

ROSTERS:**LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):****This Week** (April 16) (Easter Sunday)**Readers:** J Browne/M Browne**Procession of Gifts:** P & C O'Callaghan**Ext Minister:** C Browne**Next Week**

(April 23)

Readers: Krystal Browne/C Browne**Procession of Gifts:** G & K Christie**Ext Minister:** G Christie**Church Care:** M Browne**Church Grounds—** April—P O'Callaghan**STAWELL:****This Week** (April 15) 7.00PM—Easter Vigil**Welcomer:** Volunteers**Readers:****Ext. Ministers:****Procession of Gifts:**

(April 16) 8.30am Easter Sunday

Readers: Volunteers**Ext. Ministers:****Procession of Gifts:**

10.30am Easter Sunday

Readers: Volunteers**Ext. Ministers:****Procession of Gifts:****Next Week**

(April 15) 6.00PM (Palm Sunday)

Welcomer: Mary Rogers**Readers:** J Raeburn/T Brady**Ext. Ministers:** N Rathgeber/A Ellis**Procession of Gifts:** J Croton

(April 16) 10.30AM

Readers: M R Thomas/S Little**Ext Ministers:** G Little/M Rowe/F Harney**Procession of Gifts:** Carey family**Counters:** Today: June Raeburn

Next Week: M & L Habben

Altar Society: April 15 Margaret & Di**MARY'S STATUE:** April 16-22 Marie Kinnane;
23-29 E & N Musumeci**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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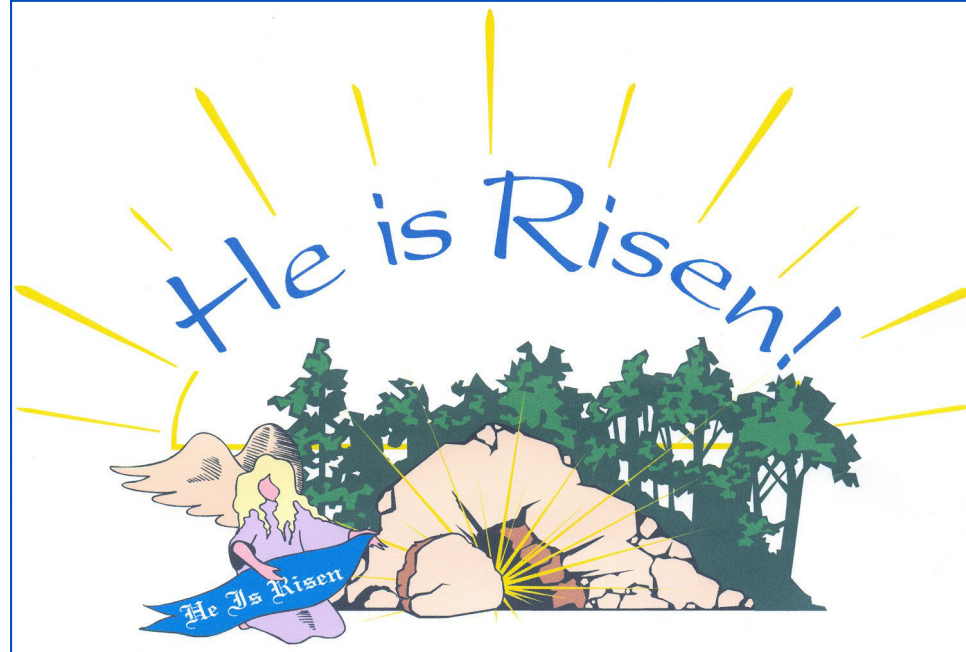
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*Easter Sunday - Year A**April 16, 2017***AVERY WARM WELCOME TO THE MANY VISITORS TO STAWELL THIS WEEKEND.****A PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE VICTORIAN BISHOPS:**

This letter, regarding the proposed Euthanasia Bill is available at the church doors today. Please take one.

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.

**SUNDAY MISSAL Pg 266—Vigil
Pg 306—Easter Day**

ANNIVERSARY:

Kevin Browne

PROJECT COMPASSION



Please ensure that Project Compassion Boxes/ Envelopes are returned as soon as possible in order that they may be

forwarded to the Project Compassion Office.

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection: \$ 512.30

Parish Collection: \$ 657.00

Loose Collection: \$ 90.30

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 Wed, Thurs, Fri 10.00am
No Mass Tuesday—Apologies

THURSDAY— No Scripture Reflection
THIS WEEK.

**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 Prayer for Easter Sunday

Young Ernie and his family were visiting his grandmother's house in Stawell over the Easter Season. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Ernie received his plate he started eating straight away.

'Ernie, wait until we say grace,' demanded his father.

'I don't have to,' the five year old replied.

'Of course you do, Ernest,' his mother insisted rather forcefully. 'We always say a prayer before eating at our house.'

'That's at our house,' Ernie explained, 'but this is Grandma's house, and she knows how to cook.'

NEWS:

THE WEST IS IGNORING MARTYRED CHRISTIANS



Published: 12 April 2017

We live in an age of martyrs. Also, an age of wilful ignorance. When Christians are killed for being Christians, politicians overlook it and public interest fades, writes Tim Stanley in Britain's The Telegraph, published in The Age.

Those few of us in the West who still go to church don't realise how lucky we are. Others are dying for the right to do that.

On Palm Sunday two bombings in Egyptian churches killed at least 44 people. The targets were Coptic Christians. In one case, the bomb was situated at the front of the church, tearing through pews and bodies.

Islamic State has claimed responsibility. I take comfort from the faith that whatever misery they have caused their victims, the bombers will endure a thousand times worse in Hell.

I am angry. Angry that someone could do this but angry, too, that it's become so common.

According to Open Doors, a charity working with oppressed Christians, each month 322 Christians are persecuted for their faith, 214 churches and religious properties are destroyed, and there are 772 acts of violence.

The horror is not limited to Muslim countries. In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Catholics are fleeing into the forests to escape militias targeting church workers and property.

But "Islamic extremism" is the dominant force behind the oppression of Christians in nine out of 10 of the worst countries surveyed by Open Doors. In Nigeria, the murder of Christians by Boko Haram jumped 62 per cent in one year.

We ought to be outraged. Instead the strangely academic tone of Western reaction was captured in an online BBC report about the Egyptian bombings. It read: "The early Church suffered persecution under the Roman empire, and there were intermittent persecutions after Egypt became a Muslim country. Many believe that continues to this day." Many believe?

What an odd choice of words. I wonder how many Copts have to die before this torment is upgraded from a belief to a self-evident fact.

<http://cathnews.com/cathnews/28905-the-west-is-ignoring-martyred-christians>

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Easter is the season of mystagogical catechesis, that instruction that unpacks the hidden mystery of the experience of the sacraments of initiation received or renewed at Easter. The readings of each Sunday concentrate on some aspect of this mystery. The central theme of this Sunday is newness of life in Christ. This newness is not without its historical context. It burst forth first in the resurrection of Christ, and then through the preaching of the first Christians.

The readings testify that if we die with Christ, we will appear with him in glory; if we cast out the old yeast, we will be fresh dough. And when this wondrous transformation takes place, everything is new; everything is fresh. To what newness are we called? To what must we die in order to rise transformed? What old yeast of corruption must be cast out in order that we might be fresh dough? At Easter we renew our baptismal vows. What is it that we really renounce? Ours is a world of violence, of prejudice, of indifference. Too often we harbour feelings of anger and resentment, of selfishness and disdain. Easter proclaims that Christ has died and has risen; with him we die to all of the wickedness in our lives and in our world, and we set our hearts on higher things, on sincerity and on truth.

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