

ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (April 22)
Readers: G Christie/
Procession of Gifts: E Amarant/J Murphy
Ext Minister: K Christie

Next Week (April 15)

Readers:
Procession of Gifts:
Ext Minister:

Church Care: K Christie
Church Grounds— APRIL—VOLUNTEER

STAWELL:

This Week (April 21) 6.00PM
Welcomer: M Rogers
Readers: J Raeburn/T Brady
Ext. Ministers: N Rathgeber/M Maestros
Procession of Gifts: M, H, J, A Smith

(April 22) 10.30AM
Readers: T Wait/K Dallinger
Ext. Ministers: G Little/M Rowe/F Harney
Procession of Gifts: P Gooden

Next 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

Counters Today: M & L Habben
Next Week: T & A Ellis

ALTAR SOCIETY: April 28 Working Bee 9.30am

MARY'S STATUE:
April 22-28, M Rowe; 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: 1st & 3rd Saturday 10.00 am, before or
after each weekday Mass (by request) or by ap-
pointment 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
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St Patrick's Parish Community
Stawell-Glenorchy-Great Western-Halls Gap-Landsborough

4th Sunday of Easter - Year B

April 22 2018

*Day of Prayer for Vocations
(or Good Shepherd Sunday)*

SUNDAY MISSAL Pg. 563

**CUP OF TEA AFTER MASS AT
STAWELL TODAY. ALL WELCOME**

CWL
**The Diocesan Newsletter is avail-
able at the Church entrances this
weekend.**

**CWL AND ST VINCENT de PAUL
MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO A
MEETING WITH Fr Thuan on Tues-
day at 1.30pm.,**

VISITING MISSION PRIEST:
Welcome to Fr Joseph Tuyen Vu
CSsR, Pastor of Vietnamese Catho-
lic Community, in Keysborough,
Melbourne, who will celebrate
10.30qam Mass this Sunday, and

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 Ger-ritsen; Mary Rita Thomas; Margaret Walker; Jordan Young

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

will visit the school on Monday Morning, and a joint gathering of St Vincent de Paul and the CWL on Monday afternoon.

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



**Please come along to St Patrick's
School's Anzac Liturgy to be held
on Tuesday, 4th, at 2.50pm in
the Hall.**

ANZAC DAY MASS will be at 10.00am which will give people ample time to get to the Civic Celebrations at 11.00am.

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection: \$389.50
Parish Collection: \$ 371.00
Loose Collection: \$ 109.30
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.

OUR DIOCESAN COMMUNITY

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

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:

The weary evangelist knocked on another door, fully expecting to have it slammed in his face. Sure enough, the older woman who answered, angrily demanded that he leave once she figured out why he was there and slammed the door.

The door, however, bounced back open, and the woman shouted, “Get your foot out of my door!”

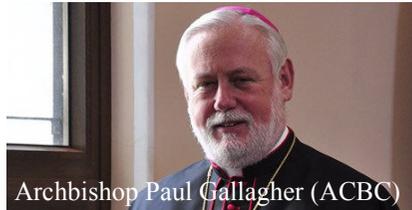
“But ma’am...” the evangelist began, when the woman again slammed the door in his face. Once again it bounced back open. “I said get your foot out of my door!” the woman yelled again. One more time she slammed the door. One more time it bounced open again.

“But ma’am...” the evangelist said again, only to be cut off.

“Don’t talk back to me!” the woman screamed in a rage. “I want you off my property!” She slammed the door a fourth time, only to see it bounce open a fourth time.

“Ma’am,” the evangelist yelled as he beat a hasty retreat down the sidewalk, “you’ll be able to close your door if you move your cat out of the way!”

NEWS:



Archbishop Paul Gallagher (ACBC)

CHRISTIANS IN MIDDLE EAST FACING 'DIRE' SITUATION PUBLISHED:

20 April 2018

Christians are more persecuted now than at any time in recent history. This is the considered, and surely accurate, view of the Vatican’s foreign minister, Archbishop Paul Gallagher, writes Greg Sheridan. Source: The Australian.

Confirmation/ Eucharist Sacramental Family



Night

A Confirmation/Eucharist Sacramental Night for parents of children in year 3 or above who

BIBLE READING IS DEVOTING TIME TO A LOVED ONE, POPE SAYS

By Matthew Fowler Catholic News Service 10.5.2017

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- The importance of the Bible in the life of Christians can be seen in the number of faithful around the world who risk prison and persecution just to possess and read the Bible, Pope Francis said.

