

ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (March 19)

Readers: C Browne/M Browne

Procession of Gifts: BG & W Browne

Ext Minister: J Murphy

Next Week (March 26)

Readers: J Murphy/J Browne

Procession of Gifts: R & C Brown

Ext Minister: C Browne

Church Care: C Browne

Church Grounds— March —R Brown

STAWELL:

This Week (March 18) 7.00PM

Welcomer: M Rogers

Readers: T Brady/D Jones

Ext. Ministers: L Moloney/J Raeburn

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

(March 19) 10.30am

Readers: H Potter/D O'Donnell

Ext. Ministers: F Harney/M R Thomas/ M Rowe

Procession of Gifts: Cain/Rutter Family

Next Week (March 25) 7.00PM

Welcomer: N Rathgeber

Readers: D Jones/A Ellis

Ext. Ministers: M Howard/S Howard

Procession of Gifts: S Pickering

(March 26) 10.30AM

Readers: E Driscoll/J Van Diesen

Ext Ministers: M Rowe/V Enriquez/K Ashton

Procession of Gifts: L & M Habben

Counters: Today: J Raeburn

Next Week: M & L Habben

Altar Society: March 25 Gabrielle & Pat

MARY'S STATUE:

19-25 N Rathgeber; 26-April 1 D McIntosh

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, part of your duty is to clean the Sacred Vessels in the sacristy after Mass and prepare them 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

3rd Sunday of Lent - Year A

March 19, 2017

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PROJECT COMPASSION

"We must regain the conviction that we need one another, that we have a

shared responsibility for others and the world, and that being good and decent are worth it"

Pope Francis, Laudato Si

Give generously to Project Compassion

Envelopes/boxes available today. Please take yours home.

Envelopes may be placed on either collection plate on Sundays.

LENTE DISCUSSION GROUPS:

A reminder to participants that this Thursday's gathering will be in the Presbytery, starting at 1.30PM

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.



CUP OF TEA/COFFEE:

after 8.30AM Mass today at Landsborough. All welcome.

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection: \$ 567.60

Parish Collection: \$ 627.00

Loose Collection: \$ 131.50

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.

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.

DON'T FORGET THAT ON THE SATURDAY AFTER THE END OF DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME WE WILL REVERT TO 6.00PM MASS ON SATURDAY EVENINGS. I.E. APRIL 8.

ST PATRICK'S PARISH OPPORTUNITY SHOP:

We need still 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. The Op Shop is a major source of our parish income.

THIS WEEK:

MASSES THIS WEEK: Mass Tues, Wed, Thurs, 10.00am
Fri—St Patrick's Day—10.00am at School

TUESDAY: St Vincent de Paul Meeting 2.00pm.

THURSDAY— Scripture Reflection (Lenten Program) —1.30pm in Anglican Manse, Main Street. **NB Change of time.**

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:

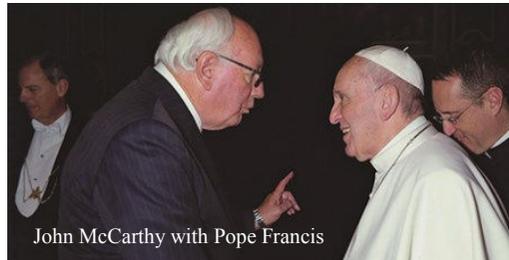
Mrs. Smartt was fumbling in her purse for her church offering when a large television remote fell out and clattered into the aisle.

The curious collector bent over to retrieve it for her and whispered, "Do you always carry your TV remote to church?"

"No," she replied, "but my husband refused to come with me this morning, and I figured this was the most evil thing I could do to him legally."

NEWS:

ERADICATING SLAVERY A "PAPAL PRIORITY"



John McCarthy with Pope Francis

Published: 17 March 2017

Eradicating slavery is a priority for Pope Francis, former Australian ambassador to the Holy See John McCarthy told Catholic Outlook.

The embassy, which was headed by Mr McCarthy from 2012-2016, represents the Australian government in vital areas such as human rights – including slavery and human trafficking – religious freedom, cultural exchanges and bilateral relations.

An important moment for Australia and for the worldwide campaign against slavery and human trafficking came about in December 2014, when Pope Francis and global leaders of other major religions met in Rome and signed the historic Joint Declaration of Religious Leaders Against Modern Slavery.

Those who joined the Pope and signed the declaration included other important leaders representing the Anglican and Orthodox communions, Shia and Sunni Islam, Buddhism and Hinduism.

Mr McCarthy assisted Australian mining magnate Andrew Forrest, and his Walk Free Foundation, which has become a major anti-slavery organisation based in Australia and a principal partner with the Vatican in sponsoring the Rome meeting.

In 2016, then Ambassador McCarthy was centrally involved with submissions to the Holy See which led to the announcement by Cardinal Pell, Prefect of the Secretariat for the Economy, that the Holy See would slavery proof its supply lines.

"Other good news is that many of the world's largest food providers have also committed to slavery proofing their supply chains," Mr McCarthy said.

"Conferences and programs for the eradication of modern slavery and human trafficking were central parts of my work as Ambassador to the Holy See.

"The eradication of slavery has been a constant demand by Pope Francis since the start of his pontificate. He has made this a priority international objective.

"There is widespread recognition of the central role of Pope Francis in having this crucial objective embedded in the Sustainable Development Goals in 2015," Mr McCarthy said.

Since his return to Australia, Mr McCarthy has continued working to eradicate slavery and human trafficking.

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SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

All people thirst for meaning, but of what does that meaning consist? The people in the desert thirsted for water, but they misunderstood their thirst. The woman of Samaria thirsted. Her conversation with Jesus showed that she thirsted for understanding and insight as well as water. For what do we thirst in this world of such great excess and unmeasured need? Life has not become simpler with all of our advances. We still thirst for more – for the newest, the fastest and the best. How much is enough, and when do we cross the line into 'too much'?

The gospel readings for the scrutiny Sundays very clearly lay out the choices that are placed before the catechumens and the rest of the believing community as well. This Sunday it is between water that quenches thirst and water that does not. Jesus identifies himself as the source of water that guarantees eternal life. He places before the Samaritan woman a choice that requires a step of profound faith. She knows the thirst-quenching quality of the water from Jacob's well, but she is not acquainted with the water promised by this stranger who is also an enemy of her people. The choice is not an obvious one. A similar choice is placed before us. We know the demands of our culture and the circumstances of our lives. Are we able to acknowledge the sins of which we are guilty, recognise the grace that is being offered to us, and make the right choice?

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