

ROSTERS:**LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):**

This Week (June 24)

Readers: K Christie/C Browne

Procession of Gifts: G & K Christie

Ext Minister: G Christie

Next Week (June 17)

Readers: J Murphy/J Brown

Procession of Gifts: Betty Amarant/J Murphy

Ext Minister: J Murphy

Church Care: Betty Amarant J Murphy

Church Grounds—JULY—B Browne

STAWEll:

This Week (June 23) 6.00PM

Welcomer:

Readers: T Brady/N Rathgeber

Ext. Ministers: C Barker/A Ellis

Procession of Gifts: I Robinson

(June 24) 10.30AM **CONFIRMATION/FIRST COMMUNION**

Families and friends of candidates will act as Ministers.

Readers: M Howard/E McIntyre

Ext Ministers: L Moloney, G Comitti, D Jones

Procession of Gifts: Sacramental Candidates

Next Week

(June 30) 6.00PM

Welcomer:

Readers: D Jones/A Ellis

Ext. Ministers: N Rathgeber/J Obi

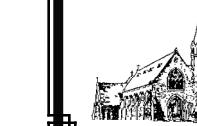
Procession of Gifts: J Allan

(July 1) 10.30AM

Readers: L Morgan/M Maestros

Ext. Ministers: M R Thomas/K Ashton/S Enriquez

Procession of Gifts: G & G Pickering

Counters: Today: M & L Habben**Next Week:** G Pickering/E Driscoll**ALTAR SOCIETY:** Working Bee, 9.30am**MARY'S STATUE:** 24-30 June Nat Rathgeber.**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 B:**Stawell: Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday at 10.30am.
Landsborough: Sunday Mass at 8.30am.**WEEKDAY MASSES (YEAR 2):**Tues; Wed; Thurs; Fri 10.00am. 2nd & 4th Wednesday of Month—Even tide-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.*The English translation of the Psalm Responses, the Alleluia and Gospel Verses, and the Lenten Gospel Acclamations from the Lectionary for Mass © 1997, 1981, 1968, International Committee on English in the Liturgy, Inc. All rights reserved.*Our diocesan website:
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Stawell-Glenorchy-Great Western-Halls Gap-Landsborough-

The Nativity of John The Baptist - Year B

June 24, 2018

The Celebration of Confirmation and First Communion**SUNDAY MISSAL Pg. 996****ANNIVERSARIES:**

Tony Van Diesen

CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION will be celebrated at 10.30am Mass, today. Please continue to pray for the five children, Charley Dunne, Eve Jones, Millie Moloney, Alice Nellthorp and Bailey Stirling. We welcome them and their families and friends, especially those who have travelled from other places to share in their day.**DEAR PARISHIONERS,**

St Patrick's Parish Op Shop is seeking volunteers. We are hoping you may be able to spare 5 hours per fortnight to help out in various jobs to help run the store, including serving, sorting, shelving.

Enquiries to Helen Potter 0427590318

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection: \$ 375.50

Parish Collection: \$ 1,366.00

Loose Collection: \$ 205.95
Collection is for the clergy**SICK LIST**

Noah Amarant; Kathryn Young; Glenis Leddin; Val Seeary; 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.

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 GIV-
ING ARE ASKED TO SEE FR
ERIC OR GLORIA PICKERING
OR FILL IN ONE OF THE CENSUS
FORMS IN THE CHURCH.
THANK YOU..**

HUMOUR:

A Sunday school teacher was teaching her class about the difference between right and wrong.

"All right children, let's take another example," she said. "If I were to get into a man's pocket and take his wallet with all his money, what would I be?"

Little Johnny raises his hand, and with a confident smile, he blurts out, "You'd be his wife!"

NEWS:

PHILIPPINES BISHOPS SHOOT DOWN GUN PROPOSAL

Published: 20 June 2018

A spate of priest killings in the Philippines has sparked a difficult debate over whether clerics should carry guns. Source: The Australian.

The Catholic Bishops Conference has spoken out against the idea after Philippines national police chief Oscar Al-bayalde said he would help priests who wanted to arm themselves, as long they acquired permits and learned how to handle weapons.

On Monday, conference president Archbishop Romulo Valles said priests had a duty to turn the other cheek as "men of peace, not violence" and he "strongly" opposed their being armed.

That came after the Philippine Daily Inquirer quoted unnamed priests admitting they had bought guns or were considering doing so following the June 10 murder of priest Fr Richmond Nilo, 44.

THIS WEEK:

**WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:
Tues, Thurs, Fri 10.00am
Wed, Eventide 10.30am**

**WEDNESDAY - CENTERING
PRAYER IN THE PARISH HALL,
2.00PM.**

**CONFESIONS —Before or
after 10.00am weekday Masses
by request (i.e. – just ask Fr Eric.) ; 10.00am 1st & 3rd Satur-
days;**

**Landsborough—before Sunday
Mass.**

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

gospel focus

What's in a name?

