

**ROSTERS:****LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):****This Week** (May 21)**Readers:** C Browne/M Browne**Procession of Gifts:** B G & W Browne**Ext Minister:** C Browne**Next Week** (May )**Readers:** J Murphy/J Browne**Procession of Gifts:** R & C Browne**Church Care:** M Browne**Church Grounds—** May— R Brown**STAWELL:****This 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**Next Week**

(May 27) 6.00PM

**Welcomer:** N Rathgeber**Readers:** L McIntyre/A Ellis**Ext. Ministers:** C Barker/J Raeburn**Procession of Gifts:** J Croton

(May 28) (10.30)

**Readers:** J Van Diesen/E Driscoll**Ext. Ministers:** K Ashton/M Rowe/L Morgan**Procession of Gifts:** L & M Habben**Counters:** Today: June Raeburn

Next Week: M &amp; L Habben

**Altar Society:** May 27 Gabrielle & Pat**MARY'S STATUE:** May 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 dedicates 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 &amp; 4th Wednesday of Month-Eventide-10.30am.

**(Check front of Bulletin for any changes to this routine)****RECONCILIATION:**Stawell: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 &amp; 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

**6th Sunday of Easter - Year A****May 21, 2017****SUNDAY MISSAL Pg. 329****ANNIVERSARIES:**

Max Rogers, Kathleen Kiernan

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

This count will be taken over the next three Sundays.

**CUP OF TEA/COFFEE**

AFTER 8.30. AM MASS AT LANDSBOROUGH. ALL WELCOME.

**AT MASSES THIS WEEKEND, CHILDREN OF OUR PARISH ARE BEING ENROLLED IN PREPARATION TO CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENTS OF CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION. PLEASE KEEP THE CHILDREN IN YOUR PRAYERS OVER THE NEXT SIX WEEKS.****TIME AND TALENT SHEETS:**

Something new!

There are many things which need doing if the parish is to function somewhat smoothly.

It cannot function with just one or two

helpers.

Thank you to those of you who do so much. We are attempting to encourage people to do anything they may feel comfortable with. Sometimes people say that they have not involved themselves because they have never been asked.

**At the moment there is a need for more Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist at 6.00pm Mass.**

This is your opportunity. Take advantage of it.

**Please take a Time and Talent Sheet and fill it in. You may volunteer for as many positions as you like—but don't kill yourself by overdoing it.****Please return the sheets next weekend.****Catholic Education Week 2017**

To celebrate Catholic Education Week 2017 the school will be open for visitors on Monday 22nd May from 9:00am-11:00am including a whole school Liturgy at 9:00 am. Everyone is most welcome.

**This would also be an opportunity for parishioners to see the inside of the new school building.****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 &amp; 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.**

### **COUGHS AND COLDS:**

'Tis the season. People suffering coughs and colds are asked to avoid drinking from the Chalice at Mass, or wait until last to receive.

### **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. RSVP May 11, 2017. **Raffle \$1.00 per ticket—1st prize \$100.00; 2nd prize \$50.00. Phone Liz 5358 1724 if you would like to go. These will be on sale after Masses this weekend.**

### **FINANCES LAST WEEKEN 550.70D:**

Presbytery Collection: \$ 550.70  
Parish Collection: \$ 492.00  
Loose Collection: \$ Published: 19 May 2017  
*1st Collection is for 144.70 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  
Tues, Thurs, Fri 10.00am  
Wed, Eventide 10.30am

THURSDAY— No Scripture Reflection

**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:**

In surgery for a heart attack, a middle-aged woman has a vision of God by her bedside. "Will I die?" she asks. God says, "No. You have 30 more years to live." With 30 years to look forward to, she decides to make the best of it. So since she's in the hospital, she gets breast implants, liposuction, a tummy tuck, hair transplants, and collagen injections in her lips. She looks great!

The day she's discharged, she exits the hospital with a swagger, crosses the street, and is immediately hit by an ambulance and killed. Up in heaven, she sees God. "You said I had 30 more years to live," she complains. "That's true," says God. "So what happened?" she asks. God shrugs, "I didn't recognize you."

### **NEWS:**

#### **ABUSE SCANDAL LEAVES PRIESTS FEELING 'BETRAYED'**

*Published: 19 May 2017*



Clergy care co-ordinators could help priests come to terms with the child sexual abuse scandal, says Fr Greg Bourke, national director of the Office for Clergy, Life and Ministry, reports The Southern Cross.  
Fr Bourke, who addressed the Clergy Healthcare Network Conference in Adelaide last month, said clergy care co-ordinators have an important role to play in helping priests by listening to how they have been affected by the scandal.

Clergy care co-ordinators could help priests come to terms with the child sexual abuse scandal, says Fr Greg Bourke, national director of the Office for Clergy, Life and Ministry, reports The Southern Cross. He likened the effect of the scandal on

priests to a failed marriage, in so far as one partner feels betrayed by the other and can't believe they didn't know that the person they were living with was having an affair.

"We often hear clergy say 'but these men were my friends, we studied together, we holidayed together and I never knew'," said Fr Bourke.

"All of those affective emotions that a married person would conceivably experience can be conditionally translated to how a clergy person might be affected."

Fr Bourke said for many members of the clergy the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse had "rubbed our noses in it" and "we don't like the affect it is having on us emotionally, mentally and spiritually".

To prevent priests from moving too quickly to "defence mechanisms", Fr Bourke said clergy care health workers could be positive agents.

"There is no formula for this but only to do what you do, spend time with these men and sometimes the vulnerable window is open to you and you can figuratively step up to the window sill and converse," he said.

Fr Bourke said many priests were tempted to "shrink, draw down and lose their sense of worth".

Some reacted by refusing to visit schools or engage with children, even though child safeguards and policies provided them with a framework for appropriate interaction such as having contact with children when there were other adults around.

Fr Bourke said priests needed to understand that the norms and guidelines for working with children could help them to "flourish".

"In fact it's better than ever now because we've got a structure to help us to be the people that we should be," he said.

### **SCRIPTURE REFLECTION**

We live in hope because we have been blessed with the opportunity of participating in the exaltation of Jesus. This hope is based on promises: the promise that we will not be left orphaned when Jesus returns to his Father; the promise that we will be comforted by the Spirit whom Jesus will send. It is trust in God that enables us to live in this world as if the promises have already been fulfilled, for in fact, it is precisely such living that fulfils them.

We have not celebrated the Ascension, and yet all three readings speak of the Spirit. The same Spirit, who quickened the resurrected life of Jesus, enlivens us. This Spirit strengthens, comforts, guides and inspires us. Life in the Spirit requires that we conform our lives to the commandments of God, not in a legalistic or constraining way but out of love. The love that comes to us through the Spirit will then overflow into the lives of others, and we will be agents of God's love in the world.

The Spirit given by Christ is mediated through the laying on of hands. This still happens in our day in the gentle touch of friends, in the loving touch of parents, in the healing touch of those who cure both the body and the spirit. The liturgical year is preparing us for the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, and Jesus is preparing us for life in the Spirit here on earth. This is the reason for our hope.

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