

ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (March 4)

Readers: J Murphy/J Browne

Procession of Gifts: J Murphy/Betty Amarant

Ext Minister: Betty Amarant

Next Week (11)

Readers: B G Browne/M Browne

Procession of Gifts: G & K Blake

Ext Minister: C Browne

Church Care: M Browne

Church Grounds— FEBRUARY: VOLUNTEER PLEASE

STAWELL:

This 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

Next Week (March 10) 6.00PM

Welcomer: D McIntosh

Readers: J Raeburn/N Rathgeber

Ext. Ministers: A Ellis/D Jones

Procession of Gifts: I Robinson

(March 11) 10.30AM

Readers: S Little/M Maestros

Ext. Ministers: K Dalton/G Comitti/G Little

Procession of Gifts: Cain Rutter Family

Counters: Today: G Pickering & E Driscoll

Next Week: T & A Ellis

ALTAR SOCIETY: March 10—Liz & Kay

MARY'S STATUE:

March 4-10 J Raeburn; 11-17 N Rathgeber; 18-24 N & E Musumeci; 25-31 J Launder

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

Our parish website can be accessed through the diocesan site.

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Some Community Notices



SING, DANCE, ACT, PLAY—JOIN THE FUN

Flash Mob

Stawell Performing Arts Company are planning a Flash Mob performance at Easter as a part of the Main St Sensation.

Rehearsals

Sunday —2-4pm

Stawell Band Hall, cnr Sloan and Wakeham St

Cost \$2 to cover venue hire plus

SPACi membership to cover insurance

There is a closed facebook group so that videos of rehearsals can be shared with people who are participating not able to attend all rehearsals. Modified moves to support participation by all ages and ability levels. Everybody welcome to take part.

Want to Know More?

Like Stawell Performing Arts Company on Facebook—send us a message or call Dianne on 0427850278. Or just come along to

Be a part of it!

Take the Stage

Open Mic Series 2017

7.30-10 pm Stawell Band Hall Corner
Wakeham & Sloane Streets

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 16 — ANYTHING
FRIDAY APRIL 20 — STAGE AND SCREEN
FRIDAY JUNE 15 — CLASSICAL, TRAD, FOLK
FRIDAY AUGUST 10 — ALL AUSTRALIAN
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 16 — JAZZ, BLUES, SOUL

Admission—\$3 per person including performers

soft drink, tea, coffee and snacks available for purchase

For more information or to register to perform—email spaci@outlook.com—contact SPACI through their Facebook page or call Dianne on 0427850278



Mass of the Oils: Monday, March 26, 2018

The Mass of the Oils will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 6.30pm on Monday, March 26, 2018. This Mass is a celebration of the whole Church of the Diocese of Ballarat. We celebrate the unity and ministry of the ordained priests

in the midst of the entire priestly people of God of the Diocese. This Mass also has special significance for those who will use the blessed oils in 2018 – the sick, those to be baptised and confirmed. All members of the Diocese are invited to participate in this celebration which truly expresses the unity of the Diocesan Church. Ministries required for the Mass of the Oils include Ushers, Readers, Oils Bearers, Presentation of the gifts, Collection of Oils, Musicians and Singers. For further information contact the Pastoral Ministry Office, ph. 5337 7159 or pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Dr Burn says between 2016 and 2017 the AFP has taken 150 referrals and investigated close to 100 of those.

She says no longer can we ignore what's plain and clear.

"We know this is happening in Australia," she told news.com.au. "There's been a view for some time that slavery has historically only affected women from Southeast Asian countries who were trafficked to Australia, but that's not the case."

Dr Burn said slavery is common in Australia's labour force, particularly "hospitality, construction and agriculture". But, perhaps most disturbingly, it's happening in suburban homes behind closed doors.

"We've seen recently there's been an increase in cases that test the nexus between family violence and slavery-like practices," she said. "There have been a number of cases that cross the line from one to the other."

Dr Burn works with survivors and says slavery is being carried out in Australia across the board, and across cultures.

Federal Parliament launched an inquiry into modern day slavery and published its findings in a report titled Hidden in Plain Sight in December 2017.

One recommendation from the report is for the establishment of an Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner and Modern Slavery Act.

The Federal Government is in the process of establishing a Modern Slavery Act. It's likely to come into effect before the end of the year.



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:

Israel believed that the temple was built over the navel of the universe, the axis mundi, that spot where the world above and the world below met the world of history, thus enabling the three worlds to communicate. When Jesus called himself the new temple, he was claiming to be the centre of the universe, the spot where three-way cosmic communication occurs, the presence of God in the midst of the community. When we accept him in faith, we are accepting these claims. We may profess this belief, but do our lives reflect it?

Although some consider the law a rigid set of precepts, it is really more a collection of directives that have grown out of the experience of life. To say that Jesus is the wisdom of God means that God's wisdom is made known in him and that he is the way that points to God. While laws often embody distinctive cultural values or customs, as wisdom of God, Jesus crosses cultural boundaries and breaks down cultural distinctions. As the wisdom of God, Jesus fulfils the expectations of any and all codes of law.

Both the law and the temple witness to the power of God in the lives of believers. However, both institutions pale in the light of Jesus who is identified as the power of God. This divine power is not revealed in lofty precepts or in magnificent stones, but rather in the broken and pierced body of Jesus Christ. How willing are we to accept him?

