

ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (February 12)

Readers: J Browne/J Murphy

Procession of Gifts: J Murphy/K Vance

Ext Minister: C Browne

Next Week (February 19)

Readers: G Douglas/B G Browne

Procession of Gifts:

Ext Minister:

Church Care: G Douglas

Church Grounds— February —P O'Callaghan

STAWELL:

This Week (February 11) 7.00PM

Welcomer: D McIntosh

Readers: J Raeburn/A Ellis

Ext. Ministers: M Howard/S Howard

Procession of Gifts: J Allan

(February 12) 10.30AM

Readers: D O'Donnell/E Driscoll

Ext Ministers: M R Thomas/M Rowe/K Dalton

Procession of Gifts: Carey Family

Next Week (February 18) 7.00PM

Welcomer: M Rogers

Readers: T Brady/D Jones

Ext. Ministers: L Moloney/J Obi

Procession of Gifts: M, H, J, A Smith

(February 19) 10.30am

Readers: K Dallinger/H Potter

Ext. Ministers: F Harney/H Potter/G Comitti

Procession of Gifts: L & M Habben

Counters: Today: T & A Ellis

Next Week: J Raeburn

Altar Society: February 11—Liz & Kay

MARY'S STATUE:

February 12th – 18th M. and S. Blake.

February 19th – 25th J. Raeburn.11th

February 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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St Patrick's Parish Community
Stawell-Glenorchy-Great Western-Halls Gap-Landsborough

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A

February 12, 2017

SUNDAY MISSAL 383

RECENT DEATHS: John Bray

PRAYER FOR HEALING:

Next Thursday 5.45pm. Approximately half hour of prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament as we acknowledge the suffering of the victims of child sexual abuse, and the deep hurt, anger and sense of betrayal of so many good Catholics as you have faced the revelations of this abuse.

PLEASE MAKE AN EFFORT TO COME ALONG FOR THIS MOST IMPORTANT TIME OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION.

CUP OF TEA/COFFEE AFTER MASS TODAY. All welcome.

ST PATRICK'S OPPORTUNITY SHOP:

For some months, we have been working hard to ensure that we are fulfilling the requirements of State and Church Law in regards to Occupational, Health and Safety, and the protection of the vulnerable in our society. A lot has been done to ensure that the volunteers and customers at the Op Shop enter a clean and safe environment, and that goods that we sell are as clean as possible and of the best quality.

A number of issues have been addressed lately, such as the installation of a hot water system in order that volunteers can wash their hands after handling certain items.

One thing that is a must, is that **ALL volunteers MUST HAVE AN UP TO DATE POLICE CHECK ON FILE AT THE PRESBYTERY.**

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.

Those who do not have a current National Police Check must contact Helen Potter or Fr Eric by February 23rd.

The parish is obliged to cover the cost of the check. Applicants must provide cards to the sum of 100 points (Car Licence, Passports, Centrelink Card, etc.

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: \$ 493.40

Parish Collection: \$ 966.00

Loose Collection: \$ 135.30

*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

Tuesday—St Vincent de Paul meeting in the Hall at 2.00pm.

THURSDAY— Scripture Reflection— Recommences this Thursday, 2.00pm in the 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.

HUMOUR: (SEXIST!!!!!!!!!!!! ;(

Men in Heaven - Who is the Head of the Household?

At the end of the age when all the believers were standing in line waiting to get into heaven, God appeared and said, "I want all the men to form two lines. One line will be for the men who were the true heads of their households. The other will be for the men who were dominated by their wives."

God continued, "I want all the women to report to St. Peter."

The women left and the men formed two lines. The line of men who were dominated by their wives was seemingly unending. The line of men who were the true head of their household had one man in it.

God said to the first line, "You men ought to be ashamed of yourselves. I appointed you to be the heads of your households and you were disobedient and have not fulfilled your purpose. Of all of you, there is only one man who obeyed me. Learn from him."

Then God turned to the lone man and asked, "How did you come to be in this line?"

The man replied, "My wife told me to stand here."

NEWS:

ROME POSTERS ATTACK POPE FRANCIS

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Posters of a stern-looking Pope Francis have appeared around Rome citing his actions against conservative Catholics and asking: "Where's your mercy?" the Press Herald reports.

The posters appeared on the same day that Francis named Vatican Substitute Archbishop Angelo Bacci as his special delegate to the Knights of Malta.

The Vatican's intervention with the charitable order had provided fuel for Francis's conservative critics, who until Saturday had for the most part largely confined their concern with his mercy-over-morals papacy to blogs, interviews and conferences.

On Saturday, dozens of posters appeared around Rome featuring a stern-looking Francis and referencing the "decapitation" of the Knights and other actions he has taken against tradition-minded groups.

Within hours, the city of Rome had plastered over the posters. Police launched an investigation into the conservative circles believed responsible, aided by closed-circuit cameras, the ANSA news agency said.

The posters, written in Roman dialect, also cited the way Francis had "ignored cardinals", a reference to the four cardinals who have publicly asked him to clarify whether divorced and civilly remarried Catholics can receive Holy Communion.

Papal advisers largely seemed unfazed by the posters, with one, Jesuit Father Antonio Spadaro, saying they're "a sign that he's doing well and causing A LOT of annoyance," Crux adds. In a subsequent tweet, Fr Spadaro said, "They're trying to separate him from the heart of the people, but the effect is the opposite!"

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Jesus continues to instruct the disciples in the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven. The readings for today focus our attention on the nature of true wisdom. It is this true wisdom which prompts us to choose the right course of action. It is true wisdom that directs us in our interpretation of the law.

The longer we live, the more we realise that life experiences open up for us a series of choices. With these choices we chart the path that we will take. Circumstances might be thrust on us, but we can still make choices about how we will deal with them. Obedient people do what they are told; wise people choose what good they will do. True wisdom calls us to choose life and whatever enhances life. If we are truly wise, we will come to realise that what was acceptable and life-enhancing in one situation may not be appropriate in another. Life is fluid, and our thinking and acting must be flexible enough to adapt when necessary.

True wisdom, which comes to us through the Spirit, will enrich us with insight into life in ways we never thought possible. We will realise where and how we fit into the vast and interrelated ecosystems of the universe, and we will be overawed with the majesty and intricacy of its workings. We will understand once and for all that the value of anything is determined by its capacity to enrich life, and we will commit ourselves to and cherish every manifestation of that life.

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