

**ROSTERS:**

**LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):**

**This Week** (May 14)  
**Readers:** B G Browne/J Browne  
**Procession of Gifts:** D & M Browne  
**Ext Minister:** K Christie

**Next Week** (May 21)  
**Readers:** C Browne/M Browne  
**Procession of Gifts:** B G & W Browne  
**Ext Minister:** C Browne

**Church Care:** J Murphy/Betty Amarant  
**Church Grounds—** May— R Brown

**STAWELL:**

**This 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

**Next Week** (May 20) 6.00PM  
**Welcomer:** M Rogers  
**Readers:** T Brady/N Rathgeber  
**Ext. Ministers:** M Maestros/P Price  
**Procession of Gifts:** J Allan

(May 21) 10.30AM  
**Readers:** K Dalton/S Little  
**Ext Ministers:** H Potter/S Enriquez/G Little  
**Procession of Gifts:** Carey Family

**Counters:** Today: T & A Ellis  
Next Week: June Raeburn

**Altar Society:** May 20 Margaret & Di

**MARY'S STATUE:** May 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.**

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

**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*

**5th Sunday of Easter - Year A**

**May 14, 2017**

**SUNDAY MISSAL Pg. 325**

**RECENT DEATHS:**

Pat Gillespie (Funeral at St Patrick's, Stawell, Monday at 11.00am; Wendy Shea

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Ivy Boag; Jack Herdman

**NO MASS TUESDAY**

**YEARLY MASS COUNTS FOR THE DIOCESAN CENSUS:**

This count will be taken over the next four Sundays.



**CUP OF TEA/ COFFEE AFTER 10.30 AM MASS. ALL WELCOME.**



**THANK YOU:**

Libby Shea from Ararat wishes to thank parishioners for their prayers

**SICK LIST**

Noah Amarant; Kathryn Young; Glenis Leddin; Val Seary; Lourdes dela Cerna; Kath Hayes (Ballarat); John Delaney; Lynn Wright; John Jess; Simon Monas; 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.**

for her daughter-in-law, Wendy over the past three years . Wendy died earlier this week. May she rest in peace.

#### **FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:**

Presbytery Collection: \$ 426.10

Parish Collection: \$ 451.00

Loose Collection: \$168.00

Caritas (Project Compassion): \$1,130.25

*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

St Vincent de Paul – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> 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:**

A pastor was in the habit of reading every word of his sermons - which were rather long and tedious. One of the congregation thought to cure him of this, and, before the service, slipped into the pulpit and removed one page at random. The preacher began. After a while he reached the point where the page was gone. "And Adam said unto Eve..." He paused. "And Adam, err, said unto Eve...There seems to be a leaf missing!"

#### **NEWS:**

##### **ABORTION LAW REFORM BILL DEFEATED**

Published: 12 May 2017



A proposal to decriminalise abortion has been voted down in the NSW parliament, The Guardian reports. Greens MLC Mehreen Faruqi's abortion law reform bill was defeated 25 to 14 in the upper house yesterday.

Votes in support the bill came from five Greens, eight Labor members, and an Animal Justice Party member. Not a single vote in support came from the government, while three Labor members voted against it.

The defeat means that abortion will remain an offence in the NSW Crimes Act, and unlawfully procuring abortion will continue to be punishable by up to 10 years' imprisonment under the act. Unlawfully supplying a drug or instrument for an

abortion will also continue to be punishable by up to five years' jail.

Abortions in NSW are currently made legal by an interpretation of the Crimes Act by the NSW district court in 1971.

That interpretation, known as the Levine ruling, allows doctors to approve an abortion if a woman's physical or mental health is in danger, and taking into account social, economic or other medical factors.

Ms Faruqi said she was disappointed to see no member of the government voted for the bill. She said the decision was "completely out of step with modern medical practice, community expectation, and laws in almost all other states".

The Catholic Church mobilised in opposition to Ms Faruqi's bill, led by Sydney Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP.

"Archbishop Fisher has asked all Catholics in Sydney and others of goodwill to defend life by giving a voice to unborn and signing a petition to the NSW members of parliament," a statement on the archdiocese's website said last month.

The Greens' bill had the support of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, Australian Lawyers for Human Rights, the NSW Council for Civil Liberties, Marie Stopes, Family Planning NSW and many other groups.

The ACT has decriminalised abortion completely and Tasmania and Victoria have also successfully pursued abortion law reform.

But similar attempts in Queensland ran into difficulty and were delayed earlier this year, following opposition from the state's Liberal National party.

#### **SCRIPTURE REFLECTION**

The gospel readings for the Sundays just before the feast of Pentecost are all taken from Jesus' last discourse in the Gospel of John. In them, Jesus prepares his followers for his death and resurrection and his ultimate exaltation.

This Sunday Jesus says that it is through his death that he goes to God. However, it is as he is raised up in crucifixion that he is exalted. The author of the epistle declares him 'chosen and precious in the sight of God' but it is as the stone that was rejected that he is so honoured. If we ever wonder how the exaltation of Jesus will effect us, we have Jesus' own words of explanation. He promises to go ahead of us and make arrangements for us to share in his exaltation in the house of the one he calls Father. All we need do is follow him.

Today's readings suggest that the exaltation of Jesus is most dramatically manifested in the character of the community of those called by his name. It is revealed in the way Christians settle their differences so that all parties are treated fairly. Jesus is the cornerstone upon which this community is built, and the community mirrors his influence in its life. Christians also participate in the exaltation of Jesus by spreading the good news to others. In Acts we see how the witness of life and the preaching of the word of God increased the number of believers.

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