

ROSTERS:**LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):****This Week** (October 1)**Readers:** J Murphy/B G Browne**Procession of Gifts:** P & C O'Callaghan**Ext Minister:** J Murphy**Next Week** (October 8)**Readers:** C Browne/M Browne**Procession of Gifts:** K & G Blake**Ext Minister:** C Browne**Church Care:** M Browne**Church Grounds—** October—R Brown**STAWELL:****This Week** (September 30) 6.00PM**Welcomer:** M Cray**Readers:** J Raeburn/N Rathgeber**Ext. Ministers:** P Price/M Maestros**Procession of Gifts:** J Croton**Next Week** (October 1) 10.30AM**Readers:** L Morgan/E Driscoll**Ext Ministers:** J Van Diesen/M Rowe/S Enriquez**Procession of Gifts:** G & G Pickering

(October 7) 6.00PM

Welcomer: M Rogers**Readers:** J Raeburn/T Brady**Ext. Ministers:** N Rathgeber/J Obi**Procession of Gifts:** J Allan

(October 8) 10.30AM

Readers: M R Thomas/L Morgan**Ext. Ministers:** G Comitti/V Enriquez/H Potter**Procession of Gifts:** Cain/Rutter Family**Counters: Today:** G Pickering/E Driscoll**Next Week:** T & A Ellis**Altar Society:** October 7- Liz & Kay**MARY'S STATUE** 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: 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

Our parish website can be accessed through the diocesan site.

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St Patrick's Parish Community

Stawell-Glenorchy-Great Western-Halls Gap-Landsborough

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A**October 1, 2017****SUNDAY MISSAL Pg. 463****RECENT DEATHS:**

Val Pickering (Ballarat).

CENTERING PRAYER:

In recess until the start of the school term.

LETTER FROM BISHOP PAUL:**Letter regarding Pope Francis' document on the *Joy Of Love*, comparing the Popes statement with our current debate on marriage equality in Australia is at the doors of the Church. Please take one. All the best with your voting.****FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:**

Presbytery Collection: \$ 317.90

Parish Collection: \$ 471.00

Loose Collection: \$ 58.60

*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.***Year of Youth 2018**2018 is the Year of Youth in Australia, commencing at the start of Advent (3 December). The theme of the Year of Youth is *Open New Horizons for Spreading Joy*. Parishes and others are asked to incorporate the Year of Youth in their planning, considering how they might celebrate locally or in conjunction with neighbours. Year of Youth information is on the Ballarat Diocese websitewww.ballarat.catholic.org.au /Youth and Young Adult pages, or emailyouth@ballarat.catholic.org.au Parishes and secondary schools will be

advised about resources as soon as they are available.

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; 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.

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – now open for new participants

The Lay Pastoral Ministry Program offers low-cost opportunities for online study and formation for lay workers in the diocese, both employees and volunteers. A wide range of subject areas are offered: Scripture, Sacraments, Social Justice, Leadership skills, Youth Ministry, many more. Study one subject or many - it's a flexible program! Registration for the October study cycle closes on 16 October. A study cycle means you do one subject over 5 weeks. There are 6 study cycles each year, you can start at any one. 2018 study cycles start in January. Details on the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (link is on home page), or contact Amanda, ph: 5337 7125 or email amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au

THIS WEEK:

NO WEEKDAY MASSES 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 man appeared before St. Peter at the pearly gates. "Have you ever done anything of particular merit?" St. Peter asked.

"Well," the man said, "once I came upon a gang of bikers who were threatening a young woman. I approached the largest and most heavily tattooed biker and smacked him on the head, kicked over his bike, ripped out his nose ring, and threw it on the ground. 'Now leave her alone!' I yelled."

St. Peter was impressed: "When did this happen?"

"Just a couple of minutes ago."

NEWS:

Share their journey urges Pope on refugee issue

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Rohingya refugees walk into a camp in Bangladesh (Tommy Trenchard)

Pope Francis will today launch a global campaign to promote the rights of refugees and migrants, Caritas Australia reports.

The Pope is encouraging people to talk with a refugee or migrant - to hear their story and share their journey. Francis is also speaking to governments about the issue.

"He is urging all nations to improve their role in the protection of the world's 22 million current refugees and to simplify their visa application processes,"

said Caritas Australia chief executive Paul O'Callaghan.

"He wants to see families re-united wherever possible and to show a spirit of generosity and compassion to those who have lost so much," Mr O'Callaghan said.

On World Migrant Day 2016, Francis said: "Migrants are our brothers and sisters in search of a better life, far away from poverty, hunger, exploitation and the unjust distribution of the planet's resources which are meant to be equitably shared by all."

The Pope's call for change comes as the global Caritas network responds to 400,000 refugees who have fled violence in Rakhine state in Myanmar and crossed into neighbouring Bangladesh.

Cardinal Patrick D'Rozario CSC, Archbishop of Dhaka said: "Bangladesh has not only opened the borders, but we have also opened our hearts with love and compassion to the children, women, old, the sick, the wounded and even the thousands who are unborn."

The global Caritas confederation recently launched an Emergency Appeal to meet the needs of the newly-arrived Rohingyas in Bangladesh.

Details: www.caritas.org.au/sharejourney

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:

In every life there is a struggle between obedience and disobedience, and this struggle takes various twists and turns. At times we are willing to conform to regulations set from the outside, and at times we are not. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we are free to ignore the invitation. Those who are fundamentally righteous sometimes fall from grace, and people considered evil to the core sometimes reform their lives. What ultimately counts are not the promises made, but the actions taken.

We are called to discipleship, and there may well be urgency in this call, but it is an invitation that is to be accepted freely. As is the case with life itself, options are placed before us all the way along the road. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we are free to ignore the invitation. However, the invitation always remains open to us, because God's desire for our acceptance is persistent and enduring.

The real choice set before us today is the imitation of Christ. The specific characteristic of Christ today is his humility. Since demanding one's rights can undermine the loving quality of community, Jesus' humility is offered for our imitation. It is very clear that whichever aspect of discipleship we examine, some aspect of community is also present. To be a disciple of Jesus is to follow him humbly as a member of a believing community.

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