

ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (November 19)
Readers: B G Browne/M Browne
Procession of Gifts: K & G Blake
Ext Minister: C Browne

Next Week (November 26)
Readers: C Browne/J Browne
Procession of Gifts: D & M Browne
Ext Minister: Betty Amarant

Church Care: C Browne
Church Grounds— November—Volunteer

STAWELL:

This Week (November 18) 6.00PM

Welcomer: M Rogers
Readers: J Raeburn/N Rathgeber
Ext. Ministers: L Moloney/E McIntyre
Procession of Gifts: I Robinson

(November 19) 10.30AM
Readers: K Dallinger/H Potter
Ext. Ministers: F Harney/L Morgan/J Van Diesen
Procession of Gifts: P Gooden

Next Week (November 25) 6.00PM
Welcomer: N Rathgeber
Readers: T Brady/D Jones
Ext. Ministers: M Maestros/P Price
Procession of Gifts: J Croton

(November 26) 10.30AM
Readers: K Dalton/S Little
Ext Ministers: H Potter/S Enriquez/G Little
Procession of Gifts: L & M Habben

Counters: Today: June Raeburn
Next Week: M & L Habbin

ALTAR SOCIETY: November 25 Gabrielle & Pat

MARY'S STATUE: Nov 19-25 J Launder; 26-Dec 2 E & N Musumeci

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 & 4th Wednesday of Month-Eventide-10.30am.
(Check front of Bulletin for any changes to this routine. Funeral Masses take the place of weekday Mass)

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

33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A

November 19, 2017

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ANNIVERSARIES:

Jack Rathgeber

OUR DIOCESAN COMMUNITY

MAGAZINE is available (FREE) at the doors of the church. Take one home today.

BEREAVEMENT TEAM:

Any person interested in being part of a Parish Bereavement Team is asked to contact Fr Eric.

ROSTER FOR LANDSBOROUGH:

I would like to print a proper roster for Landsborough. Our numbers have decreased considerably in recent times, and we need to "regroup" and sort out our various ministries.

Anyone who wishes to be considered for any ministry, please see Fr Eric ASAP. Thank you.

CUP OF TEA/COFFEE after 8.30AM

Mass this morning. All Welcome.

PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH:



Wednesday, December 6 at 12 noon at Goldfields Restaurant, Ararat Road, Stawell. \$25.00 per person. 1st beer, wine, soft drink free. Names to be in by November 26 after 10.30am Mass. Sign sheet at door of the church. All most welcome.

WELL DONE to all who made Friday's opening and blessing of our new school facilities such a memorable event.

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; Terry Bartlett (WA); Sharron Pickering; Andrew Van Diesen; Benjamin Wolfson; Bernie O'Callaghan; Patty Fenwick; Robby Laxton; Nicole Lee (Horsham); Dominic Browne; Pat O'Callaghan; Brian O'Loughlin

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

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection: \$ 534.60

Parish Collection: \$ 672.00

Loose Collection: \$ 132.95

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.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

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

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.

THIS WEEK:

WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:

Tues; Thurs, Fri 10.00am in the Church.

Wed, Eventide 10.30am

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:

Pastor Riley was in the middle of his sermon when he noticed a man had fallen asleep with his head on his wife's shoulder.

"Wake up your husband," Pastor Riley snapped.

The wife smiled and replied, "You put him to sleep. You wake him up."

NEWS:

FOCUS TURNS TO RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AFTER YES VOTE

Published: 16 November 2017



Australians have voted Yes on same-sex marriage, with the postal survey returning a 61.6 per cent result in favour of the reform, as attention now turns to calls for protection of religious freedom, The Australian reports.

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull has cleared the ground for a compromise that aims to protect religious freedom, as he vows to pass laws by Christmas.

Federal parliament acted swiftly to start debate on the new marriage laws, with Attorney-General George Brandis offering to toughen protections for free speech and assuage the fears of No voters who object to the contentious change.

The Yes case secured a majority in all states and in 133 of the nation's 150 federal electorates, with 7.8 million people voting for change and 4.9 million voting against.

The Prime Minister declared the outcome a victory for "commitment and love" and cited the 79.5 per cent response rate as vindication of his election pledge to take the decision to the people.

Bill Shorten told a rally that the nation had voted for diversity to be "accepted, supported and respected" in a modern Australia.

President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, Archbishop Denis Hart, said a change in civil law did not change the Catholic understanding of the nature of marriage, and parliament must work to unify Australians by respecting different views on marriage.

"Parliamentarians must recognise and respect the concerns of the more than 4.8 million Australians who opposed a change to the definition of marriage by putting in place strong conscience and religious freedom protections," he said in a statement.

"These protections must ensure that Australians can continue to express their views on marriage, that faith-based schools can continue to teach the traditional understanding of marriage and that organisations can continue to operate in a manner that is consistent with those values."

The Sydney Morning Herald reports that faith played a heavy role in determining voting patterns, underscoring the role that religious leaders could play in carving out protections as the parliament looks to legislate.

The highest "yes" votes came in areas where at least four in 10 people have no religious affiliation, whereas areas with high numbers of Muslims and Catholics, particularly in the suburbs of western Sydney, voted most strongly against same-sex marriage.

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SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:

It is not enough that we wait patiently. We are expected to be industrious as we await the advent of the reign of God. We have all been entrusted with talents that really belong to God, and we must use these talents to the best of our ability in the interim between the Lord's departure and his final return. The ideal wisdom figure in the first reading is a model of such industriousness.

Fidelity to the reign of God requires that we be willing to take risks. We do not know the time of the Lord's coming, and so there will have to be a kind of tentativeness to all of our plans. We will never be able to be certain that they will be brought to fruition. We must spend and be spent without the assurance that we will be able to reap the rewards of our investment. To refuse to risk is to refuse to trust.

If we have been wise and have industriously employed the Lord's talents, which were entrusted to us, we will be richly rewarded. However, if we have not realised the potential that is possessed by our talents, and if we have not employed them as they were meant to be employed, we will be punished. The foolish man in the gospel knew that the householder was exacting. He had some idea of what to expect. He made his choice and he had to accept the consequences of that choice.

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