

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.

I'm thinking we might need to produce a bigger notice sheet. Always running out of

THIS WEEK:

WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:

Thurs, Friday -10.00am

Wed., - Eventide Mass 10.30am.

NO MASS TUESDAY

Monday 26th, 2.30pm—St V de Paul meeting in the hall.

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

THURSDAY: LENTEN PROGRAM AT ANGLICAL CHURCH HALL, 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.

HUMOUR:

This evil house painter named Bob had gotten into the practice of adding water to his paint so that he could thin the paint and cut costs. Well, he was painting the side of this old Church when a terrible storm rolled in and washed all the paint off the walls. Just then, Bob heard a voice from the sky cry out, "Repaint, Repaint, and Thin no more!"

NEWS: TEACHING RELIGION AT ST PAT'S SCHOOL

ENCOUNTERING THE WORD THROUGH GODLY PLAY

The heart of Godly play is the telling of a story to children; from memory, using concrete materials. Godly Play is an approach to children's spiritual formation that is based on creating a sacred space in which to present the stories of our faith, wonder about them together, and then allow the children open-ended opportunities, to engage with the story on their own terms. After a time of exploring the story with wondering, the story is put away, the children choose the art supplies they would like to work with, in response to what they feel is most important in the story, or most interesting.

These photos show Ms Comitti telling the scripture story of The Good Samaritan to the students at St Patrick's School and engaging with the story using a variety of materials.



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:

We all have dreams for the future, dreams about success and well-being. We all want a better world for our children and grandchildren. Our religious tradition sets before us aspirations that call for personal transformation. However, sometimes when we follow the inspiration of our most devout aspirations, obstacles are thrown in our path preventing us from following our dreams. Still, God does not call us out of our dreams into a vacuum. If we are asked to relinquish a possible future, it is only to be offered God's future. Our aspirations may be noble, but the possibilities that God offers will outstrip them in excellence. Abraham was promised an heir; he relinquished his hold on his heir, and he was granted heirs beyond counting. Jesus came as a Rabbi; he allowed himself to be handed over to death, and he was revealed as the beloved Son of God.

Those preparing for Baptism might be asked to relinquish the dreams that they previously held in order to embrace the future God has in store for them. We who are already joined to Christ will be asked to recommit ourselves to this transformative experience. Do we have faith, or do we need a glimpse of Christ's transfiguration in order to believe in his resurrection? Do we have to see and touch Jesus, or are we able to believe because we have heard his message? God's future in Christ is open to us, but we must accept it in faith, even when we do not fully understand what it means.

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St Patrick's Parish Community

Stawell-Glenorchy-Great Western-Halls Gap-Landsborough

2nd Sunday of Lent - Year B

February 25, 2018

SUNDAY MISSAL Pg. 535

ANNIVERSARIES:

Hendrikus Sijmons, Vida O'Donnell

CUP OF TEA: AFTER 8.30AM Mass today.

We need helpers for the 2nd Sunday Cup of Tea in the hall. A small band of CWL Ladies have been providing the cuppa for some years. However, their numbers are dwindling. If anyone is prepared to help contact Fr Eric or June Raeburn.

It means setting the tables (before Mass, setting out cups, etc, and making sure the urn is on. Also, you would be required for the clean up afterwards. Thanks in anticipation.

LENTEN PROGRAM:

Anglican Church Hall, Wednesday at 10.30am.



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

25th February 2018

Rattanak in Cambodia contracted polio as a child and also became deaf. The Deaf Development Program, supported by Caritas Australia, helped him become a barber and he is now supporting himself, his wife and baby.

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; Margaret Walker; Jordan Young

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

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help deaf youth in Cambodia to build a just future, and live in communities that uphold everyone's dignity.

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

MARK'S GOSPEL

Date: Wednesday, February 21.

Time: 1 – 3 pm.

Place: St. Patrick's Church Hall

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:

Next Friday, March 2, at St Peter's Lutheran Church, Scanlan Street at 2.00pm. All encouraged to come along.

THERE WILL BE NO MASS IN THE CHURCH ON TUESDAY, FR ERIC IS TRAVELLING TO WARRNAMBOOL TO CELEBRATE WITH YEARMATES. It is 50years today (Sunday) That we entered the Seminary at Werribee.

To God the Glory.

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection: \$ 461.95

Parish Collection: \$391.00

Loose Collection: \$ 104.00

Collection is for the clergy stipend, presbytery

ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (February 25)

Readers: M Browne/B G Browne

Procession of Gifts: J & C Browne

Ext Minister: C Browne

Next Week (March 4)

Readers: J Murphy/J Browne

Procession of Gifts: J Murphy/Betty Amarant

Ext Minister: Betty Amarant

Church Care: M Browne

Church Grounds— FEBRUARY: VOLUNTEER PLEASE

STAWELL:

This Week (February 24) 6.00PM

Welcomer: N Rathgeber

Readers: J Raeburn/L McIntyre

Ext. Ministers: M Maestros/D Jones

Procession of Gifts: P Price

(February 25) 10.30AM

Readers: J Van Diesen/S Little

Ext. Ministers: H Potter/S Enriquez/G Little

Procession of Gifts: P Gooden

Next Week (March 3) 6.00PM

Welcomer: M Cray

Readers: T Brady/D Jones

Ext. Ministers: C Barker/P Price

Procession of Gifts: M, H, J, A Smith

(March 4) 10.30AM

Readers: K Dalton/E Driscoll

Ext Ministers: K Ashton/M Rowe/L Morgan

Procession of Gifts: G & G Pickering

Counters: Today: M & L Habbn

Next Week: G Pickering & E Driscoll

ALTAR SOCIETY: March 3—Marie & Gloria

MARY'S STATUE:

Feb 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: 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.

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www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

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