

ROSTERS:**LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):****This Week** (February 19)**Readers:** G Douglas/B G Browne**Procession of Gifts:** P & C O'Callaghan**Ext Minister:** Betty Amarant**Next Week** (February 26)**Readers:** C Browne/M Browne**Procession of Gifts:** B & B O'Callaghan**Ext Minister:** J Murphy**Church Care:** C Browne**Church Grounds—** February —P O'Callaghan**STAWELL:****This 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

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Readers: K Dallinger/H Potter**Ext. Ministers:** F Harney/H Potter/G Comitti**Procession of Gifts:** L & M Habben**Next Week** (February 25) 7.00PM**Welcomer:** N Rathgeber**Readers:** J Raeburn/N Rathgeber**Ext. Ministers:** M Maestros/D Jones**Procession of Gifts:** P Price

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Readers: K Dalton/S Little**Ext Ministers:** H Potter/S Enriquez/G Little**Procession of Gifts:** Cain/Rutter Family**Counters:** Today: J Raeburn

Next Week: M & L Habben

Altar Society: February 11—Liz & Kay**MARY'S STATUE:**February 19th – 25th J. Raeburn.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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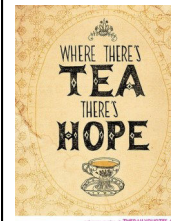


St Patrick's Parish Community

Stawell-Glenorchy-Great Western-Halls Gap-Landsborough

*7th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A**February 19, 2017***SUNDAY MISSAL 388****RECENT DEATHS:** Laurie Healy;
Margaret McIntyre; Ivan Heinrich**ANNIVERSARIES:** Doug Driscoll;
Dinny O'Driscoll; John Comitti**PRAYER FOR HEALING FOR
THOSE ABUSED BY MEMBERS
OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
AND THE GOOD PARISHIONERS
DEEPLY EFFECTED BY THESE
MONSTROUS ACTS:**

Thank you to all who came along for this time of prayer and reflection on Thursday Evening.

**CUP OF TEA/
COFFEE AFTER
MASS AT LANDS-
BOROUGH TO-
DAY. All wel-
come.****PARISH VOLUNTEERS:****ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST HAVE AN UP TO DATE POLICE CHECK ON FILE AT THE PRESBYTERY.**

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.

CLERGY RETREAT:

The Ballarat Clergy Retreat is being held at Halls Gap this week from Monday to Friday Morning.

Due to funerals, Fr Eric will not be attending much of the Retreat, but there will be No Weekday Masses until Friday Morning, 10.00am as well at the **Funeral Masses—Laurie Healy's on Monday at 12.00noon, Abd Ivan Heinrich's Wednesday at 10.00am.****LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUPS:**

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

SICK LIST

Noah Amarant; Kathryn Young; Glenis Leddin; Val Seary; Lourdes dela Cerna; Kath Hayes (Ballarat); John Delaney; Lynn Wright; John Jess; Simon Monas; Wendy Shea; Angela Moore; Jeff O'Donnell; Peter Duffy (Canada); 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.

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).

Some of our Anglican brothers and sisters may take part in our reflections.

We ask for a \$10.00 donation to cover the cost of materials.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

In the 90th. year of World Day of Prayer in Australia (1927-2017) you are warmly invited to share in the beautiful World Day of Prayer services planned by the Christians of the Philippines on the theme "Am I being unfair to you?" on Friday, March 3, 2017. Flyer attached.

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection: \$ 550.00

Parish Collection: \$ 681.00

Loose Collection: \$ 113.90

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:

Whenever I'm disappointed with my spot in life, I stop and think about little Jamie Scott.

Jamie was trying out for a part in the school play. His mother told me that he'd set his heart on being in it, though she feared he would not be chosen. On the day the parts were awarded, I went with her to collect him after school. Jamie rushed up to her, eyes shining with pride and excitement..

'Guess what, Mom,' he shouted, and then said those words that will remain a lesson to me ... 'I've been chosen to clap and cheer.'

NEWS:

CHURCH HAS PAID OUT \$276 MILLION IN ABUSE CLAIMS

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The Catholic Church has paid more than \$276 million in claims to thousands of victims of child sexual abuse, the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse has heard, ABC News reports.

Close to 4500 people made claims for alleged incidents of child sexual abuse between January 1980 and February 2015, but the earliest incidents reported to a claim were in the 1920s.

Counsel assisting the commission, Gail Furness SC, told the Sydney hearing that figure included compensation, treatment, legal and other costs.

Of the total amount, \$258.8 million was monetary compensation of about \$91,000 per claim.

"The Christian Brothers who, at the relevant time operated a number of residential facilities, reported the highest number of payments," Ms Furness told the hearing.

"This order made 763 payments, amounting to \$48.5 million, with an average payment of \$64,000.

The Christian Brothers also issued a statement apologising to victims of abuse and their families.

"To those who were subjected to abuse at any of our facilities we express again our profound sorrow and enduring regret that their trust was so grievously betrayed," the statement said.

The hearing heard the most common institution type identified in claims was schools: they were identified in 46 per cent of all claims, and children's orphanages or residential facilities were identified in 29 per cent of claims.

The highest number of claims of child sexual abuse concerned a residential care facility operated by the De La Salle Brothers in Queensland, with 219 claims relating to the facility.

Earlier, Francis Sullivan from the Truth, Justice and Healing Council, told the hearing that things are very different now, and that parents should be aware that their children are in safe hands at Catholic schools.

Mr Sullivan said the Church's approach to handling redress claims has improved but victims are not consistently dealt with and do not have the same opportunities or payouts between dioceses and congregations, The Australian adds.

"It's still not a fair system," he said.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

At times it seems we have rewritten the 'Golden Rule' to say: Do unto others before they can do unto you! In saying this we are not encouraging each other to do good, but to be defensive. Jesus tells us to go the extra mile, turn the other cheek, outdo ourselves in generosity and rise above the fray. He is not suggesting that we allow ourselves to be abused, but that we not perpetuate the antagonism out of which the mistreatment arose. He is not advocating passivity, but he is saying that we should not retaliate. Jesus is describing what we today would call active non-resistance, the attitude taught by Gandhi and Martin Luther King.

We are familiar with the answer to the question: Who is my neighbour? We usually interpret it to mean those we do not particularly like. It is important to love them, to be kind to them, to help them when they are in need. But these are not the people whom Jesus is talking about in today's reading. He tells us that the neighbours whom we are to love are those people who do not like us. We are to love those who deliberately exclude us from their social circles, who talk about us behind our backs. We are to love those who make us feel that we are not good enough for them, those who resent us for our accomplishments. We are to love those who exploit us or do us harm. This is indeed a radical teaching.

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