

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: \$ 372.85

Parish Collection: \$ 883.00

Loose Collection: \$ 200.00

*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.**

### **BISCUITS FOR PRISONERS:**



Victorian Prison Fellowship have a drive for biscuits to be distributed among the many prisoners in Victorian prisons this Easter. If you would be prepared to consider baking biscuits, please take one of the brochures available in the church. Thank you.

### **THIS WEEK:**

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

Tues, Thurs, 10.00am

**Wed. 10.00am Mass for Ash Wednesday. 6.00pm Mass at Landsborough.**

**MONDAY FEB. 12, St Vincent de Paul meeting 2.30pm.**

**WEDNESDAY - CENTERING PRAYER IN THE PARISH HALL, 2.00PM.**

**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.**

### **HUMOUR:**



A bartender notices that every evening, without fail, one of his patrons orders three beers. After several weeks of noticing this pattern, the bartender asks the man why he always orders three beers. The man says, "I have two brothers who have moved away to different countries. We promised each other that we would always order an extra two beers whenever we drank as a way of keeping up the family bond." Several weeks later, noticing that the man only ordered two beers, the bartender said, "Please accept my condolences on the death of one of your brothers. You know, the two beers and all..." The man replied, "You'll be happy to hear that my two brothers are alive and well... It's just that I, myself, have decided to give up drinking for Lent."

### **NEWS:**

#### **LENTEN REGULATIONS - 2018**

**Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence from meat.**

On all other Fridays, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled through any one of the following:

(a)**Prayer:** for example, Mass attendance; family prayer, a visit to a church or chapel, reading the Bible, making the Stations of the Cross, praying the rosary.

(b)**Self-denial:** for example, not eating meat, not eating sweets or desserts, reducing time for watching TV or other entertainments.

(c)**Helping others** - for example, taking

the family to visit the elderly in old people's home or in the parish, visiting the sick or someone who is lonely.

All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. (Canon 1252). All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday March 1, 2017.

On Good Friday and, if possible on Holy Saturday until the Easter vigil, the Paschal Fast is observed.

**Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done between Ash Wednesday (March 1) and Trinity Sunday, (June 11), unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year.**

All the faithful are obliged to confess any grave sins at least once a year.

**HOLY WEEK:** The 2017 Ordo contains instructions for the Rites of Holy Week.

**FUNERALS:** During the Paschal Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday) all Masses for the Dead, including Funeral Masses, **are forbidden.** Funerals on these days are celebrated with the Liturgy of the Word and without the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

**WEDDINGS:** Weddings should be discouraged during the Easter Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday. Should a couple be particularly insistent on a wedding for one of these days, then please indicate **that no decorations (including flowers), no music nor Nuptial Mass will be permitted.** May this Lent bring blessings on us all.

Yours in Christ,  
Paul Bird CSsR  
Bishop of Ballarat

### **SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:**

We know that we will all have to face some kind of suffering, and so we try to prepare ourselves for it. Yet when it comes, as prepared as we try to be, it can overtake us with such fury that we fall back defenceless. We look to others for support and assistance, and if we are fortunate, we find it. However, even in the most supportive of communities, suffering tends to alienate us from those who are healthy and secure. Suffering reminds us of our own finitude and the contingent nature of all of life. It threatens our sense of order.

Jesus is not deterred by human suffering. He welcomes all who approach him; his healing touch reincorporates those who have been ostracised; his loving embrace reassociates those who have been alienated. In the reign of God, there are no outsiders. All belong to Jesus, and, therefore, all belong to each other. When the one afflicted is embraced by the community, the community is an authentic manifestation of the inclusive reign of God.

In suffering we witness human vulnerability and our desperate need of each other and of God. There, at the edge of life and on the fringes of the community, we may experience the tenderness and compassion of God. The loving touch of Christ that can heal our souls, if not our bodies. It is there that we may most authentically participate in the cross of Christ. Joined to him we are anything but unproductive or worthless.

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**ROSTERS:****LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):**

This Week (February 11)

Readers: J Murphy/K Vance

Procession of Gifts: B G & W Browne

Ext Minister: G Christie

Next Week (February 18)

Readers: K Christi/M Browne

Procession of Gifts: B & C Brown

Ext Minister: Betty Amarant

Church Care: C Browne

**Church Grounds— FEBRUARY: VOLUNTEER PLEASE****STAWELL:**

This Week (February 10) 6.00PM

Welcomer: D McIntosh

Readers: J Raeburn/A Ellis

Ext. Ministers: M Howard/S Howard

Procession of Gifts: J Allan

(February 11) 10.30AM

Readers: D O'Donnell/E Driscoll

Ext. Ministers: M R Thomas/M Rowe/K Dalton

Procession of Gifts: Carey Family

Next Week (February 17) 6.00PM

Welcomer: M Rogers

Readers: T Brady/D Jones

Ext. Ministers: L Moloney/J Obi

Procession of Gifts: J Croton

(February 18) 10.30AM

Readers: K Dallinger/H Potter

Ext Ministers: F Harney/H Potter/G Comitti

Procession of Gifts: L & M Habben

Counters: Today: T & A Ellis

Next Week: June Raeburn

**ALTAR SOCIETY:** Feb 24—Gabrielle & Pat

**MARY'S STATUE:**

Feb 18-24 N & E Musumeci; 25-March 3 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. 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: 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 & 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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[www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

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# St Patrick's Parish Community

Stawell-Glenorchy-Great Western-Halls Gap-Landsborough

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year B

February 11, 2018

**SUNDAY MISSAL Pg. 618**

**ANNIVERSARY:** Kevin Kelly

**LENTEN PROGRAM:**

**Ash Wednesday is Wednesday week.**

This year we are offering a Lenten Program shared with the Anglican and Uniting Church. It is a Catholic produced program "Listening to the Wisdom of the Desert—A Lenten Program for Contemporary Australia." I highly recommend this program to all who can afford the time.

The price of the accompaniment book is \$8.95. Day and time will be on next weekends notice sheet.

**Days of Fasting and Reparation: Lent 2018**

The Australian Catholic Bishops have proclaimed the days from Ash Wednesday until the following Saturday (February 14-17) as Days of Fasting and Reparation in sorrow for child sexual abuse and the healing of victims.

**Project Compassion Sunday 11th February 2018**

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes

**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; Mary Rita Thomas

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

and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "A Just Future". You will be empowering young people to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities.

**A Just Future starts with your support!** You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by phoning 1800 024 413 or visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion).

**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.

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