

**ROSTERS:**

**LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):**

**This Week** (April 29)

**Readers:** K Vance/C Browne

**Procession of Gifts:** G & K Blake

**Ext Minister:** G Christi

**Next Week** (May 6)

**Readers:** B Browne/J Browne

**Procession of Gifts:** D & M Browne

**Ext Minister:** K Vance

**Church Care:** K Vance

**Church Grounds—**MAY—R Brown

**STAWELL:**

**This Week** (April 28) 6.00PM

**Welcomer:** N Rathgeber.

**Readers:** L McIntyre/D Jones

**Ext. Ministers:** J Raeburn/C Barker

**Procession of Gifts:** I Robinson

**(April 29) 10.30AM**

**Readers:** L Morgan/K Dalton

**Ext Ministers:** V Enriquez/G Comitti/K Ashton

**Procession of Gifts:** Carey Family

**Next Week** (May 5) 6.00PM

**Welcomer:** M Cray

**Readers:** T Brady/N Rathgeber

**Ext. Ministers:** M Howard/S Howard

**Procession of Gifts:** J Allan

(May 6) 10.30AM

**Readers:** D O'Donnell/S Little

**Ext. Ministers:** M Rowe/H Potter/L Morgan

**Procession of Gifts:** G & G Pickering

**Counters: Today:** T & A Ellis

**Next Week:** G Pickering/E Driscoll

**ALTAR SOCIETY:** May 5: G Pickering/E Driscoll

**MARY'S STATUE:**

**April 29—May 5 D Duffy**

*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.

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[www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

Our parish website can be accessed through the diocesan site.

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**St Patrick's Parish Community**

*Stawell-Glenorchy-Great Western-Halls Gap-Landsborough*

*5th Sunday of Easter - Year B*

*April 29, 2018*

**SUNDAY MISSAL Pg. 567**

***THE ANNUAL MEETING Flats Committee will be held on Thursday May 3, at 6.00pm in the Hall. Any person interested in being part of this committee are most welcome to attend. If you wish, contact Fr Eric or Mike Habben for information.***

***THE FIFTH SUNDAY ECCUMENICAL SERVICE*** will be held at the Baptist Church, Scanlan Street, **THIS EVENING, SUNDAY, AT 5.00PM.** Please come along and support our local Christian Churches.

***OUR DIOCESAN COMMUNITY MAGAZINE*** is available (free) at the doors of the Church today. Please take a copy.

**SICK LIST**

Noah Amarant; Kathryn Young; Glenis Leddin; Val Seear; 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 Geritsen; Mary Rita Thomas; Margaret Walker; Jordan Young

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

**FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:**

Presbytery Collection: \$ 642.10

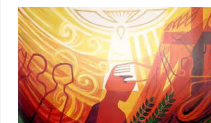
Parish Collection: \$ 1,221.00

Loose Collection: \$ 117.60

*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.*

**CONFIRMATION/ EUCHARIST SACRAMENTAL FAMILY NIGHT**



**A Confirmation/ Eucharist Sacramental Night for parents of children in year 3 or above who hope that their children may**

receive these Sacraments this year, will be held on Wednesday 2nd May, commencing at 5:30pm in the Senior Learning Hub.

This meeting will provide information about the Sacraments of Eucharist/ Confirmation which may take place on Sunday June 24th 2018 if the children are suitably prepared.

Families, school and parish all play a role in preparing the children. Let us pray that we all fulfill our roles to the best of our abilities.

May the Holy Spirit guide us in our endeavours.



**THIS WEEK:**

**WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:**  
Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 10.00am

**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. Any other time contact Fr Eric 0419 597 063

**HUMOUR:**

Josi frequently attends his church Bingo club, where every week a gag doorprize is given out. One week, Josi is presented with a toilet brush. "What the hell is this?" he asks the pastor. "Why, it's a toilet brush." "Ooh, I see," says Josi. A couple weeks later, the pastor jokingly asks Josi how the brush is working. "Well, it's okay, but I think I'll go back to using paper."

**NEWS:**

**AUSTRALIAN BISHOPS JOIN CALL FOR ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE**



Published: 26 April 2018

Australian bishops joined more than 170 faith leaders from across the Commonwealth calling on governments to turn "words into action" on climate change. Source: The Catholic Leader.

Brisbane Archbishop Mark Coleridge, vice-president Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, on behalf of the Australian bishops, was one of dozens of signatories of a letter that states "not even the remotest corner of the Commonwealth remains unaffected" by

the changing climate, with the greatest impact felt by the poorest people in the group of nations.

Archbishops, church moderators and rabbis from all continents in the Commonwealth have signed the letter delivered to politicians attending the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting to pursue "every ef-

fort" to keep global temperature rises below the Paris Agreement target of 1.5 degrees Celsius

The meeting took place at Buckingham Palace, St James' Palace and Windsor Castle from April 16-20.

"At the scale of the Commonwealth we can see that the crisis of poverty and the crisis of ecology are one; each of our faith traditions reminds us of the deep interconnectedness of people and our planet," the letter states.

"As a common problem, this crisis requires a common solution. And it is needed now.

"The Charter of the Commonwealth affirms the foundations for cooperation between Commonwealth nations. But it is time to turn words into action. We call on the Heads of Government gathering in London to commit to urgent action on climate change adaptation and mitigation in line with the Paris Agreement and to pursue every effort to keep the increase in average global temperature below 1.5 degrees."

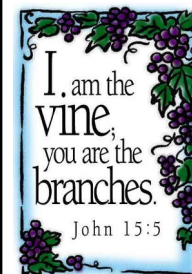
The official website for the summit said that "urgent action" on climate change was needed "to reduce vulnerability and increase resilience" and noted that 39 of the 53 Commonwealth countries were classed as small or vulnerable states.

The faith leaders' statement is the latest in a series of calls by religious figures for action on climate change at international summits.

Several heads of government cited Pope Francis's encyclical on the environment as a catalyst for the success of the UN climate talks that resulted in the Paris Agreement in 2015.



**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:**



Today we reflect on the way salvation brings an ecclesial community into being. This community is joined to Jesus as branches are part of the vine. It is a multi-faceted community, devoted to good works and to prayer.

The image of the vine and the branches is an intimate characterisation of the community of believers who share the same divine life. This community thrives on Christ's resurrected life that surges through all of its members. The early church was a multi-ethnic community. It included inhabitants from Jerusalem, Judea, Galilee, Samaria and even Damascus. Some of these people were firmly rooted in Jewish customs, others were more Greek in their culture. It was the fulfilment of the promises made so often in the past, that the saving power of God would reach the whole world.

Our own ecclesial community of believers is also multi-ethnic. Where formerly parishes or liturgical assemblies might be made up of people of only one ethnic identity or economic status, today there is much greater diversity and rapid change of character. Like the early Christians, we too are often suspicious of newcomers. In the face of all of this variety, we are called to open our hearts to the various manifestations of God's power and to fashion a community that gives glory to God. Today's readings remind us that we demonstrate our love for God and for each other in the way we live. Joined to Christ as branches are part of the vine, we too are enlivened and thereby bear fruit in abundance.

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