

ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (December 18)

Readers: G Douglas/B G Browne

Procession of Gifts: BG & W Browne

Ext Minister: G Douglas

Next Week (December 25)

Readers: C Browne/M Browne

Procession of Gifts: R & C Brown

Ext Minister: C Browne

Church Care: J Murphy/Betty Amarant

Church Grounds— December—B & P Browne

STAWELL:

This 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

Next Week (December 24) 7.00PM

Welcomer: S Blake

Readers: J Raeburn/A Ellis

Ext. Ministers: M Howard/S Howard

Procession of Gifts: Children

10.30AM (December 25)

Readers: E Driscoll/J Van Diesen

Ext Ministers: M Rowe/V Enriquez/K Ashton

Procession of Gifts: M & L Habben

Counters: Today: June Raeburn

Next Week: M & L Habben

Altar Society: December 24—Gabrielle & Pat

MARY'S STATUE: Dec 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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St Patrick's Parish Community
Stawell-Glenorchy-Great Western-Halls Gap-Landsborough

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year C

December 18, 2016

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ANNIVERSARIES:

Martin Coghlan



ADVENT SCRIPTURE

REFLECTION is a great

way to remember "the reason for the sea-

son". 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.

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. Carols in Stawell from 6.30pm

BISHOP'S APPEAL FOR THE NEEDY:

This collection will be taken up as a leaving collection at each of the Christmas Masses

COLUMBAN CALENDARS ON SALE

THIS WEEKEND. \$9.00.

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection: \$ 510.55

Parish Collection: \$ 688.00

Loose Collection: \$ 80.20

(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.)

ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL BUILDING:

On Friday, I received the Certificate of Occupancy for the new school building at St Pat's School.. This is an exciting time for the school and for the parish as we strive to give the best possible education and outstanding pastoral care to our children. The building incorporates four spacious

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.

learning areas (Classrooms, a spacious central area, outdoor learning areas off each classroom, A new entrance and administration area.

Some external work needs to be completed, and some landscaping done.

In all, we are very fortunate we are to have this building at minimal cost top the local community.

\$500,000.00 was a gift from the state Labour Government, and \$500,000.00 a grant from the Catholic Education Office.

Some \$200,000.00 is from local contribution.

Once again we need to thank Kate Harney for her forward planning and compassion for catholic education which has seen this dream materialize.

Thank you, Kate.

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:

THE HOTEL IS FULL:

A Jewish lady named Mrs. Rosenberg many years ago was stranded late one night at a fashionable resort - one that did not admit Jews. The desk clerk looked down at his book and said, "Sorry, no room. The hotel is full."

The Jewish lady said, "But your sign says that you have vacancies."

The desk clerk stammered and then said curtly, "You know that we do not admit Jews. Now if you will try the other side of town..."

Mrs. Rosenberg stiffened noticeably and said, "I'll have you know I converted to your religion."

The desk clerk said, "Oh, yeah, let me give you a little test. How was Jesus born?"

Mrs. Rosenberg replied, "He was born to a virgin named Mary in a little town called Bethlehem."

"Very good," replied the hotel clerk. "Tell me more."

Mrs. Rosenberg replied, "He was born in a manger."

"That's right," said the hotel clerk. "And why was he born in a manger?"

Mrs. Rosenberg said loudly, "Because a jerk like you in the hotel wouldn't give a Jewish lady a room for the night!"

NEWS:

MISS UNIVERSE DONATES LUXURY POSSESSIONS TO CARITAS

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The reigning Miss Universe has contributed luxury gifts to a sale in aid of Caritas Manila. The Catholic Herald has the story.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Despite all of the excitement associated with eschatological fulfilment, despite all of the assurance we have that it will be an experience of peace and abundant life, the mystery for which we long requires the risk of faith. Despite all of the times that we have celebrated the Nativity, we still do not have full comprehension and understanding. Still we are invited to enter deeply into the event that is before us. Will we step into a life of deeper faith and commitment, or will we merely participate in the external celebration of the feast? Only we can decide, and only we will really know the decision that we make.

The circumstances of our lives influence the way we live out our faith. As Christians, we are called to devote ourselves to the service of Christ. Our primary commitment must be to Christ and to the way of being human that he has shown us. We must be committed to what enriches life and not to what diminishes it. We must be committed to the good of people and not to the hoarding of things. We may not be official heralds of the gospel, but we proclaim our faith in the way we live our lives, in the kindness with which we treat others, in honesty of our business transactions. We proclaim the gospel when we stand for justice, when we forgive those who have offended us, when we show compassion to those who suffer. As we step into the eschatological age, we are called to recommit ourselves to genuine Christian living.

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Pia Wurtzbach, who in 2015 became the third Filipino to receive the title, has donated bags, shoes, and dresses to the Celebrity and Friends Pre-loved Luxury Brands Sale, reports UCAN.

All proceeds from the event will go towards Caritas Manila's work with the poor throughout the city.

On Monday, Ms Wurtzbach paid a courtesy call to Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle at his home to hand over her donations in person.

Cardinal Tagle thanked her for donating to the sale. He gave Ms Wurtzbach the rosary that was presented to him by Pope Francis to express his gratitude.

"We are here for one purpose and that is to serve our brothers and sisters with no other motivation but love," he said.

After meeting with the Cardinal, the beauty queen called on others to "share their blessings" this Christmas.

Ms Wurtzbach also revealed that she intends to work with the Catholic charity after her reign as Miss Universe ends.

Many of the donated items were made by designer brands including Chanel, Prada and Louis Vuitton.

Caritas Manila is looking to raise approximately £31,500 (\$40,000) from the event for a youth education programme.

Photo: Miss Universe Pia Wurtzbach (AP)