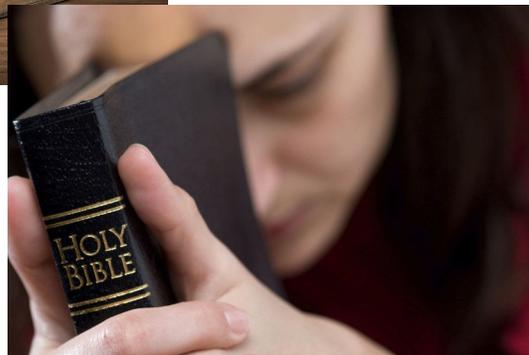
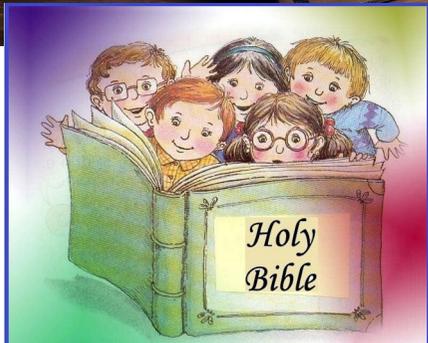
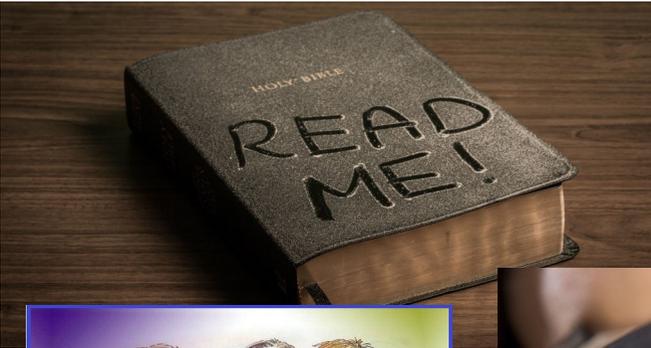
"Many of our brothers and sisters are in prison on account of the word, and many more have shed their blood as a testimony to their faith in Jesus Christ," Pope Francis said Oct. 5 during a meeting with members of the church relations committee of the United Bible Societies.

Addressing members of the group, which translates, prints and distributes Bibles around the world, Pope Francis said that just as "we devote time to those we love," Christians must devote time to reading the word of God, "who desires to talk to us and offer us words of life eternal."

"It is vital that the church today go out to proclaim the Gospel to all, in all places, on all occasions, without delay, reluctance or fear," the pope said. "We do so in obedience to the Lord's missionary mandate, certain of his presence among us until the end of the world."

The power to share the Gospel effectively comes only when Christians "nourish ourselves at the table of the word," he said.

Pope Francis told the representatives of the United Bible Societies, a nondenominational organization, that Christians should work together to spread God's word and should pray together that God's will for the unity of Christians will be accomplished.



Archbishop Gallagher is a friendly, thoughtful, softly spoken Englishman, a former papal representative to Canberra and not remotely given to dramatic language. However, the reality he sketches is stark and undeniable: "The situation is pretty dire for Christians in the Middle East. It's pretty dire for many people but Christians are in a particularly vulnerable situation. They have been attacked by ISIS (Islamic State) and other Islamic fundamentalist groups. They are being challenged by numerical loss, the loss of places of worship, the loss of people's lives.

"We hope that Christians will return to their homes in Syria and Iraq. The Holy See has tried to add its voice to their defence, tried to mobilise agencies to help them and tried diplomatically and politically to defend their rights."

Archbishop Gallagher argues, somewhat optimistically I think, that the persecution of Christians is slowly gaining wider understanding: "In Europe the issue is gaining more attention, certainly in the European Parliament. There was the (US) congressional resolution on the genocide of Christians.

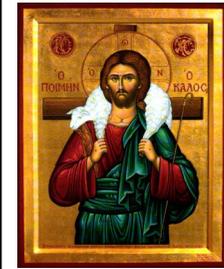
"But there are certainly places where it's difficult to add one's voice to the defence of Christians. Christianity is a part of the Middle East. It is the birthplace of Christianity. It was the cradle of the religion. A Middle East without Christianity is not really a Middle East we could recognise.

"Christians in many parts of the world are facing unprecedented challenges and threats, in the intolerance in the Middle East and some parts of Asia. And it is quite difficult in the political correctness of the West to be a Christian.

"The West is a very secularised society at the moment. But there are little chinks. Through immigration people are realising that religion does count for more. You see more understanding in diplomatic services that if you're going to understand people, you have to understand religion."

Greg Sheridan is The Australian's foreign editor.
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SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:



In the regions where Jesus was an itinerant preacher, three or four flocks could be kept in a communal sheepfold for safety. In the morning, the shepherds would come and, as each

called out, the sheep attuned to the sound of his voice would follow to life-giving pasture.

We are surrounded by hundreds of voices clamouring for our attention. We are bombarded by messages, social media incessantly chattering. Jesus invites us to get attuned to his voice, listening for the distinctive sound of it so that, even if it is faintly heard in a cacophony, we immediately turn toward it so that we can follow it in a life-giving direction.

