

**ROSTERS:****LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):****This Week** (January 22)**Readers:** J Murphy/J Browne**Procession of Gifts:** P & C O'Callaghan**Ext Minister:** C Browne**Next Week** (January 29)**Readers:** B G Browne/G Douglas**Procession of Gifts:** J & C Browne**Ext Minister:** J Murphy**Church Care:** J Murphy/Betty Amarant**Church Grounds—** January—J Browne**STAWELL:****This Week** (January 21) 7.00PM**Welcomer:** N Rathgeber**Readers:** D Jones/N Rathgeber**Ext. Ministers:** J Obi/M Howard**Procession of Gifts:** P Price

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**Readers:** E Driscoll/J Van Diesen**Ext. Ministers:** G Comitti/S Enriquez/L Morgan**Procession of Gifts:** L & M Habben**Next Week** (January 28) 7.00PM**Welcomer:** M Cray**Readers:** J Raeburn/T Brady**Ext. Ministers:** N Rathgeber/M Maestros**Procession of Gifts:** I Robinson

(January 29) 10.30AM

**Readers:** M R Thomas/S Little**Ext Ministers:** G Little/M Rowe/F Harney**Procession of Gifts:** Cain/Rutter family**Counters:** Today: L & M Habben

Next Week: T &amp; A Ellis

**Altar Society:** January 28—Gabrielle & Pat**MARY'S STATUE:** January 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 &amp; 4th Wednesday of Month-Eventide-10.30am.

**(Check front of Bulletin for any changes to this routine)****RECONCILIATION:**Stawell: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 &amp; 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

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A****January 22, 2017****SUNDAY MISSAL Page 371****ANNIVERSARIES:**

Gordon Douglas

**LENTEN DISCUSSIONS:**

Once again we will be having Lenten discussions in the parish.

**Any person wishing to take part in a discussion group is asked to contact Fr Eric as soon as possible in order that materials can be ordered.**

This year, again, we will be using material from the Brisbane Archdiocese.

"The title of the 2017 resource (Up from the Waters) is taken from the Gospel of Matthew (Year A).

**FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:**

Presbytery Collection: \$ 624.20

Parish Collection: \$ 532.10

Loose Collection: \$ 86.75

*1<sup>st</sup> Collection is for the clergy stipend, presbytery costs and support of the bishop and sick and retired priests. The 2<sup>nd</sup> collection is for the upkeep of the parish.*

# Australia Day

Celebrate what's great!

**AUSTRALIA DAY:**

Mass on Thursday, Australia Day, will be celebrated at 10.00am. Please make an effort to come long and pray for our nation.

**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 &amp; 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.**

## HUMOUR:

The minister stormed into the vestry and flung his sermon notes on the table.

"Today," he shouted to the church officer, "I have preached to a congregation of asses!"

The Church officer nodded, "So that was why you kept calling them 'beloved brethren.'"



**"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." And they left their nets at once and followed him.**

**(Mtt 4:19-20)**

## THIS WEEK:

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

## NEWS:



### 'I'M TERMINALLY ILL AND THE DEBATE ON EUTHANASIA SCARES ME'

Published: 19 January 2017

It often feels to me that the voices who want physician-assisted dying are given extra amplification by celebrities, and that, because they talk about dying with dignity, they somehow must be right, writes Julie Morgan.

The doctors have told me I have a few months to live. The cancer that began in my breast four years ago has spread to my spine, ribs, hips and, more significantly, to my lungs. The surgeries, extensive chemotherapy, and radiation that I went through back then, plus the on-going hormone therapy, didn't do the trick.

And so now, in my mid 50's, I'm terminally ill. It often doesn't seem real, yet it is. But there's so much more that I want to do – I am not ready to go!

My story of facing an untimely death has been interwoven with that of my best friend and housemate who, within these same four years, was diagnosed and subsequently died of lung cancer. And no, she wasn't a smoker. As my first illness was coming to an end, her illness began and so I went from being the person who was cared for to being the one who was the primary carer.

There was a week's difference. So the past four years have given me a unique window into the

complexity of death and dying, of living and loving, and of holding on and letting go.

The NSW community is about to debate physician-assisted death or voluntary euthanasia. No doubt one of the key ideas will be the notion that we ought to have a "free choice" when it comes to the manner of our death.

This is coupled with the different understandings that people have about what it means to die with dignity. These are vitally important conversations.

However, it often feels to me that the voices who want physician-assisted dying are given extra amplification by celebrities, and that, because they talk about dying with dignity, they somehow must be right. But the past four years have confirmed for me everything that my two ethics degrees have taught me: that human dignity is so inherent that it is expressed even in extreme vulnerability and not just in the good times.

Bringing in legislation that allows a group of experts to determine who can "legally" die, seems a retrograde move. Intellectually, that worries me. And once the legislation has been approved, experience tells us that it is likely to grow exponentially.

I can imagine a time when particularly frail and vulnerable people will succumb to the thought that it might be best for their families and for society in general for them to let go and die – they will agree to something because they think they ought to. That scares me.

*Sydney Morning Herald*

Julie Morgan is a lecturer in ethical leadership at Australian Catholic University

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Discipleship is not something that we take upon ourselves. We are called to it. Some people are very conscious of this call. They are aware of it in their aspirations and dreams; they recognise it in the events of their lives. They hear the call as clearly as Simon, Andrew, James and John heard the voice of Jesus. For others, the call to discipleship is not so clear. They may experience an undefined restlessness, a dissatisfaction with their lives. People can respond to the call in one of two ways. They can consider the mere suggestion of discipleship an intrusion into their plans, or they can drop what they are doing, leave their former concerns behind and follow Jesus.

There is a misunderstanding about being called and leaving everything behind. Although the gospel says that the four men left their occupation of fishing in order to follow Jesus, this kind of 'leaving behind' was not, and still is not, required of all, for it is in the ordinary events of life that our salvation unfolds. For most people, this is precisely where they are to function as disciples. Still, disciples of Jesus are called to leave behind certain ways of living as they follow him. They are called away from lives of pettiness and division. They are called away from the kind of factionalism that seems to have threatened the unity of the Corinthian community. They are called away from narrow-mindedness and mean-spirited competition. It is much easier to leave nets than to leave the web of one's prejudices.

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