

Loose Collection: \$ 116.50

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 FRERIC OR GLORIA PICKERING OR FILL IN ONE OF THE CENSUS FORMS IN THE CHURCH. THANK YOU.

*“Young people walk fast, but old people know the path”
- Pope Francis (January 2018)*

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

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:

The Sunday School Teacher asks, “Now, Johnny, tell me frankly do you say prayers before eating?” “No sir,” little Johnny replies, I don't have to. My mom is a good cook.”

NEWS:

PARENTS URGED TO TALK TO KIDS ABOUT BULLYING

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Amy Everett

Parents sending their children back to school are being warned to spot early signs of bullying and know what steps to take if their child is being targeted online. Source: The Catholic Leader.

Online harassment and youth suicide made headlines this month after it was revealed 14-year-old Amy “Dolly” Everett was the latest young Australian to end her own life after relentless bullying.

In a Facebook post, Dolly's father, Tick Everett, called for more awareness of bullying so his daughter's life “will not be wasted”. Mr Everett gave no details of the bullying but said his daughter had wanted to “escape the evil in this world”. He said he hoped the attention on Dolly's death might “help other precious lives from being lost”.

Federation of Parents and Friends Associations of Catholic Schools in Queensland executive director Carmel Nash said a safe and understanding home environment

was critical to tackling bullying.

“Parents need to be on top of it (bullying),” Mrs Nash said. “I think schools are doing a really good job. But it's what's happening at home that's the other part of the issue.”

Mrs Nash said the Office of the eSafety Commissioner offered a range of online safety programs, and resources are available for schools, parents and communities. “We have to challenge it together,” she said.

National Centre Against Bullying manager Sandra Craig said bullying was “an ongoing misuse of power in relationships through verbal, physical, psychological and social behaviour”.

Ms Craig said common to online and offline bullying was a power imbalance, intentional and cruel behaviour, and the same set of motivations.

“What is different with online bullying is the invasion of all aspects of a person's life, the reach to a large audience and the perceived sense of anonymity and disinhibition that pertains online,” she said.

Ms Craig said parents had to be proactive about bullying and communicate well.

“Don't wait for bullying to happen before talking about it,” she said. “Use opportunities that arise in conversation or raise the subject explicitly.”

“Let the child know what bullying is, what to do about it if it happens and that they aren't alone in their experience.”



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:

Discipleship requires a change in us. We want to change because in so many ways we are being strangled to death by demons. We are caught in dysfunction and sin; we live in the midst of the battle between good and evil, the struggle of human finitude and failure. We are plunged into the throes of human suffering and pain, and there seems to be no escape.

The demonic seduces us in more ways than we can count and we are often caught in its web before we recognise what has happened. There have always been many and varied voices that claim to have the remedy for our ills. Preachers and politicians have stirred up crowds and ignited their emotions. Promises have been made and predictions advanced, yet the conflict goes on, the demons continue to hold sway. The demon recognised the authority in the voice of Jesus. Do we recognise it?

When we are released by Jesus from the demons that possess us, we are freed from the stranglehold of evil and liberated to live far less encumbered and divided lives. No Earthly reality will possess us, neither relationships nor obligations nor even religious practices. Rather, we will be possessed by Christ who liberates us for the reign of God. Therefore, whether married or unmarried, whether in the midst of the community or at its margins, we will be able to heed the voice of God in our hearts and to recognise Jesus in our midst.

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ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (January 28)
Readers: B G Browne/M Browne
Procession of Gifts: K & G Blake
Ext Minister: C Browne

Next Week (January 21)
Readers: K Vance/C Browne
Procession of Gifts: D & M Browne
Ext Minister: Betty Amarant

Church Care: C Browne
Church Grounds— FEBRUARY: VOLUNTEER PLEASE

STAWELL:

This Week (January 27) 6.00PM
Welcomer: M Cray
Readers: J Raeburn/T Brady
Ext. Ministers: N Rathgeber/M Maestros
Procession of Gifts: M, H, J & A Smith

(January 28) 10.30AM
Readers: M R Thomas/S Little
Ext. Ministers: G Little/M Rowe/F Harney
Procession of Gifts: P Gooden

Next Week (February 3) 6.00PM
Welcomer: D McIntosh
Readers: N Rathgeber/D Jones
Ext. Ministers: J Raeburn/C Barker
Procession of Gifts: I Robinson

(February 4) 10.30AM
Readers: L Morgan/K Dalton
Ext Ministers: V Enriquez/G Comitti/K Ashton
Procession of Gifts: G B& G Pickering

Counters: Today: M & L Habbn
Next Week: G Pickering & E Driscoll

ALTAR SOCIETY: Jan 27—Gabrielle & Pat

MARY'S STATUE:
Jan 28-Feb 3 Di O'Donnell

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

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year B

January 28 2018

SUNDAY MISSAL Pg. 610

This year I would like to offer **THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS** to anyone interested in becoming a catholic. The program would culminate at the Easter Vigil, 2019. Any person interested, if you know of anyone, have them contact Fr Eric before the end of February.



Centering Prayer Group

CENTERING PRAYER - Weekly sessions for Term 1 will start on Wed. 7th Feb. at 2 pm in the Parish Hall. All welcome.

MARK'S GOSPEL

Lectionary readings this year focus on the Gospel of Mark, the earliest of the Gospels.

You are invited to experience the unfolding drama of Mark's Gospel in its entirety with a word-for-word DVD performance by award winning actor Max McLean.

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; 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.



This is an opportunity to closely witness / be present to an oral presentation of Jesus' life and times and teachings as recorded by Mark in his Gospel, in a similar way to the way members of his early Christian communities in Rome would have received them.

The performance and issues of note for an audience participating in such an event will be introduced by Lesley Morgan.

Tea / coffee available.
Bring a cushion for your own comfort. Maybe bring a note pad and pen to jot down any of your inner responses as the Gospel progresses. The performance will be paused at two points for silent reflection on what you have experienced and/or what might have particularly touched you to that point.
Date: Wednesday, February 21.
Time: 1 – 3 pm.
Place: St. Patrick's Church Hall

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection: \$ 433.85
Parish Collection: \$ 475.00