

ROSTERS:**LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):****This Week** (February 5)**Readers:** C Browne/M Browne**Procession of Gifts:** Betty Amarant/G Douglas**Ext Minister:** G Douglas**Next Week** (February 12)**Readers:** J Browne/J Murphy**Procession of Gifts:** J Murphy/K Vance**Ext Minister:** C Browne**Church Care:** B O'Callaghan**Church Grounds—** February —P O'Callaghan**STAWELL:****This Week** (February 4) 7.00PM**Welcomer:** D McIntosh**Readers:** N Rathgeber/D Jones**Ext. Ministers:** J Raeburn/C Barker**Procession of Gifts:** S Pickering

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Readers: L Morgan/IK Dalton**Ext. Ministers:** V Enriquez/G Comitti/K Ashton**Procession of Gifts:** G Pickering& Sybil Fawley**Next Week** (February 11) 7.00PM**Welcomer:** D McIntosh**Readers:** J Raeburn/A Ellis**Ext. Ministers:** M Howard/S Howard**Procession of Gifts:** J Allan

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Readers: D O'Donnell/E Driscoll**Ext Ministers:** M R Thomas/M Rowe/K Dalton**Procession of Gifts:** Carey Family**Counters:** Today: L Driscoll/Sybil Fawley

Next Week: T & A Ellis

Altar Society: February 11—Liz & Kay**MARY'S STATUE:** January 29—Feb 4 D Duffy;February 5th – D. Duffy.February 12th – 18th M. and S. Blake.February 19th – 25th J. Raeburn.11thFebruary 26th – March 4th H. Prowd.**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

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A**February 5, 2017****SUNDAY MISSAL 379****OPENING MASS FOR SCHOOL YEAR: Friday at 10.00 am in the School Hall. All most welcome. Cup of tea/coffee following Mass.****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.**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:

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

LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUPS:

Any person wishing to take part in a discussion group is asked to contact Fr Eric as soon as possible .

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: \$ 493.20

Parish Collection: \$ 632.00

Loose Collection: \$ 95.50

*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 (School Hall) 10.00am
Wed, Eventide 10.30am

THURSDAY— Scripture Reflection—No reflection this week.

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: (KIDS)

When a mother saw a thunderstorm forming in mid-afternoon, she worried about her seven-year-old daughter who would be walking the three blocks from school to home. Deciding to meet her, the mother saw her daughter walking nonchalantly along, stopping to smile whenever lightning flashed. Seeing her mother, the little girl ran to her, explaining happily, "All the way home, God's been taking my picture!"

On the first day of school, the Prep (Foundation) teacher said, "If anyone has to go to the bathroom, hold up two fingers." A little voice from the back of the room asked, "How will that help?"

NEWS:



ROYAL COMMISSION WRAP UP MAY BE PAINFUL

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On February 6, the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse will commence Case Study 50, otherwise known as the "Catholic wrap up", writes Monica Doumit at *The Catholic Weekly*.

Scheduled to run for three weeks, the hearing is intended to look at factors which might have contributed to the abuse crisis in the Church, and to our response to the crisis.

The three weeks allocated to the Church is the same amount of time which has been allocated to wrap up all other institutions, government and non-government, com-

bined.

This series of wrap-up hearings will complete around four years of public hearings for the royal commission, and it will be the last major news we will hear of the commission until it releases its final report, which is due to Parliament on December 15.

While we don't know exactly what will be covered in the hearings, we have a fair idea of some of the issues which are primed for discussion.

It is likely that the hearings will open with a breakdown of the statistics regarding abuse in Catholic institutions. Official numbers haven't been released yet but, if the speeches from commission chair Justice Peter McClellan are any indication, we will probably hear that around 40 per cent of all complaints received by the commission relate to Catholic institutions.

Given this dramatically high figure, the commission will then consider whether there is anything unique to the Catholic Church which contributed to the occurrence of abuse.

Some of the topics which will be raised include the culture of the Church generally, its governance, including Canon Law, the role of the Vatican and the bishops, its doctrine and practices, including the Sacrament of Confession and discipline of mandatory celibacy, and the selection and formation of candidates for the priesthood.

There's no point in mincing words, it will be an unprecedented public shaming of the Church and much of it will be well-deserved.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

We live in a world where appearances frequently matter more than they should. Contrary to this predominating tendency, Jesus teaches us that what we do flows from who and what we are. We can enlighten the world with the message of the gospel, because our lives have been transformed by that gospel and now we ourselves are light for others. We can serve others in various ways, only because we have been saved by God's grace and now we are agents of that grace in the lives of others. Our own renewal becomes the means through which God renews the world.

This may sound grandiose, but it isn't. It is the truth about the way God works. Extraordinary things are accomplished through ordinary people. Jesus grew up as the son of a carpenter; some of the apostles were fishermen; Paul was a tentmaker; we are clerks and teachers, bus drivers and doctors, bank tellers and engineers. Like Paul we come to ministry in weakness and fear and much trembling. It is the Spirit and power of God that work the wonders, and God works them through mundane elements of life such as light and salt.

As children, many of us learned the corporal and the spiritual works of mercy. We learned that we can practise them in every walk of life. Today's readings remind us of this. We may not be asked to perform extraordinary feats, but all disciples of Jesus are called upon to do the ordinary things of life in an extraordinary way.

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