

**ROSTERS:**

**LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):**

**This Week** (May 20)  
**Readers:** C Browne/G Christie  
**Procession of Gifts:** G/K/E Christie  
**Ext Minister:** C Browne

**Next Week** (May 27)  
**Readers:** J Browne/C Browne  
**Procession of Gifts:** R & C Brown  
**Ext Minister:** J Murphy

**Church Care:** C Browne  
**Church Grounds—** MAY—R Brown

**STAWELL:**

**This Week** (May 19) 6.00PM  
**Welcomer:** N Rathgeber  
**Readers:** D Jones/L McIntyre  
**Ext. Ministers:** M Maestros/L Moloney  
**Procession of Gifts:** M, H, J, A Smith

(May 20) 10.30AM  
**Readers:** S Little/P Wait  
**Ext. Ministers:** H Potter/S Enriquez/G Little  
**Procession of Gifts:** L & M Habben

**Next Week** (May 26) 6.00PM  
**Welcomer:** M Cray  
**Readers:** J Raeburn/T Brady  
**Ext. Ministers:** C Barker/L McIntyre  
**Procession of Gifts:** I Robinson

(May 27) 10.30AM  
**Readers:** L Morgan/K Dalton  
**Ext Ministers:** K Ashton/M Rowe/M R Thomas  
**Procession of Gifts:** P Gooden

**Counters Today:** J Raeburn  
**Next Week:** M & L Habben

**ALTAR SOCIETY:** May 26 Pat & Gabrielle

**MARY'S STATUE:**

**May 20-26** D McIntosh: 27 May – 2 June 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: 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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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*

*Pentecost Sunday - Year B*

*May 20, 2018*

**SUNDAY MISSAL Pg. 583**



**Fr Eric was 44years ordained last Friday, May 18.**  
**Here's hoping for a few more.**

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Lorna Anyon, Fr Barry Stickland, Jim & Mary Monaghan, Eliza Kate Rutter.

**PLENARY COUNCIL:**

Pope Francis has sent a letter in relation to the Plenary Council which is to be held in Australia in 2020. The message is addressed to Archbishop Tim Costelloe who will be the President of the Plenary Council. Bishop Bird has asked that this letter be read out

**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.**

at Masses today, Pentecost Sunday.

**Annual Mass Count**

The Annual Diocesan Mass Count commenced last weekend. It is counted over four weekends at all Masses and Lay-led Assemblies. The last weekend is 2/3rd June. Counters/collectors please take note

**CUP OF TEA/COFFEE:**

After 8.30am Mass at Landsborough today. All welcome.

**FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:**

Presbytery Collection: \$ 445.85  
Parish Collection: \$ 446.00  
Loose Collection: \$ 106.90  
*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.

### **AN INVITATION TO FORM A ST PATRICK'S MENS GROUP:**

As a male parishioner I would like to propose that we form a Catholic Men's Group under the auspices of the Parish : (over)-

**Suggested name : The Patricians**

1. **Eligibility : Any male member of the Parish both young and 'mature' age**

2. **Purpose : To provide social support to each other and encourage individual spiritual growth**

3. **Monthly meeting in Parish Hall (suitable day and time?)**

4. **Format**

a) opening prayer(s);

b) spiritual reading and reflection;

c) looking at an aspect or issue in society that demands a Christian response;

d) taking action

e) social time and cuppa

5. **Development of Web page to spread our message**

Contact : John Launder 53658 2171,

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or see Father Eric 5358 1119

### **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.

### **HUMOUR:**

Three friends decided to go deer hunting together. One was a lawyer, one a doctor, and the other a preacher.

As they were walking, along came a big buck. The three of them shot simultaneously. Immediately the buck dropped to the ground and all three rushed up to see how big it actually was.

Upon reaching it they found out that it was dead but had only one bullet hole. Thus a debate followed concerning whose buck it was.

A few minutes later a game officer came by and asked what the problem was. The doctor told him their reason for the debate. The officer told them he would take a look and tell them who shot it.

Within a few seconds the game officer said with much confidence, "The pastor shot the buck!"

They all wondered how he knew that so quickly.

The officer said, "Easy. The bullet went in one ear and out the other."

### **NEWS:**

**POPE HOPES FOR GRACE TO KNOW WHEN TO 'STEP DOWN'**

*Published: 16 May 2018*



Pope Francis said yesterday he thinks about the time he might be called to step down from his role as bishop, citing the example of St Paul leaving Ephesus. Source: Crux.



## **Pentecost, The Birthday of the Church**

**Through the Holy Spirit, we the members of Christ's Church, are empowered and mandated to go out to the world and proclaim the kingdom of God by our faithfulness and our witness.**

**May each of us be truly open to the urgings of the Holy Spirit, because no one else can do what you or I, individually, are asked to**

## **SOME PARISH INFORMATION:**

**CHURCH PEWS:** Thank you to John Farrell, and our band of work for the dole people who have been doing such a fine job of sanding and resealing our church pews. All the pews in the church body have been completed—there are still a few spread around to be completed. These people have done such a fine job, and need to be congratulated.

I have talked to the Diocesan Business Manager about doing some work to the inside of the church, to make it more liturgically functional, and safe for aging parishioners, the up and down steps around the sanctuary has been unsafe for older folk. Over the past few years a number of ladders have fallen and broken limbs. We need to make the areas in the church as safe as possible.

Work is soon to commence to finish work which was started on the convent a few years ago, but had to be put aside because of other pressing commitments, such as the problem with the granite wall which had to be stabilised

Work continues on the gardens, and again thanks to the work for the dole folk and also to Gabrielle Comitti who has done some hard work planting up to 2,000 bulbs.

