

ROSTERS:**LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):****This Week** (January 29)**Readers:** B G Browne/G Douglas**Procession of Gifts:** J & C Browne**Ext Minister:** J Murphy**Next Week** (February 5)**Readers:** C Browne/M Browne**Procession of Gifts:** Betty Amarant/G Douglas**Ext Minister:** G Douglas**Church Care:** M Browne**Church Grounds—** February —P O'Callaghan**STAWELL:****This 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**Next Week** (January 21) 7.00PM**Welcomer:** N Rathgeber**Readers:** D Jones/N Rathgeber**Ext. Ministers:** J Obi/M Howard**Procession of Gifts:** P Price

(January 22) 10.30am

Readers: E Driscoll/J Van Diesen**Ext. Ministers:** G Comitti/S Enriquez/L Morgan**Procession of Gifts:** L & M Habben**Counters:** Today: T & A Ellis

Next Week: L Driscoll/Sybil Fawly

Altar Society: February 4—Marie & Gloria**MARY'S STATUE:** January 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

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A

January 29, 2017

SUNDAY MISSAL 375**RECENT DEATHS:**

Fay Musumici; Fr Joe Holland;

Sr Ellen Holland



Best Wishes to children, staff and parents/carers as children return to school this week across the Stawell region.

Special blessing upon all at St Patrick's School as they begin the new year under the leadership of Mrs Liz McIntyre.

POPE FRANCIS' LETTER TO YOUNG PEOPLE

on the Occasion of the Presentation of the Preparatory Document of the XV Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops IS AVAILABLE AT THE DOORS OF THE CHURCHES. If you have young adults 15+ at home, you might like to take a copy to give them.

RESOURCES FROM THE DIOCESE FOR PARISHES

The Diocesan Resource Centre has a wide range of resources that can be borrowed free by groups or individuals in parishes. There are books, music and DVDs on many topics including sacraments, Lent, the Gospel of Matthew, Pope Francis, social justice and resources for children. Attached is a poster for display in your parish. More about the Resource Centre on the Diocesan website:

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); John Bray (Melbourne)

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

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or contact 5337 7149.



CLERGY CHANGES:

Bishop Paul Bird has made a number of clergy changes to take effect from late February.

Fr Marcello Colasante (Swan Hill) to Wendouree;

Fr Matthew Thomas (Camperdown) to Swan Hill;

Fr Peter Sherman (Wendouree) to Ballarat East;

Fr Adrian McInerney (Ballarat East) Retiring.

Camperdown is still to be filled.

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection: \$ 533.40

Parish Collection: \$ 555.00

Loose Collection: \$ 116.60

*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, Wed, Thurs, Fri 10.00am

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:

One day Jesus was out for a walk, strolling near the walls surrounding heaven, when he heard an old man's voice call from the other side.

"Hello? Hello?"

Jesus replied, "Who is it?"

"Just a poor, old carpenter searching for his son," the old man replied.

Jesus' heart leapt with joy and he called out, "Joseph?"

The voice answered back, "Pinocchio?"

NEWS:

ACBC: RESPECT THE RIGHT TO HOLD DIFFERENT VIEWS ON PUBLISHED:
23 January 2017 marriage



All members of religious groups deserve the right to not participate in same-sex marriage ceremonies if they hold a traditional view of marriage, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) said in a submission released last week.

The Senate has established a select committee to examine draft exemptions for ministers of religion, marriage celebrants and religious groups so they do not have to participate in same-sex marriage ceremonies, should the law be changed. The Select Committee on Same-Sex Mar-

riage is expected to report on February 13.

"Changing the definition of marriage would have an impact on all the members of the Catholic Church, but perhaps the most significant impact would be on ordinary parishioners trying to live their Catholic faith in their daily lives," said Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, chair of the ACBC's Commission for Family, Youth and Life.

"So while the ACBC appreciates the basic protections offered, it must acknowledge that there are no protections offered for the vast majority of the faithful who wish to continue to practise their beliefs.

"People should be free to decline to endorse by participation, activities or ceremonies that are contrary to their beliefs. For example, people may decline to involve their businesses in activities that they consider may be harmful to the community or which may be harmful to the environment.

Likewise, in the case of same-sex marriage, people with a conscientious objection should be free to decline to be involved, including where their business is approached to provide services. "The point at issue when services are declined is not the sexual orientation of the person involved."

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

To follow Jesus does not mean merely that one travels with him from place to place. It means that one learns from him, that one follows his manner of life and his way of thinking. To follow Jesus means to follow his example in the way he respects himself and other people, in his use of the things of the natural world. It means that one listens to what he says, and asks for an explanation when what he says is not understood. All of this requires that the disciple be a learner, one who can learn from the life of Jesus as well as from his teaching.

The first lessons that the disciples must learn are found in the beatitudes. The same lessons are placed before us, the modern-day disciples. The setting of Jesus' teaching is so serene; a mountain apart, a teacher with his disciples gathered around him, simple statements that are coupled with glorious rewards. However, the reality of the lessons is in stark contrast with this tranquil scene. These beatitudes, these blessings call for profound inner transformation.

The gospel outlines the kind of person the disciple is to become; the psalm sketches the program to which the learner is called. The disciples of Jesus are not merely his followers; they also continue the work that he began. In whatever circumstance of life we find ourselves, as disciples of Jesus we work to sustain the good that is in the world and to transform whatever needs transformation.

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