

ROSTERS:**LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):****This Week** (May 7)**Readers:** M Browne/C Browne**Procession of Gifts:** K & G Blake**Ext Minister:** J Murphy**Next Week** (May 14)**Readers:** B G Browne/J Browne**Procession of Gifts:** D & M Browne**Ext Minister:** K Christie**Church Care:** C Browne**Church Grounds—** May— R Brown**STAWELL:****This Week** (May 6) 6.00PM**Welcomer:** M Cray**Readers:** T Brady/A Ellis**Ext. Ministers:** M Howard/S Howard**Procession of Gifts:** M, H, J, A Smith

(May 7) 10.30AM

Readers: D O'Donnell/E Driscoll**Ext Ministers:** M R Thomas/M Rowe/K Dalton**Procession of Gifts:** G Pickering/Hyacinth Bucket**Next Week** (May 13) 6.00PM**Welcomer:** D McIntosh**Readers:** N Rathgeber/J Raeburn**Ext. Ministers:** L Moloney/L McIntyre**Procession of Gifts:** I Robinson

(May 14) (10.30)

Readers: K Dallinger/H Potter**Ext. Ministers:** F Harney/H Potter/G Comitti**Procession of Gifts:** Cain/Rutter Family**Counters:** Today: E Driscoll/Hyacinth Bucket

Next Week: T & A Ellis

Altar Society: May 12 Liz & Kay**MARY'S STATUE:** May 7-13 D O'Donnell;
14-20 E T Driscoll; 21-27 D Duffy; 28-June 3 D
McIntosh.**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.*The English translation of the Psalm Responses, the
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Stawell-Glenorchy-Great Western-Halls Gap-Landsborough

4th Sunday of Easter - Year A

May 7, 2017

SUNDAY MISSAL Pg. 321**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Sr Adrian Murphy

**NO MASS ON TUESDAY,
FR ERIC WILL BE AT A CENTRAL ZONE MEETING IN WEN-
DOUREE****FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:**

Presbytery Collection: \$ 444.20

Parish Collection: \$ 676.00

Loose Collection: \$ 281.45

Holy Land Collection on

*1st Collection is for the clergy sti-
pend, presbytery costs and support
of the bishop and sick and retired
priests. The 2nd collection is for the
upkeep of the parish.***COMBINED NORTHERN DIOCESAN
CWL CONFERENCE**In Birchip, Wednesday, May 24—
almost to the day, 100 years after the
first Catholic Women's Social Guild
Meeting in Watchem, Victoria.
Raffle \$1.00 per ticket—1st prize
\$100.00; 2nd prize \$50.00. Phone
Liz 5358 1724 if you would like to go.
RSVP May 11, 2017**EASTER WATER:** It is an ancient prac-
tice for Christians to take home water
blessed at the Easter Vigil to sprinkle
around the house as a blessing, and to
use as water to bless oneself and fam-
ily members.It is particularly good to bless one's
young children by dipping the thumb**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), Bernie O'Callaghan**NB: A FAMILY MEMBER OF THE SICK PERSON MUST CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE TO HAVE NAMES
ADDED OR REMOVED.**

in the water and signing the cross on the forehead using a little blessing in the morning and before they go to sleep at night.

The Easter water is available at the front of the church, and all are welcome to bring a container to take some home. Catholic schools fear a \$100 million blow to their federal funding under the Turnbull government's education reforms, raising the spectre of a "funding cliff" in four years, The Australian reports.



THIS WEEK:

MASSES THIS WEEK: Mass
Wed - 10.30am at Eventide
Thurs, Fri 10.00am
No Mass Tuesday—Apologies

St Vincent de Paul – Tuesday 9th May,
2.00pm

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:

After the baptism of his baby brother in church, little Johnny sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong.

Finally, the boy replied, "That priest said he wanted us children brought up in a good Christian home, but I want to stay with you guys!"

NEWS:

\$100M BLOW TO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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Catholic schools fear a \$100 million blow to their federal funding under the Turnbull government's education reforms, raising the spectre of a "funding cliff" in four years, The Australian reports.

The Catholic Education Commission of Victoria (CECV) has sounded the alarm on a controversial formula at the heart of the changes that could slow the growth in funding to the sector to just 1.9 per cent after 2021, fuelling concerns that threaten to divide the Coalition backbench ahead of a partyroom "showdown" on Tuesday.

The government moved last night to counter the fears by citing Treasury forecasts that show real funding growth of 3.5 per cent every year on average over the decade to 2027, highlighting a stand-off over a fundamental part of the reform plan.

As tensions mount within the Coalition, Acting Prime Minister Barnaby Joyce said there might be "further tweaking" based on advice from David Gonski, the head of the review that created the model to fund schools based on their need. "We never completely close our minds," Mr Joyce said last night.

Education Minister Simon Birmingham dialled up the heat on the Catholic sector and premiers by saying critics of his reform were trying to "blackmail or bully" the government to extract more money.

Advisers to the CECV estimate the flexible rate amounts to 1.9 per cent, a big fall in long-term growth that will be legislated to last until 2027 or beyond. Wage deals already locked in by the Victorian Catholics of 3.2 per cent for teachers will produce a funding gap that will compound over the last seven years of the package.

The \$25m funding gap in the first year will be spread across all 207,000 students in the state sector, raising costs by about \$120 per student in that first year and creating the prospect of higher fees. Because the shortfall grows by \$25m each year, the CECV estimates the cost per student could double to \$240 in the second year, \$360 in the third year and with similar increases afterwards.

CECV executive director Stephen Elder said: "Every school should be scared about this (indexation), not just ours. After the first three years of sugar-coating there will be seven years of pain. These are real funding cuts. And this is the story (Senator Birmingham) is not telling people."

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SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

This is 'Good Shepherd Sunday' and a particular focus taken today is leadership. Which voices do we follow? Why do we follow these voices and not others? Authentic leadership is rooted in authority, and authentic authority is the ability to author or bring life to birth. Genuine authority cherishes, guards and encourages the best in life; it provides rest and refreshment; it guides our steps; it nourishes us; it leads us to God. Peter is an example of authentic authority: he proclaims the truth, even if others find it hard to hear; he denounces error, even when this places him in jeopardy; he calls for a change of heart, even when it makes great demands.

Authentic leadership is patterned after the leadership of Jesus. It is gentle and familiar, like the true shepherd; it has won the confidence of those who follow, as did the true shepherd; it is committed to the enhancement of the lives of others, as was Jesus. Authentic leadership is willing to forgo its own needs and to deny its own interests in favour of the needs and interests of others.

Heavy demands are placed on those who follow authentic leadership. Those who follow the Good Shepherd must follow him in the dark valleys as well as to the refreshing streams. They must be willing to relinquish some of their own plans and self-determination and entrust themselves to his leadership. They must never forget that they are following a shepherd who has paid the ultimate price on their behalf.

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