The Ballarat Diocese owns the shop next door to the Op Shop in Main Street, and have negotiated with me regarding the parish purchasing this property to extend the Op Shop. Nothing has been decided yet until I speak with my Finance Committee.

Where is the money coming from you ask? We have recently sold two blocks of land at Halls Gap (there are still two remaining). This together with other monies invested, we should have more than enough to cover these projects, and have enough to invest to help into the future.

I have been told that I will be the last resident priest in Stawell unless priests fall from the heavens. If we do not do what we can to upgrade our plant now, it may never happen. Non resident clergy are not really known for spending much on the upkeep of our churches, and many can fall into neglect fairly quickly.

Speaking during his homily at the morning Mass in the Domus Sanctae Marthae, Francis said all bishops should seek the “grace to be able to take our leave and step down” if this is the will of the Holy Spirit.

The Pope was speaking about the scriptural passage where Paul leaves the Church in Ephesus to go to Jerusalem.

“It’s a decisive move, a move that reaches the heart, it’s also a move that shows us the pathway for every bishop when it’s time to take his leave and step down,” Francis said, according to Vatican News, which did not provide a full transcript of his remarks.

Francis said Paul felt “compelled by the Holy Spirit” to go to Jerusalem.

He lauded “this experience by the bishop, the bishop who can discern the Spirit, who can discern when it is the Spirit of God speaking to him and who knows how to defend himself when spoken to by the spirit of the world.”

The pontiff said the apostle’s great love “is Jesus Christ. His second love is for his flock. Take care of each other and of the entire flock. Keep watch over the flock: you are bishops for your flock, to take care of it and not in order to advance your ecclesiastical career.”

Francis noted that Paul entrusted the elders of the Church of Ephesus to God, knowing the Lord will take care of them.

“When I read this, I think about myself ... because I am a bishop and I must take my leave and step down,” Francis said.

“I am thinking of all bishops. May the Lord grant all of us the grace to be able to take our leave and step down in this way (like Paul), with that spirit, with that strength, with that love for Jesus Christ and this faith in the Holy Spirit,” the Pope said.

Francis’s predecessor, Benedict XVI, was the first pope to resign in over 700 years when he stepped down in 2013.

## **SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:**



Pentecost brings the Easter season to a close, celebrating the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. The

plan of salvation has been brought to its conclusion. The Risen Lord is exalted in his rightful place next to God and has sent his own Spirit to fill the earth with God’s power. The world is charged with divine energy; it needs but a spark to ignite it with life and excitement.

If this has all really happened, why does our world look the same? Why is there so much religious and ethnic rivalry? Why do we continue to make distinctions between Jew and Gentile, slave and free, woman and man, distinctions that favour one at the expense of the other? Why is there so little peace, or comfort, or solace? Why do we refuse to forgive or to be reconciled? Is Pentecost merely a feast that we celebrate in red vestments? Has the face of the earth really been renewed?

The answer is yes! Resoundingly, yes! The Spirit has been poured forth and works wonders wherever human hearts are open to its prompting. The earth is renewed each time rivalries are resolved, distinctions are recognised as merely expressions of diversity, peace is restored, comfort and solace are offered, and forgiveness is granted. We are immersed in the vigour of the Spirit of God; all we have to do is open ourselves to it and the reign of God will be born in our midst.

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# SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM



Enrolment of Children for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion at begins with 10.30am Mass this weekend. Today we have the enrolment of Bailey Stirling. The other candidates will be presented on June 3.

Bailey Stirling is nine years old and lives in Halls Gap at a busy Tourist Park. He enjoys living where he does because he has fun exploring the mountains and he loves wildlife.

There are always lots of people around and there is plenty of room for him to play his favourite sports, which are cricket and football. Bailey also loves riding his bike and playing with his dog, Max. Bailey attends

Halls Gap Primary School.



Charlie Dunn

Eve Jones

Alice Nellthorp

Amelia Moloney

Above, our candidates from St Patrick's Primary School.

Please keep these children in your prayers.

## DIOCESAN LITURGICAL COMMISSION

Liturgy Formation 2018

Birchip - May 27, 2018

Ararat - June 24, 2018

Hamilton - July 29, 2018

### Program for the day:

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| 10.30am         | Mass celebrated by Bishop Paul Bird CSsR    |
| 12.00noon       | Welcome                                     |
| 12.05pm         | Introduction by Bishop Paul "Pastoral Care" |
| 1.00pm          | Lunch - will be supplied by parish          |
| 1.45pm - 2.45pm | Workshop                                    |
| 2.45pm - 3.45pm | Workshop                                    |
| 3.45pm - 4.30pm | Plenary & Prayer of the Church              |

**Workshops:** *The workshops are offered twice so participants can choose two of the three:*

**Launch of the Guidelines for the Use of Visual Display Systems in Liturgical Celebrations:** *In many of our Ballarat diocesan churches, we are fortunate to have visual display systems. However, as with anything new being added to something very old, we sometimes need to explore how to meld the two together and ensure that those gathered in prayer are able to participate fully, consciously and actively in the liturgy being celebrated.*

**Prayerful Engagement with Scripture in the Liturgy:** *This workshop responds to Vatican II's invitation to all of us to engage more closely with Scripture, whether we are proclaiming the Word, listening to the Word or preparing for the Liturgy. This workshop will look at the role of Scripture in the Liturgy and how we can engage with Scripture in a prayerful way.*

**RCIA:** *On overview of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and the role of the parish.*

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**LITURGY FORMATION 2018**

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