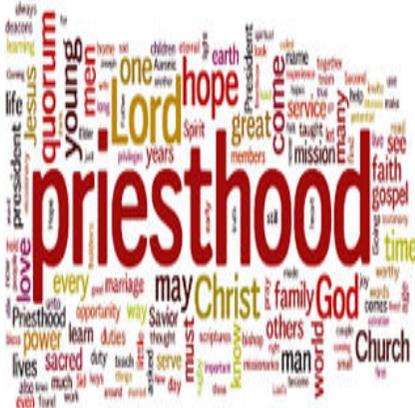
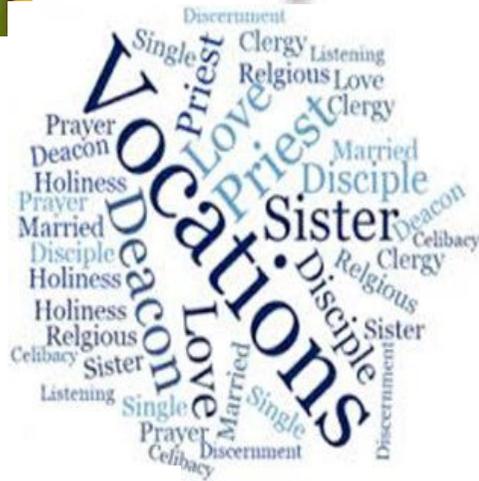
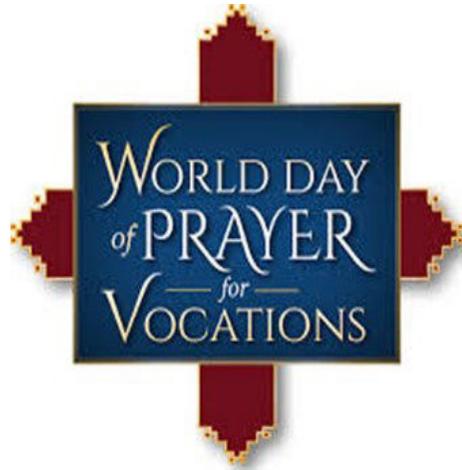
How do we get attuned to that voice? By reading the gospels. A Chinese student once told me that the Chinese character for gospel is 'happy sounds'. I like the plural. Jesus' gospel voice is not a monotone but a polyphony sounding in different ways in different situations.

As disciples, we have to get onto the same wavelength as that voice so that we can echo it in our own lives. We become reverberations of Christ's voice in many different situations, helping him to lead others to life-giving pastures.

We could take a moment to pray for better listening so that we might recognise the gospel voice of Jesus Christ, especially at the moment of death. Then we may hear the one voice we need and long for: 'Today you will be with me in paradise.'

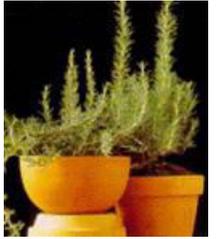
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Pray that we all live our vocations faithfully under the guidance of the Holy Spirit



An Anzac Day Prayer (From St Pat's School Bulletin)

Remember, O Lord, all those, the brave and the true, who have died the death of honour and are departed in the hope of the resurrection to eternal life. In that place of light from which sorrow and mourning are far banished, give them rest, O Lord, thou lover of men. And grant to us who remain the spirit of service which may make us worthy of their sacrifice, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Rosemary is a small perennial shrub of the mint family. This compact evergreen, with clusters of small light blue flowers and leaves that yield a fragrant essential oil used in making perfume and to flavour food, is native to the Mediterranean region. Legend says that the Virgin Mary, while resting, spread her cloak over a white flowering rosemary bush. The flowers turned the blue of her cloak, and from then on the bush was referred to as the "Rose of Mary". This plant was, in ancient times, supposed to strengthen memory. Greek scholars wore rosemary in their hair to help remember their studies, and the association with remembrance has carried through to modern times. In literature and folklore it is an emblem of remembrance. On ANZAC Day, the wearing of small sprigs of rosemary in the coat lapel, pinned to the breast or held in place by medals is thus synonymous with remembrance and commemoration.

Anzac Day Commemorations

On Wednesday 25th April Miss Bonnie, Mrs McIntyre and our school representatives will be attending the local RSL Commemoration for Anzac Day and laying a wreath. It is now 3 years since the Centenary of Gallipoli and 2018 marks the 100th anniversary of two significant events in WW1. Firstly the battle of Villers-Bretonneux which took place on the 24th April 1918. Two Australian brigades were decisive in recapturing the town which ended the German offensive and paved the way for the subsequent Armistice. Secondly, the 100th anniversary of the Armistice will be commemorated on 11th November.

