

**ROSTERS:****LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):****This Week** (October 29)**Readers:** G Christi/M Browne**Procession of Gifts:** G/K/E Christi**Ext Minister:** K Christi**Next Week** (November 5)**Readers:** M Browne/C Browne**Procession of Gifts:** R & C Brown**Ext Minister:** C Browne**Church Care:** C Browne**Church Grounds—** November—Volunteer**STAWELL:****This Week** (October 28) 6.00PM**Welcomer:** N Rathgeber**Readers:** J Raeburn/D Jones**Ext. Ministers:** C Barker/L Moloney**Procession of Gifts:** P Price

(November 4) 10.30AM

**Readers:** S Little/M R Thomas**Ext Ministers:** L Morgan/M Rowe/F Harney**Procession of Gifts:** M & L Habben**Next Week** (November 4) 6.00PM**Welcomer** M Cray**Readers:** L McIntyre/N Rathgeber**Ext. Ministers:** M Howard/S Howard**Procession of Gifts:** M,H,J,A Smith

(November 5) 10.30AM

**Readers:** P Wait/L Morgan**Ext. Ministers:** V Enriquez/G Comitti/K Ashton**Procession of Gifts:** G & G Pickering**Counters: Today:** T & A Ellis**Next Week:** G Pickering/L Driscoll**ALTAR SOCIETY:** November 4 M Cray/G Pickering**MARY'S STATUE:** 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 6.00pm

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 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

**30th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A****October 29, 2017****SUNDAY MISSAL Pg. 480****ANNIVERSARIES:**

Father Frank Monaghan, Hugh Amarant, Peter Scarsi, Elsie Dalziel, and Bob Boag, Fiona Seebus and Eugene O'Driscoll

**CENTERING PRAYER:**St Patrick's Hall—2.00PM  
Wednesday**FRONT DOORS:**

The front doors of St Patrick's Church are closed on weekdays, to keep the bad guys out. However, the side door is always open to let the sinners in to pray.

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES:**

Just a reminder that Saturday evening Mass is now 6.00pm all year round

**ECUMENICAL SERVICE:**

Today, Sunday, at the Uniting Church Scanlan Street at 5.00pm. All are encouraged to come along.

**FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:**

Presbytery Collection: \$430.50

Parish Collection: \$ 756.00

Loose Collection: \$ 110.25

*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.***THANK YOU:**

A very sincere thank you to Liz McIntyre and the school community for the invitation to attend the Andrew Chin Concert and to take part in the meal following on Thursday Evening. It was a great experience to be part of the evening and to see how an 'expert' was able to enable, and to

**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 &amp; Alf Evans; Margaret Boag; Nigel James (Canberra); Ian Kindred, Terry Bartlett (WA); Sharron Pickering; Andrew Van Diesen; Benjamin Wolfson; Karlee Thorpe (Bendigo); Bernie O'Callaghan; Patty Fenwick; Robby Laxton; Nicole Lee (Horsham); Dominic Browne; Pat O'Callaghan

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

draw out the hidden talents of so many children (and staff). Thank you again—a great evening.

### **GARDEN CUTTINGS AND PLANTS:**

We are looking for cuttings and plants which may be used in the church gardens. This time we are particularly looking for a bit of colour. If you are trimming or thinning out your plants please consider donating some to the church. Thank you.

### **THIS WEEK:**

#### **WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:**

Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 10.00am in the Church.

**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:**

Words of wisdom: “There’s a fine line between a long, drawn-out sermon and a hostage situation.”

As the storm raged, the captain realized his ship was sinking fast. He called out, “Anyone here know how to pray?”

A pastor stepped forward. “Captain, I know how to pray.”

“Good,” said the captain, “you pray while the rest of us put on our life jackets – we’re one short.”

### **NEWS:**

#### **Breaking the forced marriage ring**

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Teachers from the Melbourne and Ballarat Dioceses will be trained to understand and respond to young people, particularly young women, who are at risk of a forced marriage, ACRATH reports.

ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans) will train the teachers at a one-day workshop today (Friday) and auspiced by Catholic Education Melbourne.

Hundreds of teachers in Victoria and Western Australia have, this year, been trained to understand and respond to young people, particularly young women, who are at risk of a forced marriage.

It is one of the key slavery issues confronting Australia today and ACRATH believes more and more schools are wanting to know how to respond

when a student discloses to a teacher.

“The numbers of young people facing forced marriage in Australia are hard to gauge, but it is believed that at least one case is reported to federal Police each week. This might be a young person who is being forced to marry in Australia or who is being sent overseas to marry,” said Liz Payne, ACRATH’s forced marriage educator.

Thirty Catholic schools and one Independent school across the two states have this year committed to the professional learning for teachers on forced marriage. Last year 40 schools in South Australia participated in training.

“We give teachers an understanding of slavery in the modern world and forced marriage in Australia,” Ms Payne said.

“For many teachers this is a new reality. The teachers who come to our training have young people from vulnerable communities in their schools and they want to be prepared.

“There are very clear procedures and protocols teachers need to follow if there is a disclosure by students and we want them to be equipped.”

Students also work with ACRATH to deeper understand the issue. A group of Year 12 students created “The Wedding Dress of Tears” at a workshop in February. The dress reflected the students’ learning about the impacts of forced marriage on girls and young women.

The dress was created from tissues – representing the tears shed by those in, or at risk of, forced marriage. The locks and wire rings adorning the bodice (pictured) represents the slavery-like practice that is forced marriage.

ACRATH will continue to work in both Catholic and government schools. Discussions with the Victorian Education Department’s south western metro region officials are underway.

### **SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:**

Our religious tradition is founded on love. Actually, life itself is grounded in love. We may not always feel this love, but if we allow ourselves to reflect on life, we will realise this truth. We have been called into being by God’s love; and we will only be happy if we live in that love. Thus, when we are directed to love God and love one another, we are not being asked to do something contrary to our nature. Rather, we are being told to live in accord with that nature. We come from God who is love, and so it is in our very nature to love and to be loved.

We may sometimes think that it is easier to love God than to love others. It may actually be just the opposite. Other people are tangible. We can see and hear them, interact with them. Their influence in our lives can permeate our consciousness. That is not the way it is with God. Like Moses on the mountain, we can only see the traces of divinity as God passes by (see Ex 33:23). However, we show that we love God in the way we love our neighbour.

Love, the foundation of the reign of God, is contagious. When we love others, the reign of God spreads throughout the world. The compassion that we show toward others is a form of evangelisation. It proclaims much louder than any words that the reign of God has been established.

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