

ROSTERS:**LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):****This Week** (January 8)**Readers:** B G Browne/G Douglas**Procession of Gifts:** E Amarant/G Douglas**Ext Minister:** J Murphy**Next Week** (January 15)**Readers:** M Browne/C Browne**Procession of Gifts:** J Murphy/K Vance**Ext Minister:** G Douglas**Church Care:** G Douglas**Church Grounds—** January—J Browne**STAWELL:****This Week** (January 7) 7.00PM**Welcomer:** D McIntosh**Readers:** N Rathgeber/D Jones**Ext. Ministers:** A Ellis/J Obi**Procession of Gifts:** J Allan**10.30AM** (January 8)**Readers:** E Driscoll/L Morgan**Ext Ministers:** J Van Diesen/K Ashton/V Enriquez**Procession of Gifts:** Cain/Rutter Family**Next Week**

(January 14) 7.00PM

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Next Week: J Raeburn

Altar Society: January 14—Liz & Kay**MARY'S STATUE:** Jan 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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*The Epiphany of the Lord - Year A**January 8, 2017***SUNDAY MISSAL** Page 145**CODE OF CONDUCT FOR CARING FOR CHILDREN:**

Documents relating to caring for children are posted in the sacristy and on the noticeboard in the church.

A 27 page document "Code of Conduct For Caring For Children" is posted on the notice board, and if any individual would like a personal copy please see Fr Eric, Helen Potter or Gloria Pickering.

CLOSURE OF CHURCH TOILETS:

During the week someone set a fire in the hand basin in the ladies toilets. These toilets will be kept locked in future, except during Mass times

THANK YOU

Thank you to the many parishioners who offered best wishes, cards and gifts at Christmas. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.

Fr Eric

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection: \$ 347.00

Parish Collection: \$ 733.00

Loose Collection: \$ 118.65

*(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.)***1,000 vigilante killings a month in Philippines, missionary reports**

January 05, 2017

The summary execution of suspected drug dealers in the Philippines is "the most cruel death penalty ever seen," a missionary priest told the Fides news service.

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; Karlee Thorpe (Bendigo)

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

Father Shay Cullen, an Irish priest, reported that there have been about 1,000 people killed in the past month, merely on suspicion of involvement in the drug traffic. He described the vigilante killings as "a monstrous crime."

Father Cullen observed that lawmakers in the Philippines could reinstate the death penalty, and although the missionary priest made it clear that he would oppose that move, it would at least be "a legal way" to punish criminals. But the extra-judicial killings—which have been quietly encouraged by President Rodrigo Duterte—are a violation of the rule of law, he said. "The suspects are not given the opportunity to defend themselves against their accusers, which is their constitutional right."

"This violence must stop," Father Cullen insisted. Unfortunately, he said, the campaign of vigilante justice appears to have broad public support.

THIS WEEK:

MASSES THIS WEEK: Mass Tues, Thurs, Fri 10.00am
Eventide—Wed 10.30am

THURSDAY— Scripture Reflection—No reflection during January.

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 Perfect Pastor preaches exactly 10 minutes. He condemns sin roundly, but never hurts anyone's feelings. He works from 8 a.m. until midnight, and is also the church janitor.

....The Perfect Pastor makes \$40 a week, wears good clothes, drives a good car, buys good books, and donates \$30 a week to the parish. He is 29 years old and has 40 years' worth of experience. Above all, he is handsome.

....The Perfect Pastor has a burning desire to work with teen-agers, and he spends most of his time with the senior citizens. He smiles all the time with a straight face because he has a sense of humor that keeps him seriously dedicated to his parish. He makes 15 home visits a day and is always in his office to be handy when needed.

....The Perfect Pastor always has time for School Council and all of it's committees. He never misses the meeting of any parish organization, and is always busy evangelizing the unchurched.

....The Perfect Pastor is always in the next parish over!

If your pastor does not measure up, simply send this notice to six other parishes that are tired of their pastor too. Then bundle up your pastor and send him to the parish at the top of your list. If everyone cooperates, in one week you will receive 1,643 pastors. One of them should be perfect.

Have faith in this letter. One parish broke the chain and got its' old pastor back in less than three months.

NEWS:

TO ENCOURAGE VOCATIONS, LEARN TO LISTEN TO YOUNG PEOPLE, POPE SUGGESTS



January 05, 2017

In a January 5 address to vocations directors from Italian dioceses, Pope Francis said that the work of encouraging vocations calls for "passion and a sense of gratitude."

In calling for passion, the Pope explained in his prepared remarks, he meant that "it is important to be convinced that 'I am on a mission,' and not simply that 'I have a mission.'" He said that this approach "requires courage, daring, imagination, and a desire to go beyond, to go further." This approach, he said, is attractive to young people.

"The youth of today are in need of a spring of fresh water to slake their thirst, so as to continue on their searching journey," the Holy Father said. He advised vocations officials to listen carefully to young people, to be prepared to "waste time" answering their questions and hearing their thoughts."

Pope Francis handed out his prepared remarks to the officials who had participated in a conference organized by the Office for Pastoral Care for Vocations of the Italian Episcopal Conference. He spoke off the cuff to the group; no

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

The Christmas season reaches an apex with the Epiphany. In some liturgical traditions, it is the central celebration of Christmas. It commemorates not only the birth of Christ and the visit of the Magi, but also his baptism in the Jordan and the manifestation of his glory at the wedding feast of Cana. In the Roman Catholic tradition, the focus is on the visit of the Magi and the implications of that visit for the glorious manifestation of God to all the peoples of the world.

There is a wonderful summons to alertness and presence of mind and heart, a call for all the nations to witness the marvellous works of God that shine as light in the midst of the surrounding darkness. The light of God is known in the ways in which the most vulnerable in the city are cared for and acknowledged. In just action and righteousness, the city becomes the beacon of God, and all the nations are attracted by this light. The quality of the light leads the way through the darkness and sustains the world in goodness and peace.

The manifestation of God among us changes the ways in which we perceive each other. Christ's birth provides us with the light by which we see a new criterion for relating. The Magi represent the multi-ethnic and cultural diversity in civic and parish situations, as well as the many religions of the world. All people, regardless of race or ethnic origin, can be co-heirs with Christ.

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