

ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (December 31)

Readers: J Murphy/J Browne

Procession of Gifts: B Amarant/K Vance

Ext Minister: Betty Amarant

Next Week (January 7)

Readers: B G Browne/M Browne

Procession of Gifts: B G & W Browne

Ext Minister: C Browne

Church Care: M Browne

Church Grounds— January—J Browne

STAWELL:

This Week (December 30) 6.00PM

Welcomer: N Rathgeber

Readers: L McIntyre/T Brady

Ext. Ministers: D Jones/J Obi

Procession of Gifts: J Allan

(December 31) 10.30AM

Readers: J Van Diesen/K Dallinger

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

Procession of Gifts: Carey Family

Next Week (January 6) 6.00PM

Welcomer: D McIntosh

Readers: N Rathgeber/D Jones

Ext. Ministers: A Ellis/L McIntyre

Procession of Gifts: J Allan

(January 7) 10.30AM

Readers: E Driscoll/L Morgan

Ext Ministers: G Comitti/K Ashton/V Enriquez

Procession of Gifts: G & G Pickering

Counters: Today: T & A Ellis

Next Week: G & G Pickering

ALTAR SOCIETY: January 6 G Pickering/M Cray

MARY'S STATUE:

Dec 31—Jan 13 Fr Eric

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

The Holy Family - Year B

December 31, 2017

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VERY SINCERE THANK YOU TO ALL FOR THE PRAYERS, CARDS AND GIFTS AT CHRISTMAS TIME. MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

Fr Eric

RECENT DEATHS:

Irene Hoehnann (Judy Allan's mother)

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection: \$ 343.60

Parish Collection: \$ 499.00

Loose Collection: \$77.10

BISHOPS CHRISTMAS APPEAL:\$780.15

Collection is for the clergy stipend, presbytery costs and support of the bishop and sick and retired priests. The 2nd collection is for the

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, Beryl Walsh; Shirley Gerritsen

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

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.



Best wishes for the New Year. There will be a Mass tomorrow, New Years Day—The Feast of Mary the Mother of God - at 10.00am.

A special greetings to all visitors.



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:

Monday, Australia Day 10.00am
No Mass Tuesday
Wed, Thurs, Fri. 10.00am

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 reindeer walked into a pub, strolled up to the bar and ordered a pint of lager.

Completely unphased, the barman poured out the lager and passed it to the reindeer, who handed over a ten pound note.

As he handed over the change of a few coins, the barman said "I have to say, you're first reindeer I've seen in here."

The reindeer studied the change very carefully and said. "Tell you what sunshine, as these prices I'm also the last reindeer you're going to see in here."

NEWS:

FAKE NEWS A VERY GRAVE SIN: FRANCIS

Published: 18 December 2017



Pope Francis addresses journalists at the Pope Francis says journalism must prize truth and reflection over sensationalism and clamour, CNA reports.

"It is important that the criteria of judgment and information are offered patiently and methodically so that public opinion is able to understand and discern, and is not stunned and disoriented," Pope Francis told a group of journalists at the weekend.

[OBJ] The Pope encouraged journalism that embodies "serenity, precision and completeness." It must use calm language that favours "fruitful reflection" and thoughtful, clear words that reject "clamorous and ambiguous speech."

The Pope spoke to about 350 members of the Italian Periodical Press Union and the Italian Federation of Catholic Weeklies at the Vatican.

"Your free and responsible voice is fundamental for the growth of any society that wants to be called democratic, so that a continuous exchange of ideas and a profitable debate based on real and correctly reported facts are assured," the Pontiff told them.

He noted the dominance of speed and sensationalism in some reporting, which lacks precision and thoroughness. It is dominated by overheated emotions, not thoughtful reflection.

The Pope stressed the need for reliable information, verified data and news that does not aim to amaze and excite. Rather, it creates in readers a healthy critical sense that allows them to ask appropriate questions and make justified conclusions.

"There is no need to fall into the 'sins of communications': misinformation, that is saying only a part which is calumny and which is sensational, or defamation that seeks out things past and old and bringing them to light today," he said. "They are very grave sins that damage the heart of the journalist and damage the people."

In September, Pope Francis announced "fake news" will be the topic of his 2018 World Communications Day message. Vatican Radio reported the message will be published on January 24, the feast of the patron saint of journalists St Francis de Sales, ahead of the May 13 observance of World Communications Day.

"FAKE NEWS" named WORD OF THE YEAR
NEWS STORY

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:

Reflection based on the optional readings.

The readings focus our attention on true family values. God promises an heir to a couple that cannot produce a child, and when the promise is fulfilled and the child is born, God asks for the life of that child. The hopes that were kindled by the promise and that blazed brilliantly with the child's birth now lie like ashes on a heap. Is God reneging on the promise of a descendant? Is God playing with people's dreams and aspirations? Or might God be preparing them for yet another marvel?

The couple had placed their trust in God's initial promise of new life, and it was fulfilled. Now Abraham, as the representative of the entire family, is asked to hope against hope, to relinquish the child in whom all of the hopes of the future rests. Trust does not really depend upon the promises made, but upon the one making the promises. God is a God of surprises, of the paradoxical, of the preposterous. This is a God who opens closed wombs, rescinds death sentences, takes an obscure child and makes him the light to the nations. Trust in such a God requires that we sacrifice our own presuppositions. Then, expecting nothing from God, we can be open to everything. In the face of such mystery, the human heart can only sing with gratitude. We live in the presence of God, and this sustains us through whatever seems impossible. Thanksgiving opens us to receive God's promise and God's gifts.

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