

**ROSTERS:****LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):**

This Week (September 24)

Readers: M Browne/K Christie

Procession of Gifts: B Amarant/J Murphy

Ext Minister: G Christie

**Next (October 1)**

Readers: J Murphy/BG Browne

Procession of Gifts: P and C O'Callaghan

Ext Minister: J Murphy

Church Care: C Browne

Church Grounds—October—R Browne

**STAWELL:**

This Week (September 23) 6.00PM

Welcomer: N Rathgeber

Readers: L McIntyre/T Brady

Ext. Ministers: C Barker/J Obi

Procession of Gifts: J Allan

(September 24) 10.30AM

Readers: J Van Diesen/K Dallinger

Ext Ministers: M R Thomas/G Comitti/H Potter

Procession of Gifts: L & M Habben

Next Week (September 30) 6.00PM

Welcomer: M Cray

Readers: J Raeburn/N Rathgeber

Ext. Ministers: P Price/M Maestros

Procession of Gifts: J Croton

(October 1) 10.30AM

Readers: L Morgan/E Driscoll

Ext. Ministers: J Van Diesen/M Rowe/S Enriquez

Procession of Gifts: G and G Pickering

Counters: Today: L & M Habben

Next Week: G Pickering/E Driscoll

Altar Society: Sept 30: G Pickering/M Cray

**MARY'S STATUE** Sept 24-30 D O'Donnell;  
Oct 1-7 M & S Blake; 8-14 St Pat's School; 15-  
21 St Pat's School; 22-28 J Raeburn; 29—Nov  
4 H Prowd

*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 A:**

Stawell: Saturday at 6.00pm.

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: 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 & 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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# St Patrick's Parish Community

Stawell-Glenorchy-Great Western-Halls Gap-Landsborough

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A

September 24, 2017

**SUNDAY MISSAL Pg. 459****WELCOME TO FR JOHN.**

Thank you for supplying  
Masses in Fr Eric's absence.

**RECENT DEATH:**

Fr. Paul Mercovich [St. Ar-  
naud Parish Priest].

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Bernice Rathgeber.

**CENTERING PRAYER:**

Will not be held during  
school holidays. Resumes  
October 11.

**LETTER FROM BISHOP PAUL:**

Letter regarding Pope Francis'  
document on the *Joy Of Love*,  
comparing the Popes statement  
with our current debate on mar-  
riage equality in Australia is at  
the doors of the Church. Please  
take one. All the best with your  
voting.

**FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:**

Presbytery Collection: \$ 464.20  
Parish Collection: \$ 472.00  
Loose Collection: \$ 112.70  
*1st Collection is for the clergy sti-  
pend, presbytery costs and sup-  
port of the bishop and sick and  
retired priests. The 2nd collection  
is for the upkeep of the parish.*

**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 Paw-  
lowski (Melbourne); Dominic Browne.

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

### THIS WEEK:

#### WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:

Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 10.00am

St. Vincent de Paul meeting Monday 2.30pm.

**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 young man asked an old rich man how he made his money.

The old guy fingered his worsted wool vest and said, “Well, son, it was 1932, the depth of the Great Depression. I was down to my last nickel. I invested that nickel in an apple. I spent the entire day polishing the apple and, at the end of the day, I sold the apple for ten cents.

The next morning, I invested those ten cents in two apples. I spent the entire day polishing them and sold them at 5:00 pm for 20 cents. I continued this system for a week, by the end of which I’d accumulated a fortune of \$6.40.

Then my wife’s father died and left us two million dollars.”

### NEWS:



Throwing money at emergency accommodation and dispersing rough sleepers will do little to solve homelessness, a leading expert has warned, The Guardian reports.

Irish homelessness expert Eoin O’Sullivan will today give the keynote address to Victoria’s homelessness conference. Mr O’Sullivan will warn governments against concentrating their resources in crisis accommodation, such as shelters or hostels.

Instead, he says, governments would save money and improve effectiveness by boosting permanent housing options through adding to social and community housing stocks.

He is an advocate of the “housing first” model, which gives fast access to permanent housing, before deploying support and mental health services

to ensure people are able to remain in accommodation.

In the housing first model, people do not need to earn a right to housing by proving they are capable of managing their own lives.

“I think a lot of people find it difficult to make that conceptual leap,” Mr O’Sullivan told The Guardian.

“I was walking in Melbourne last night and [many rough sleepers] appear quite dishevelled and people assume ‘you couldn’t give them a house’, but in practice you can,” he said.

He said once people were in permanent housing, many social or health problems associated with homelessness tend to dissipate.

In Australia, growth in social housing stock stagnated and numbers on waiting lists have increased between 2009 and 2016.

The failure was one of several that caused the federal government to announce it would develop a new homelessness and housing agreement with the states.

The number of homeless Australians in crisis accommodation, meanwhile, has increased significantly. Those in crisis accommodation who reported accessing homelessness services grew from 7,871 in 2012-13 to 14,569 in 2015-16.

The Council to Homeless Persons chief executive, Jenny Smith, said Australian governments must commit to boosting the social housing stock.

“With our federal government brokering a new national homelessness and housing agreement with the states, as a nation we need to commit to significant increases in social housing for low-income earners so we can emulate the success from abroad, not continue with failure,” Ms Smith said.

### SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:

Our attention shifts slightly in these last Sundays of Ordinary Time. We turn from concentration on the character and responsibilities of discipleship to reflection on the import of the end of time. As we move toward the close of the liturgical year, we are invited to consider the final coming of Christ and the last judgment.

The thought of judgment is enough to strike fear in the hearts of many. We sometimes experience tension between the idea of divine justice, which requires that the good be adequately rewarded and the evil be appropriately punished, and that of the mercy of God, which we hope will be generously extended to us. As seen in the readings for this Sunday, the justice of God does not conform to the standards of human justice. It is incomprehensible, because its foundation is mercy. While we might find consolation in this view of divine judgment when it is directed toward us, our hearts do not always seem to be generous enough to rejoice in the mercy extended to others. It is almost as if we feel that we have been cheated in some way, if God is merciful to others. However, divine mercy can work in us to abolish our pettiness and indignation and replace it with generosity of heart. We are called to conduct ourselves with this kind of generosity, this kind of love, this kind of mercy.

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