne

Procession of Gifts: D & M Browne

Ext Minister: J Murphy

Next Week (December 17)

Readers: G Douglas/B G Browne

Procession of Gifts: BG & W Browne

Ext Minister: G Douglas

Church Care: C Browne

Church Grounds— December—B & P Browne

STAWELL:

This Week (December 10) 7.00PM

Welcomer: D McIntosh

Readers: T Brady/J Raeburn

Ext. Ministers: A Ellis/D Jones

Procession of Gifts: J Allan

10.30AM (December 11)

Readers: M Maestros/S Little

Ext Ministers: K Dalton/G Comitti/G Little

Procession of Gifts: Carey Family

Next Week (December 17) 7.00PM

Welcomer: M Rogers

Readers: T Brady/D Jones

Ext. Ministers: L Moloney/J Raeburn

Procession of Gifts: M, H, J & A Smith

(December 18) 10.30am

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: December 17—Margaret & Di

MARY'S STATUE: Dec 11-17 E & N Musumeci; 18-24 P & H Rathgeber; 25-31 P & K Fenwick; Jan 1-7 M Kinane; 8-14 D & J O'Donnell; 15-21 M Rowe; 22-28 E T Driscoll; 29—Feb 4 D Duffy

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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Stawell-Glenorchy-Great Western-Halls Gap-Landsborough

Third Sunday of Advent - Year A

December 11, 2016

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ANNIVERSARIES:

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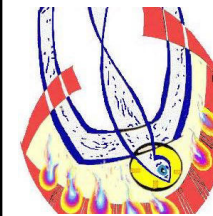
ADVENT SCRIPTURE

REFLECTION is a great

way to remember "the reason for the season". Come along to the presbytery on Thursdays from 2-3.30pm and prepare yourself for Christmas in a way doesn't involve shopping or cooking.

Advent Giving Tree . Last year St Vincent de Paul and the Stawell Inter Church Council helped make Christmas a bit easier for 220 needy people by giving Christmas Grocery Shopping vouchers to 80 households and new toys and books to 85 children to the age of 13 years old. Please help us by

donating a new **UNWRAPPED CHILDREN'S TOY OR BOOK** and putting it under the Advent giving tree at the back of the church by **11.30am TODAY**. We will be distributing grocery shopping vouchers, toys and books on Thursday 15th Dec. If you know of anyone who needs help this Christmas please direct them to our Cottage, 20 Sloane St, which is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am-12.30pm.



CONGRATULATIONS to Jack, Ella and Bridie, who celebrate Confirmation and First Communion today (Sunday). Thank you to parents and

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), Ian Kindred, June McKee (Mother of Anglican Deacon Heather Scott); Terry Bartlett (WA); Sharron Pickering; Andrew Van Diesen; Benjamin Wolfson

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

teachers who prepared them so well.

CHRISTMAS MASSES: As Christmas day is on Sunday this year, we will celebrate the normal Sunday Mass times. 7.00pm (Saturday) & 10.30am at Stawell and 8.30am at Landsborough

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND CALENDARS ON SALE THIS WEEKEND.

Calendars \$9.00.
Cards \$5.00—Some 8 per pack, some 5 per pack—different quality.

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection: \$ 460.20
Parish Collection: \$ 594.00
Loose Collection: \$ 63.50
(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, Thurs, Fri 10.00am
Wed—Eventide 10.30am

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.

HUMOUR:

The Parish Priest put hot air hand dryers in the toilets at his church and after two weeks took them out. I asked him why and he confessed that they worked fine but when he went in there he saw a sign that read, "For a sample of this week's sermon, push the button."

NEWS:

AMERICAN 'HIPSTER NATIVITY' SCENE STIRS UP CONTROVERSY

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It's the Christmas present with a difference: A "Hipster Nativity" set with Joseph sporting a lumberjack beard while he uses his iPhone to selfie the moment as the Segway-riding wise men present baby Jesus with amazon.com boxes. Crux reports.

God made hipsters in his image, too.

That's part of the thinking behind a "Hipster Nativity" set being peddled by a group of friends who came up with the idea over a few beers, no doubt handcrafted ones. In it, Joseph sports a lumberjack beard and a man bun while he uses his iPhone to selfie the moment when the Segway-riding wise men present baby Jesus amazon.com boxes.

A cow bearing a "100 percent organic" seal and a sheep in a handknit sweater breathe on the baby under the manger's solar-powered roof.

Mary - in traditional sky blue - flashes a peace sign with one hand as she holds a Starbucks cup aloft in the other.

Hipster Nativity has, to say the least, been controversial.

"We have quickly found out that this product is very polarising," Casey Wright, a co-founder of Modern Nativity, the single-product company behind the idea, told CNBC.

"Amazingly, a lot of people seem very concerned about the proper definition of a millennial and a hipster, too. We get comments like: 'Segways aren't hipster. They're technically early-stage millennial with a tinge of East Coast liberal.'"

Photo: The complete Hipster Nativity set



**Come,
Lord Jesus**

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Half way through Advent we pause for a moment to celebrate Gaudete Sunday, a Sunday for rejoicing. Isaiah paints a picture of regeneration. The desert that once seemed to be dead is now bursting with life; eyes that lacked sight, ears incapable of capturing and holding sound, limbs without strength, and tongues devoid of speech are all given new life. There will be no death in that age of fulfilment, no limitations, no mourning. As we move deeper and deeper into the reality of God's presence in our midst, we will discover the meaning of true fulfilment.

John the Baptist is a standard for judging the privilege of entering here and now, the kingdom of heaven. He was the herald of the coming of Jesus, the one who prepared for him, but John himself died before the death and resurrection of Jesus opened the flood gates of the eschatological tide. By comparison, even the least in the kingdom of God is far greater than this prophetic herald. John also serves as a model of patience in suffering. His circumstances teach us that moving toward eschatological fulfilment is not without cost.

Just as Matthew presents us with the example of John the Baptist, so James describes the patience required of those who await the age of fulfilment. That age of fulfilment will dawn in its time; all we can do is discharge our responsibilities regardless of how demanding they might be, and wait for that day patiently, convinced that it will come in God's due time.

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