

ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (May 6)
Readers: B Browne/J Browne
Procession of Gifts: D & M Browne
Ext Minister: K Vance

Next Week (May 13)
Readers: M Browne/J Murphy
Procession of Gifts: B G & W Browne
Ext Minister: Betty Amarant

Church Care: K Vance
Church Grounds— MAY—R Brown

STAWELL:

This 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

Next Week
(May 12) 6.00PM
Welcomer: D McIntosh
Readers: J Raeburn/A Ellis
Ext. Ministers: D Jones/J Obi
Procession of Gifts: J Croton

(May 13) 10.30AM
Readers: H Potter/K Dallinger
Ext Ministers: F Harney/T Wait/G Comitti
Procession of Gifts: Cain/Rutter Family

Counters: Today: G Pickering/E Driscoll
Next Week: T & A Ellis

ALTAR SOCIETY: May 12: Liz & Kay

MARY'S STATUE:
May 6—12 June Raeburn; 13-19 Fr Eric

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

6th Sunday of Easter - Year B

May 6, 2018

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SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM



On Wednesday Evening we launched the 2018 Sacramental Program for those preparing for Confirmation and First Communion. We have a very small group this year—Alice Nellthorpe, Charley Dunne, Eve Jones, Millie Moloney. We pray that the time of preparation will be fruitful for them and their families. These Sacraments will be celebrated on June 24.

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.

Please keep these children in your prayers.

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

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:
Presbytery Collection: \$ 478.70
Parish Collection: \$ 588.00
Loose Collection: \$ 119.40
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.

INVITATION TO SENIOR CITIZENS:

2nd Wednesday of each month we have our Senior's Luncheon from 12.00 to 1.15pm. The lunch consists of soup, main course, sweets plus tea/coffee and fruit for \$10.00.

RSVP to the club secretary June 5358 3506 buy noon on Monday prior to the lunch OR leave your name on the lunch sheet at the club OR a message on the club answering machine.

Senior citizens 5358 2211 **YOU MUST PRE-BOOK FOR THIS ACTIVITY.**

CoOntact Numbers: Raie: 0448 573 388; Cheryl 0419 104 855; Gail 0438 581 050; Frank 5358 1091; Joan 0457 231 911; David 5358 1215; June 5358 3506.

THIS WEEK:

WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:

Tues, Thurs, Fri 10.00am
Wed—Eventide 10.30am

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

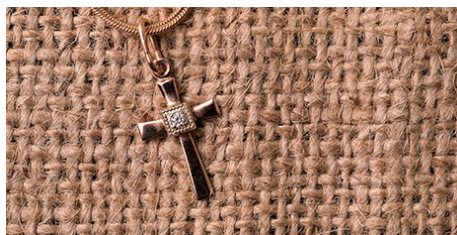
HUMOUR:

At St. Peter's Catholic Church in Toronto, Canada, they have weekly husband's marriage seminars. At the session last week, the priest asked Giuseppe, who said he was approaching his 50th wedding anniversary, to take a few minutes and share some insight into how he had managed to stay married to the same woman all these years. Giuseppe replied to the assembled husbands, "Wella, I've tried to treat her nicea, spenda da money on her, but besta of all is, I tooka her to Italy for the 25th anniversary!" The priest responded, "Giuseppe, you are an amazing inspiration to all the husbands here! Please tell us what you are planning for your wife for your 50th anniversary?" Giuseppe proudly replied, " I gonna go visit her."

NEWS:

PEOPLE MUST BE FREE TO EXPRESS BELIEFS, INQUIRY TOLD

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Religious leaders, including senior Catholics, have told a parliamentary inquiry into religious freedom that the legalisation of same-sex marriage had laid bare the fragility of protections for religious freedom. Source: The Guardian.

Numerous witnesses from faith-based organisations yesterday addressed the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade inquiry, which was instigated by Foreign Minister Julie Bishop in November 2016. According to the inquiry's

website, Ms Bishop asked the committee to inquire into and report on "The status of the human right to freedom of religion or belief".

Broken Bay Bishop Peter Comensoli told the inquiry yesterday that religious people need to be able to lawfully express their views in "all dimensions of their life".

He said there could be no freedom of religion without the freedom to exercise their beliefs "individually, or in community; privately or publicly".

Michael Casey, who is the director of the PM Glynn Institute, a public policy institute within Australian Catholic University, warned that forcing people to accept others' views of marriage would lead to "more conflict and acrimony in public debate".

Mr Casey said Australian society needed to discourage the default view that people with strong opposing beliefs are one's enemies, adding "we need to de-escalate these things".

The parliamentary inquiry is separate to the Ruddock review of religious freedoms, which was established in November 2017, following the Yes result of the national marriage postal survey. The review has opted for secret hearings as it examines "whether Australian law adequately protects the human right to freedom of religion".

In submissions to the Ruddock review, the Equality Campaign called for exemptions in discrimination law that allow religious institutions such as schools, hospitals and aged-care facilities to discriminate against staff and clients based on beliefs to be abolished.

Lee-Anne Perry, the executive director of the Queensland Catholic Education Commission, told the parliamentary inquiry that Catholic schools' right to hire and fire staff is not a matter of "discriminating against" certain people but rather "positively selecting for those who are supportive" of their values.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:

The boundlessness of God's love is seen in the fact that God loved us even before we were deserving of God's love. In fact, it was God's love that made us able both to receive and to give love in return. Love is of God; love is God. Divine love is constant and trustworthy. How easily we can think this thought or speak these words, yet how difficult, even impossible, it is to comprehend what it means. We can only really recognise love in its many concrete manifestations. Love is patient, kind and forbearing; it believes, it hopes, it endures. The love of God breaks down the barriers between Gentile and Jew, between slave and free, between the poor and the prosperous, between women and men, between the healthy and the ailing, between young and old.

Embraced by such love we are gradually transformed. We begin to recognise God's love in places we never suspected it would be found. We discover that what we once judged unclean may merely be an unfamiliar openness to God's truth. We discover that our own insistence on legitimate religious practice may really be spiritual elitism. Our eyes are opened to ways we have tried to confine God's love to the conventional boundaries we ourselves have set. As we are drawn into God's love, we eagerly embrace the commandments that help us to live righteous lives. To the extent that we love as universally as God does, we will know that we live in God and that God lives in us.

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