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prepared to consider baking biscuits, please take one of the brochures available in the church. Thank you.

Just experimenting with the notice sheet this weekend—Sorry — not really 😊

LOOKING FOR CUTTINGS AGAIN FOR THE FRONT GARDEN. If anyone has any available after pruning please consider sharing with the parish. Thanks.



THIS WEEK:

WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:

Tues, Wed, Thurs, Friday -10.00am

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. Any other time by appointment.

HUMOUR:

A priest was walking along the corridor of the parochial school near the preschool wing when a group of little ones were trotting by on the way to the cafeteria. One little lad of about three or four stopped and looked at him in his clerical clothes and asked “Why do you dress funny?”

He told him he was a priest and this is the uniform priests wear.

Then the boy pointed to the priest’s plastic collar tab and asked, “Do you have an owie?”

The priest was perplexed until he realized that to him the collar tab looked like a band-aid. So the priest took it out and handed it to the boy to show him. On the back of the tab are raised letters giving the name of the manufacturer.

The little guy felt the letters, and the priest asked, “Do you know what those words say?”

“Yes I do,” said the lad who was not old enough to read. Peering intently at the letters he said, “Kills ticks and fleas up to six months!”

NEWS:

SLAVERY NEVER BEEN A BIGGER PROBLEM IN AUSTRALIA

Published: 26 February 2018

Slavery has never been a bigger problem in Australia than it is right now, according to a law professor and leading anti-slavery activist. Source: news.com.au.

Jennifer Burn, director of Anti Slavery Australia at the University of Technology, Sydney, and a professor of law, says that between 2004 and 2007, Australian Federal Police looked into more than 900 allegations of human trafficking and slavery.

5-9yr olds
Wednesdays 3.45 - 4.15 pm
@ THE BAND HALL
\$3 per session Term fee

Wednesdays 7.00 - 8.30 pm
@ THE BAND HALL
\$6 members \$9 non members
Pay as you go

Mondays 4.45 - 5.15 pm
@ THE BAND HALL
\$2 members \$3 non members
Pay as you go

7-17yr olds
Wednesdays 4.15 - 5.15 pm
@ THE BAND HALL
\$6 per session Term fee

Join in and make music together
Flexible Ensemble
 Any instrument – Any ability
Mondays 5.30 - 6.30 pm
@ THE BAND HALL
\$3 members \$5 non members
Pay as you go

Thursdays 4.00 - 5.00 pm
@ THE BAND HALL
\$4 members \$6 non members
Pay as you go

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

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TRY THE BLACK DUCK CAFÉ FOR THE BESTEST COFFEE IN TOWN



International Women's Day shines the spotlight on rural women

Catholics across Australia are being invited to join with people around the world in considering the particular challenges women face when they live outside metropolitan areas.

International Women's Day, which is celebrated each year on March 8, this year has the challenging theme "Time is Now: Rural and urban activists transforming women's lives".

Drawing on the theme of the upcoming 62nd session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women, the day will help give voice and support to the work, the rights and the activism of women living in rural areas across the globe. They make up more than one quarter of the world's population.

International Women's Day this year comes on the heels of an international movement for women's rights, equality and justice. The harassment of women and violence and discrimination against women has received significant media attention and prompted rising determination for change.

"Women in rural areas are keeping their family hopes high in the face of adversity," said Bishop Michael McCarthy, Bishop Delegate to the Council for Australian Catholic Women (CACW).

"The theme of this year's International Women's Day invites all Australians to salute women and acknowledge the rich support that they provide to family, community and Church. Our Catholic tradition honours the many ways that women minister and provide pastoral care."

The CACW is urging Catholics to educate themselves about the specific disadvantages that affect rural women and to act for justice ahead of International Women's Day.

CACW chair Lorraine Barker said women who live in rural areas are experiencing a number of disadvantages, faring worse than men in rural areas and women who live in urban areas.

"The inequality that exists across a whole range of areas is unacceptable and while it shouldn't take International Women's Day to put the spotlight on this issue, March 8 must be a day for us all to consider how we help correct this injustice," she said.

John Ferguson from the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council said: "In Australia, the impact of disadvantage can be exacerbated for women in rural and remote locations, where employment opportunities are scarce, welfare and health services are limited, and where family and social support networks can be stretched due to the tyranny of distance, population decline because younger generations are moving to metropolitan areas and the loss of social infrastructure."

Churches and other faith-based groups around the world will be using International Women's Day to underline their shared commitment to empowering women.

The CACW provides advice to the Bishops Commission for Church Ministry about the inclusion of women and their participation in the Catholic Church in Australia.

Its mission is to increase the number of women in decision-making, leadership and ministry roles in the Church. The Council coordinates mentoring and leadership development programs, especially for young women.



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

3rd Sunday of Lent - Year B

March 4, 2018

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ANNIVERSARIES:

Haydn Browne

LENTEN PROGRAM:

Anglican Church (in the back of the church) , Wednesday at 10.30am.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Bayan, a 12 year old Syrian girl in Jordan, struggled to overcome the trauma of living in a conflict zone, facing the prospect of missing out on school. With Caritas Australia's support, Bayan is excelling in her studies with ambitions to become an ophthalmologist.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help equip young people to succeed in the future, providing just futures for others like Bayan.

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.

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.

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection: \$ 457,70
 Parish Collection: \$ 422.00
 Loose Collection: \$ 112.70

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