

ROSTERS:**LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):****This Week** (September 3)**Readers:** B G Browne/M Browne**Procession of Gifts:** B G & W Browne**Ext Minister:** C Browne**Next Week** (September 10)**Readers:** G Christie/**Procession of Gifts:** R & C Brown**Ext Minister:** K Christie**Church Care:** J Murphy/Betty Amarant**Church Grounds—** September—P O'Callaghan**STAWELL:****This Week** (September 2) 6.00PM**Welcomer:** D McIntosh**Readers:** J Raeburn/D Jones**Ext. Ministers:** J Obi/A Ellis**Procession of Gifts:** P Price

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Readers: L Morgan/S Little**Ext. Ministers:** K Dalton/G Comitti/G Little**Procession of Gifts:** G & G Pickering**Next Week** (September 9) 6.00PM**Welcomer:** M Rogers**Readers:** T Brady/N Rathgeber**Ext. Ministers:** L Moloney/J Raeburn**Procession of Gifts:** M, H, J, A Smith

(September 10) 10.30AM

Readers: J Van Diesen/D O'Donnell**Ext Ministers:** F Harney/M R Thomas/L Morgan**Procession of Gifts:** Cain/Rutter Family**Counters: Today:** E Driscoll/G Pickering**Next Week:** T & A Ellis**Altar Society:** Sept 9: Liz & Kay**MARY'S STATUE** Sept 3-9 E T Driscoll; 10-16

Dot McIntosh; 17-23 Doreen Duffy; 24-30 D

O'Donnell

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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Stawell-Glenorchy-Great Western-Halls Gap-Landsborough

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A**September 3, 2017****SUNDAY MISSAL Pg. 451****ANNIVERSARIES:**

John O'Callaghan, Terry Carr, John and Cecily Thomas, Rita Seebus, Maggie Neville and Peter Shea

**BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND****Collection for Sick and Retired Priests**

The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund provides for retired priests who have spent a lifetime selflessly caring for others, and who deserve a happy and peaceful retirement. The Fund is currently supporting and caring for eighteen retired priests. Over the next few years a number of priests currently in parish ministry will be moving into retirement,

and will also need to be supported by the fund.

This collection has raised nearly 1.8 million dollars since it began in 1991, including nearly \$60,000 last year. Along with the priests' own contribution of approximately \$37,000 per year, this annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy. Please give as generously as you can, and help us continue 'caring for those who cared for us'. Special envelopes are available for this collection, which will be taken up today. You may also return your envelope next week.

A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.**CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US – THE CHURCH COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY****FR ERIC'S HOLIDAYS:**

Fr Eric will be taking holidays from September 18 to October 13. Fr John Pothiyittel will be supplying for me in my absence.

CENTERING PRAYER:

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

SICK LIST

Noah Amarant; Kathryn Young; Glenis Leddin; Val Seear; 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); Dominic Browne

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

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.

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

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection: 409.85

Parish Collection: \$ 932.00

Loose Collection: \$ 87.65

*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 Surviv-
ors of Sexual Abuse.

THIS WEEK:

WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:

Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 10.00am

Wednesday—Centering Pray-
er—St Patrick's Hall—2.00pm

**CONFESSIONS —Before or
after 10.00am weekday Mass-
es by request (i.e. – just ask Fr
Eric.) ; 10.00am 1st & 3rd Satur-
days;
Landsborough—before Sunday
Mass.**

HUMOUR:

A priest, a minister, and a rabbi want to see who's
best at his job. So each one goes into the woods,
finds □ a bear, and attempts to convert it. Later,
they all get together.

The priest begins: "When I found the bear, I read
to him from the catechism and sprinkled him with
holy water. Next week is his first Communion."

"I found a bear by the stream," says the minister,
"and preached God's holy Word. The bear was so
mesmerized that he let me baptize him."

They both look down at the rabbi, who is lying on
a gurney in a body cast and covered in blood.
"Looking back," he says, "maybe I shouldn't
have started with the circumcision."

NEWS:

I DIDN'T THREATEN STAFF OVER GAY MAR- RIAGE: HART



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Melbourne Archbishop Denis Hart yesterday of-
fered clarity on the Church's position on same-sex
marriage, and what it would mean for Church
employees if same-sex marriage laws were
passed in Australia, Melbourne Catholic reports.

Earlier this month, Fairfax Media reported that
staff working for the Church – including doctors,
nurses, teachers – entering into a same-sex mar-
riage would be at risk of losing their jobs. But in
an interview on Melbourne radio station 3AW,

Archbishop Hart said the comments which had
drawn the most attention weren't in fact spoken
at all. "I said, 'that's best dealt with at a local
level'," he said. "I said nothing whatever about
sackings."

When asked if he would be comfortable with
nurses and doctors in a Catholic hospital who
were in a gay marriage, Archbishop Hart re-
plied, "I've got no difficulty about that." Schools
were a similar matter. He said if gay marriage
were legalised and a teacher entered into a
marriage with a same-sex partner, there would
be no question whether their position as a teach-
er was at risk. "We're not entering into their
private lives," Archbishop Hart said, adding that
his concern was whether they were willing to
teach Catholic teaching in schools.

"The Church, like many other organisations, has
certain expectations of staff which have to be
fulfilled ... we exist to teach certain things and
the people in our employ need to be able to do
that."

Meanwhile The Australian reports the Coalition
for Marriage yesterday launched its national
television advertising campaign, encouraging
parents to vote against same-sex marriage,
warning that they could lose control of gender
programs taught to schoolchildren.

The advertisement — backed by the key organ-
isation behind the No campaign — is the first in
a series aimed at highlighting broader conse-
quences it argues could arise from the legalisa-
tion of same-sex marriage in Australia.

The advertisement will run on the free-to-air
commercial networks as well as pay-TV stations.
Coalition for Marriage spokeswoman Sophie
York told The Australian that some supporters of
the Yes campaign were trying to silence those
who supported traditional marriage and "put a
negative tone on what we're trying to say".

"At this point in time we have a fighting chance
to push back on this gender theory and teach-

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:

The gospel does not say that Jesus will
gallantly step forward, take suffering
upon himself, and thus demonstrate his
power. Instead, his fate will be a
demonstration of his vulnerability. He
will be taken forcibly and will suffer
at the hands of others. He will do this
willingly, but not as a volunteer. Jesus
will be a victim. This picture of Jesus
carries implications for discipleship.
Whoever follows him must follow him
to the cross. If we participate in his
success, we must also share in his
shame. Disciples have a choice to fol-
low or not to follow, but if they choose
in his favour they must be ready for
suffering and humiliation.

Paul exhorts us to reject the standards
of the world. This is a very difficult
path to follow, especially when it
seems that those who conform to this
age prosper. Following Christ can
place barriers between ourselves and
others. If we no longer share their
values and their interests, we may feel
alienated. Suffering is bound to in-
vade our ministerial lives as well. We
must remember that Jesus' message
antagonised many people in his day.
Those who proclaim the same message
in their own contexts must be pre-
pared for a similar reaction.

After witnessing the marvellous feats
that Jesus accomplished, we discover
that he is going to suffer and be put
to death. How can this be? With Peter
we protest. With Jeremiah we won-
der: Have we been duped? The reali-
sation that we too will have to suffer
becomes a crucial test of our faith.

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