

ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (December 10)
Readers: M Browne/B G Browne
Procession of Gifts: R & C Brown
Ext Minister: J Murphy

Next Week (December 17)
Readers: C Browne/K Christie
Procession of Gifts: J & C Browne
Ext Minister: C Browne

Church Care: C Browne
Church Grounds— December—B & P Browne

STAWELL:

This Week (December 9) 6.00PM
Welcomer: D McIntosh
Readers: J Raeburn/D Jones
Ext. Ministers: M Howard/S Howard
Procession of Gifts: P Price

(December 10) 10.30AM
Readers: L Morgan/S Little
Ext Ministers: K Dalton/G Comitti/G Little
Procession of Gifts: Cain/Rutter Family

Next Week (December 16) 6.00PM
Welcomer: M Rodgers
Readers: T Brady/N Rathgeber
Ext. Ministers: L Moloney/L McIntyre
Procession of Gifts: M Smith Family

(December 17) 10.30AM
Readers: J Van Diesen/D O'Donnell
Ext. Ministers: F Harney/M R Thomas/L Morgan
Procession of Gifts: P Gooden

Counters: Today: T & A Ellis
Next Week: J Raeburn

ALTAR SOCIETY: December 16 Margaret & Di

MARY'S STATUE:

Dec 10-16 G Comitti; 17-23 M Rowe; 24-30 K & P Fenwick

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. Put filled cruets in the fridge.

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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Stawell-Glenorchy-Great Western-Halls Gap-Landsborough

Second Sunday of Advent - Year B

December 10, 2017

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ANNIVERSARY:
Lucas O'Callaghan



“Christmas is not a happy time for those in need. Last year Stawell Inter Church Council Welfare and St Vincent de Paul distributed Christmas grocery shopping vouchers to 95 needy households in our area, made up of 278 individuals, and new toys and books to 106 children aged 13 years and under. You can help locals in need by leaving a donation of a new unwrapped toy (NO FLUFFY TOYS PLEASE) or a new children's book under the Christmas giving tree in the Church. Donations will be collected

on Sunday 17th Dec and will be distributed on Wednesday 20th Dec.”



STAWELL CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL this weekend at the Town Hall. Well worth a visit.



CUP OF TEA: After 10.30AM Mass this weekend in the Hall. All welcome.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES :
Saturday 6.00pm at Stawell
Sunday 10.30am at Stawell
Then -
Sunday 5.30pm Carols at Stawell and Mass at 6.00pm
Sunday 8.00pm at Landsborough
Monday 9.00am at Stawell.

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; 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: \$ 435.05

Parish Collection: \$ 453.00

Loose Collection: \$ 90.75

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.

ANY NEW PARISHIONERS—OR OLD PARISHIONERS, PREPARED TO CONTRIBUTE TO PARISH COSTS THROUGH PLANNED GIVING ARE ASKED TO SEE FR ERIC OR GLORIA PICKERING OR FILL IN ONE OF THE CENSUS FORMS IN THE CHURCH. THANK YOU.

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, 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:

From a church bulletin: "A new loud-speaker system has been installed in the church. It was given by one of our members in honor of his wife."

NEWS:

What have 20,00 young Australian Catholics been up to this past week?

'GET OFF THE COUCH AND SAY YES TO GOD'



Published: 08 December 2017

Almost 20,000 young people were urged to set the world on fire with their faith as the Australian Catholic Youth Festival got underway in Sydney yesterday, the ACBC (Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference) Media Blog reports.

The festival began at Qudos Bank Arena at Olympic Park with a Welcome to Country, followed by Canadian Catholic music star Matt Maher blasting the stage in praise of Jesus, and Sydney Archbishop Anthony Fisher's opening address.

Archbishop Fisher, the Bishops' Delegate for Youth, challenged the young people present to follow the example of Mary and "Say Yes" to the plans God has for their lives and he reminded them of Pope Francis' call for young people not to live as couch potatoes.

"Get up off the couch and you'll be able to see further as well as do more," he said.

"And that new horizon that is opened up will be a source of joy for you and for others. Say a Marian YES, an in-God-I-trust YES, a with-all-my-heart YES, a for-today-and-always YES to God and see what he can do with you."

Speaking at a press conference afterwards, Archbishop Fisher said he was enlivened by the faith of the young people on display during the festival opening.

"The young people were on fire with faith from the very beginning. Right from the start, you sensed the Holy Spirit among them, their love for the Church, and their hopes," he said.

Grammy-nominated Maher, who plays at youth festivals around the world, said he believes such gatherings help young people to meet their struggle for a sense of identity and belonging.

"To belong to something bigger than yourself, and to ask who am I and what's my place in the world," he said. "All it takes is a few people exhibiting the joy of Jesus and that joy is infectious and gives that sense of belonging and being part of a narrative that's bigger than ourselves."

Archbishop Fisher said his hope for the festival is that the young pilgrims will have an encounter with Jesus and a conversion of heart that will impact their lives.

"I think it's very important that we're having ACYF here at this time in Australia."

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:

In the wilderness God's salvation comes to a broken people. In the midst of what is seemingly an impossible situation, hope emerges with vigour. In this context, hope is an openness to surprise, the surprise that God is in no way limited to the imaginings of human minds and the consequences of human history. This is the kind of hope that is proclaimed in the wilderness by John; it is the kind of hope that trusts that from the impossible, God can work a new creation.

There is something of a time warp in Christianity. What is future is made present. The prophetic oracle announces the future as if it is already happening. This sense of the future-present prompts new ways of living. As the future takes root in human lives, the present is transformed into a new creation and the Day of the Lord appears.

God's future comes through the wilderness into the broken city and inspires a broken-hearted people. The contrite heart is a broken heart, an emptied-out heart, a hope-filled heart. It is a heart that is unencumbered by the past and that lives currently in the passing of time and the fragility of being alive. The contrite, broken heart can be filled only by what is promised in the future. This is the paradox of Advent. In the middle of the wilderness, God works the impossible in those whose hearts are ready for the surprise of hope.

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