

ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (August 27)

Readers: C Browne/J Browne

Procession of Gifts: D & M Browne

Ext Minister: B Amarant

Next Week (September 3)

Readers:

Procession of Gifts:

Ext Minister:

Church Care: C Browne

Church Grounds— August—J Browne

STAWELL:

This Week (August 26) 6.00PM

Welcomer: M Cray

Readers: L McIntyre/A Ellis

Ext. Ministers: C Barker/J Raeburn

Procession of Gifts: J Croton

(August 27) 10.30AM

Readers: J Van Diesen/E Driscoll

Ext Ministers: K Ashton/M Rowe/V Enriquez

Procession of Gifts: L & M Habben

Next Week (September 2) 6.00PM

Welcomer: D McIntosh

Readers: J Raeburn/D Jones

Ext. Ministers: J Obi/A Ellis

Procession of Gifts: P Price

(September 3) 10.30AM

Readers: L Morgan/S Little

Ext. Ministers: K Dalton/G Comitti/G Little

Procession of Gifts: G & G Pickering

Counters: Today: M & L Habben

Next Week: E Driscoll/G Pickering

Altar Society: Sept 2: G Pickering/M Cray

MARY'S STATUE Aug 27—Sept 2 M R Thomas

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 Mondays 2.30pm in Parish Hall.

CWL: 3rd Wednesday commencing with 10.00am Mass.

Scripture reflection group Thursday 2.00pm in the presbytery.

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www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

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St Patrick's Parish Community
Stawell-Glenorchy-Great Western-Halls Gap-Landsborough

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A

August 27, 2017

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CENTERING PRAYER:

THE NEXT SESSION WILL BE HELD IN ST PATRICK'S PARISH HALL, THIS WEDNESDAY AT 2.00PM.

STAWELL REGIONAL HEALTH LADIES AUXILIARY:

Fashion Parade at Stawell Powerhouse. Friday September 15 at 7.00pm. \$15.00 per ticket. Supper included. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE SUPPORT OF SICK AND RETIRED CLERGY:



This collection will be taken up at Amasses next Sunday. Envelopes to be used for this collection are in the box with Planned

Giving Envelopes. Some spare envelopes are available at the doors of the church. Parishioners have been very generous in supporting this appeal over many years. The clergy, are very grateful for this.



Please give Woolworth's stickers to St Pat's School

SICK LIST

Noah Amarant; Kathryn Young; Glenis Leddin; Val Seeary; Lourdes dela Cerna; Kath Hayes (Ballarat); John Delaney; Lynn Wright; John Jess; Simon Monas; Angela Moore; Jeff O'Donnell; Peter Duffy (Canada); Nance Rutter; 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; Patty Fenwick; Roby Laxton; Nicole Lee (Horsham); Stanislaw Pawlowski (Melbourne); Fr Paul Mercovich (Parish Priest, St Arnaud)

NB: A FAMILY MEMBER OF THE SICK PERSON MUST CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE TO HAVE NAMES ADDED OR REMOVED.

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection: 510.10

Parish Collection: \$ 480.00

Loose Collection: \$ 68.10

*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.*

Child Protection Sunday

In response to a request from Pope Francis, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has set aside Sunday, September 10, 2017, Child Protection Sunday, as a Day of Prayer and Penance for Victims and Survivors of Sexual Abuse.

OUR DIOCESAN COMMUNITY

MAGAZINE is available (free) at the doors of the churches. Please take one home if you have not already.

THIS WEEK:

NO WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:

Wednesday—Centering Prayer—St Patrick's Hall—2.00pm

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.

HUMOUR:

A minister was called to a local nursing home to perform a wedding. An anxious old man met him at the door. The pastor sat down to counsel the old man and asked several questions. "Do you love her?" The old man replied, "I guess." "Is she a good Christian woman?" "I don't know for sure," the old man answered. "Does she have lots of money?" asked the pastor. "I doubt it." "Then why are you marrying her?" the preacher asked. "She can drive at night," the old man said

NEWS:

BIG BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT UNITE TO END SLAVERY

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Mining magnate Andrew Forrest has declared "the beginning of the end of modern slavery" following a landmark meeting between big business and the federal government, the Sydney Morning Herald reports.

Mr Forrest said other companies from the Indo-Pacific region, including Walmart, Adidas, Thai Union and JD.com now shared his company's commitment to scrutinise their supply chains to eliminate slavery. Foreign Affairs Minister Julie Bishop addressed the business leaders at the meeting in Perth yesterday.

"This is really ground breaking," Mr Forrest said. "This is the beginning of the end of modern slavery."

"Business and government working together are the only combined powers which can effectively end modern slavery and it has finally come together in a landmark forum."

Mr Forrest, the Australian business co-chairman of the forum, said companies who had attended the inaugural Bali Process Government and Business Forum would meet again next year to review work plans and mark progress.

The federal government last week said it would introduce legislation requiring big Australian companies to examine their supply chains and report annually on measures they are taking to combat slavery, including human trafficking, debt bondage and forced labour.

Companies with an annual turnover of at least \$100 million will be asked to publish "Modern Slavery Statements" and will be held to account on a publicly accessible central repository.

Mr Forrest said two-thirds of the estimated 46 million people trapped in slavery were in the Indo-Pacific region. It is estimated almost 4500 people are trapped in some form of slavery in Australia – and millions more are victims around the world.

In an opinion piece published in The Australian today, Ms Bishop said the government was committed to addressing slavery and was enlisting regional help.

"Australia cannot tackle this issue alone; regional action is imperative," she said. "Today in Perth, together with Indonesian Foreign Minister Retno Marsudi, I will launch the world's first regional business-government partnership to address modern slavery."

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SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:

(Today's) readings highlight two different but related themes: the character of our understanding of Christ, and our understanding of discipleship that flows from it. Christological reflections reach a climax in the question posed to the disciples: Who do you say I am? In this liturgical context, the same question is posed to us. Who is this one who multiplies loaves of bread, who walks on turbulent waters, who breaks the boundaries that separate insider from outsider? It is none other than the messiah.

When Peter testified to Jesus' identity, it was a relevant religious and political statement, for messianic expectation was a burning question at that time. But what does it mean for the average Christian today? Many believers consider messianic expectation a theological theme that belongs to the past. They feel that it is difficult to get excited about the coming of someone who we believe has already come and gone. If Jesus were to pose this question today, how would we answer?

Like Peter, we too may have good intentions, but when they are put to the test we realise that that was all that they were – good intentions. Still, we should not be discouraged by our weaknesses, for just as Peter's failure did not deter God from entrusting him with power and authority, so our failures need not be obstacles to God's grace in our lives. We watch God entrust the church to individuals who are weak and undependable, and we realise that judgments are inscrutable and God's ways unsearchable.

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