

ROSTERS:**LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):**

This Week (February 26)

Readers: C Browne/M Browne

Procession of Gifts: B & B O'Callaghan

Ext Minister: J Murphy

Next Week (March 5)

Readers: J Murphy/J Browne

Procession of Gifts: K & G Blake

Ext Minister: C Browne

Church Care: J Murphy/Betty Amarant

Church Grounds— March —R Brown

STAWELL:

This Week (February 25) 7.00PM

Welcomer: N Rathgeber

Readers: J Raeburn/N Rathgeber

Ext. Ministers: M Maestros/D Jones

Procession of Gifts: P Price

(February 26) 10.30AM

Readers: K Dalton/S Little

Ext Ministers: H Potter/S Enriquez/G Little

Procession of Gifts: Cain/Rutter Family

Next Week (March 4) 7.00PM

Welcomer: M Cray

Readers: T Brady/A Ellis

Ext. Ministers: C Barker/P Price

Procession of Gifts: I Robinson

(March 5) 10.30am

Readers: J Van Diesen/E Driscoll

Ext. Ministers: K Ashton/M Rowe/L Morgan

Procession of Gifts: G & G Pickering

Counters: Today: M & L Habben

Next Week: E Driscoll/G Pickering

Altar Society: February 11—Marie & Gloria

MARY'S STATUE:

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

8th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A

February 26, 2017

SUNDAY MISSAL 392**RECENT DEATHS:**

William Gooden

ANNIVERSARIES:

Hendricus Symonds; Andrew

Prowd; Andy Allan

PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY:

Envelopes/boxes available today. Please take yours home.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES:

Stawell 10.00am; Landsborough 6.00pm

This is NOT a day of obligation.

LENTE DISCUSSION GROUPS:

Thank you to those who have signed up for our Lenten Discussion Group.

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.

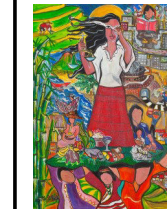
This year, again, we will be using material from the Brisbane Archdiocese. "The title of the 2017 resource (Up from the Waters) is taken from the Gospel of Matthew (Year A).

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.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS:

This year we will again be celebrating the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Confession) - Year 2 and above, and Confirmation and First Communion—Year 3 and above. Parents of Children in Government Schools who wish their children to celebrate these Sacraments are asked to Fill in an application form available from Fr Eric (Mobile: 0419 597 063). This should preferably be done by March 17.

**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 on noticeboard.

THANK YOU:

The CWL would like to thank everyone who donated food for Laurie Healy's funeral, and those who helped with the serving. Very much appreciated.

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection: \$ 535.80

Parish Collection: \$ 466.00

Loose Collection: \$ 119.75

*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.*

ST PATRICK'S PARISH OPPORTUNITY

SHOP:

We need volunteers to help at the St Pat's Op Shop—male or female. Need help with sorting of goods and with front of shop help. Anyone who may be able to spare a few hours a week or fortnight is asked to contact June Raeburn or Fr Eric.

THIS WEEK:

MASSES THIS WEEK: Mass Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 10.00am

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

THURSDAY— Scripture Reflection (Lenten Program) —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.
Any other time by appointment.**

HUMOUR:

_A small boy told a Sunday school teacher: "When you die, God takes care of you like your parents did when you were alive — only God doesn't yell at you all the time."

Message on the outside a Church, in Melbourne: "We welcome all denominations — \$1, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100."

NEWS:

LENTEN REGULATIONS - 2017



Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence from meat.

On all other Fridays, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled through any one of the following:

(a)**Prayer:** for example, Mass attendance; family prayer, a visit to a church or chapel, reading the Bible, making the Stations of the Cross, praying the rosary.

(b)**Self-denial:** for example, not eating meat, not eating sweets or desserts, reducing time for watching TV or other entertainments.

(c)**Helping others** - for example, taking the family to visit the elderly in old people's home or in the parish, visiting the sick or someone who is lonely.

All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to

fast. (Canon 1252). All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday March 1, 2017.

On Good Friday and, if possible on Holy Saturday until the Easter vigil, the Paschal Fast is observed.

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done between Ash Wednesday (March 1) and Trinity Sunday, (June 11), unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year.

All the faithful are obliged to confess any grave sins at least once a year.

HOLY WEEK: The 2017 Ordo contains instructions for the Rites of Holy Week.

FUNERALS: During the Paschal Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday) all Masses for the Dead, including Funeral Masses, **are forbidden.** Funerals on these days are celebrated with the Liturgy of the Word and without the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

WEDDINGS: Weddings should be discouraged during the Easter Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday. Should a couple be particularly insistent on a wedding for one of these days, then please indicate **that no decorations (including flowers), no music nor Nuptial Mass will be permitted.** May this Lent bring blessings on us all.

Yours in Christ,
Paul Bird CSSR
Bishop of Ballarat

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

What can be nobler than building up the reign of God? What could deserve our commitment more than the proclamation of the gospel? What greater privilege could be ours than acting as agents of the blessings of God? Disciples are called to just such privileged roles. And where are these disciples to be found? They spend their lives in classrooms, factories, offices and hospitals. They serve in families, businesses, restaurants, shopping malls, banks and grocery stores. They answer telephones, protect us from harm, build our roads, and repair our plumbing. Disciples upbuild the reign of God in whichever form of life or occupation they have chosen.

Although we embark on a life of service with great enthusiasm and genuine commitment, it does not take long before the enormity of the task becomes apparent. We might then begin to doubt ourselves or doubt the call itself. At such times, Jesus exhorts us to trust in God. All is in the hands of God; for our part, we have only to trust.

Our own limitations and sinfulness often get in the way. There are forces in society that seem bent on undermining our every effort. The people to whom we commit ourselves can be ungrateful or want no part of us or our service. Sometimes the obstacles seem to come from the church, its structures and its personnel. In the midst of such darkness, we hear Jesus gently but firmly saying: Do not worry! Trust! God cares for the birds and the grass, surely God will care for you.