

ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (March 26)
Readers: J Murphy/J Browne
Procession of Gifts: R & C Brown
Ext Minister: C Browne

Next Week (March 19)
Readers: C Brown/J Brown
Procession of Gifts: J & C Brown
Ext Minister: Betty Amarant

Church Care: Betty Amarant/J Murphy
Church Grounds— April—P O’Callaghan

STAWELL:

This 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

Next Week (April 1) 7.00PM
Welcomer: M Cray
Readers: J Raeburn/T Brady
Ext. Ministers: C Barker/J Obi
Procession of Gifts: I Robinson

(April 2) 10.30am
Readers: K Dalton/M R Thomas
Ext. Ministers: S Enriquez/G Comitti/H Potter
Procession of Gifts: G & G Pickering

Counters: Today: M & L Habben
Next Week: G Pickering/L Driscoll

Altar Society: April 1 Gloria & Marie

MARY’S STATUE:

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.

The 1st mentioned Ext Minister distributes the Hosts At 10.30 Mass

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

4th Sunday of Lent - Year A

March 26, 2017

SUNDAY MISSAL 177

RECENT DEATH: Jodi Easton (Epping), Sofonias Damasing Philippine

ANNIVERSARIES:
Raymunda Templora (Philippines); Alida & Willem Symons



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.

LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUPS:
A reminder to participants that this Thursday’s gathering will be in the Presbytery, starting at 1.30PM

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:
Presbytery Collection: \$ 427.10
Parish Collection: \$ 405.00
Loose Collection: \$ 99.00
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.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME MEETING:
A meeting for parents of children who are due to celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion will be held in the hall

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.

at St Patrick's School on April 27. More later.

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, Fri 0.00am

TUESDAY: St Vincent de Paul Meeting 2.00pm.

THURSDAY— Scripture Reflection (Lenten Program) —1.30pm 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:

Words of wisdom: “There’s a fine line between a long, drawn-out sermon and a hostage situation.”

A Backyard Neighbor Funeral

Mr. Green peered over his fence and noticed that the neighbor’s little boy was in his backyard filling in a hole. Curious about what the youngster was up to, Mr. Green asked, “What are you doing, Jimmy?”

Tearfully, little Jimmy replied, “My goldfish died, and I’ve just buried him.”

“That’s an awfully large hole for a goldfish, isn’t it?” Mr. Green said.

Patting down the last bit of earth, little Joey replied, “That’s because he’s in your cat!”

NEWS: One Man’s Opinion

PRIESTS SHOULDN'T MARRY, SAYS MARRIED PRIEST



Published: 23 March 2017

You might be surprised to know most married Catholic priests are staunch advocates of clerical celibacy, writes Fr Joshua Whitfield, a married Catholic priest from Texas, in the Dallas Morning News.

My wife and I, we have four children, all younger than seven. Ours is not a quiet house. A house of

screaming and a house of endless snot, it's also a house of love, grown and multiplied every few years.

But here's what's strange about us: I'm a Catholic priest. And that is, as you probably know, mostly a celibate species.

The discipline of celibacy, as a Christian practice, is an ancient tradition. For priests, celibacy has been the universal legal norm in the Catholic West since the 12th century and the de facto norm long before that.

Yet there have always been, for good reasons, exceptions made, particularly for the sake of Christian unity. The Eastern Catholic Churches, for example, many with married priests, have since early modernity flourished in the Catholic Church.

Likewise for me, a convert from Anglicanism. I'm able to be a Catholic priest because of the Pastoral Provision of Saint John Paul II, which was established in the early 1980s. This provision allows men like me, mostly converts from Anglicanism, to be ordained priests, yet only after receiving a dispensation from celibacy from the pope himself.

But these are exceptions made, as I said, for the sake of Christian unity, because of Jesus' final prayer that his disciples be "one". They do not signal change in the Catholic Church's ancient discipline of clerical celibacy.

I, for one, don't think the Church should change its discipline here. In fact, I think it would be a very bad idea.

Because the Catholic Church believes Christians should be united, it sometimes makes exceptions from its own, even ancient, disciplines and norms, in my case celibacy. My family and I are not test subjects in some sort of trial run put on by the Vatican to see whether married priesthood works. Rather, we're witnesses to the Church's empathy and desire for unity.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Humans see and judge by appearances, but God looks into the heart, and there finds the real person. God's standards are not superficial, as are so many of the standards of the world. It is not age, beauty or physical strength that is important; it is not social position or religious role that is preferred. God chooses whom God chooses. God saw in David, the insignificant shepherd, the potential for being the chief shepherd of his people. The man who was born blind became the one through whom others would see the mighty works of God. Yet, neither young David nor the man in the gospel made the initial step; each simply responded with openness to God's choice of him.

By what criteria do we judge others? Do we consider some people too insignificant for greatness? Are we overly concerned with status? Do we categorise people according to the disease or physical limitation that they must endure? Do we sometimes blame them for their disability? Do our eyes perceive life in accord with the standards of a materialistic, body-orientated, pleasure-seeking society? Or do we look into the other's heart, as God does?

As with the other scrutiny Sundays, catechumens and long-standing members alike are exhorted to make a choice. Jesus is the one who gives sight to blind eyes and religious insight to those open to receive it. However, there is a price to pay. Will it be the standards of the world, or the power of God in Jesus Christ?

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