The name 'John' originates from the Hebrew language and means 'God has shown favour (grace)'. The name given to John the Baptist reflects both the favour God showed to Elizabeth and Zechariah in granting them a son and also the favour that God showed to the people through John. John's whole ministry was to call people back to God; to recognise that they were in God's favour and to respond accordingly through the way they lived their lives. In Luke's gospel, when Jesus announces the commencement of his ministry he announces the coming of the Lord's year of favour.



POPE CONDEMS SEPARATION OF IMMIGRANT FAMILIES

Pope Francis said he stands with the United States bishops who have condemned a policy on immigration that has led to children being separated from their parents. Source: CNS.

"I am on the side of the bishops' conference," Pope Francis said in an interview with the Reuters news agency, published online yesterday. "Let it be clear that in these things, I respect (the position of) the bishops' conference."

Overnight, US President Donald Trump signed an executive order ending the process of separating children from families after they are detained crossing the US border illegally, News.com.au reports.

"We're going to have strong, very strong borders, but we're going to keep the families together," said Mr Trump who said he didn't like the "sight" or "feeling" of children separated from their parents.

He said his order would not end the "zero-tolerance" policy that criminally prosecutes all adults caught crossing the border illegally. The order aims to keep families together while they are in custody, expedite their cases, and ask the Department of Defence to help house families.

Last week, US Conference of Catholic Bishops president Cardinal Daniel DiNardo read a statement on behalf of the bishops denouncing the government's zero-tolerance policy.

"Families are the foundational element of our society, and they must be able to stay together. While protecting our borders is important, we can and must do better as a government, and as a society, to find other ways to ensure that safety. Separating babies from their mothers is not the answer and is immoral," the statement said.

The political rise of populist movements in both the US and in Europe has led to a severe crackdown on men, women and children trying to escape war, violence, poverty and persecution.

In Italy, Interior Minister Matteo Salvini banned the NGO rescue ship Aquarius, with more than 600 migrants aboard, to dock and has vowed to stop any foreign boats carrying rescued migrants into the country.

Pope Francis said the current wave of populist rhetoric against migrants was "creating psychosis" and that people seeking a better life should not be rejected.

Europe, he added, is facing a "great demographic winter" and, without immigration, the continent "will become empty."

"Some governments are working on it, and people have to be settled in the best possible

Fr Nilo was shot dead through his church window in front of parishioners as he prepared for Mass in Nueva Ecija province, north of Manila. He was the third priest since December to be killed in cold blood.

Several politicians are pushing for a Senate investigation into the killings, which some have blamed on a culture of violence and impunity since the 2016 election of President Rodrigo Duterte, a former prosecutor and mayor who came to power promising to fatten the fish of Manila Bay with the bodies of drug dealers and addicts.

In the almost two years since he took office, Mr Duterte has made good on that threat with the police recording 22,983 killings under investigation since the President launched his bloody war on drugs.

Mr Duterte has frequently attacked the Church for speaking out against the killings.

More recently he has begun targeting foreign church workers, including Australian Sr Patricia Fox who this week successfully challenged a deportation order for her work advocating for the poor and disenfranchised.

Manila auxiliary bishop Broderick Padillo told The Australian yesterday: "President Duterte has made many pronouncements against the Church and also pronouncements for killing drug addicts. He even defends the police and their so-called extrajudicial killings. There has been so many killings now.

"We don't know whether there was co-ordination in these (priest) killings, but for sure there is a culture of violence and impunity in this country."

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:

Like the feast of the nativity of Jesus, this feast (The Nativity of John The Baptist) falls on one of the solstices, a hinge point in the cosmos. Some of the patristic writings tell us that the birth of Jesus was placed in the calendar when, in the northern hemisphere, the days began to lengthen. So this day was chosen to celebrate the birth of John precisely because the days were getting shorter. 'He must increase while I must decrease' (John 3:30). This is the time of seasonal change, of cosmic reversal. The entire universe has been alerted. Something new is about to happen.

John the Baptist is the hinge between the old age and the new eschatological age of fulfilment. John himself was never a disciple of Jesus; he did not enter the age that he heralded. He was the trumpet that sounded the coming of the king; he was the rooster that announced the dawning of the new day. He brought the people to the threshold of the new age, but he himself never stepped over into it. The idiosyncratic character of his life caught the attention of the crowds, but he did not keep this attention upon himself. Instead, he used it to point to Jesus, who appears to have been so commonplace that he might have been overlooked had not John cried out. It was John's prophetic destiny to be the sharp-edged sword, the polished arrow. He was the voice that cried in the wilderness: Hear me! Listen! Behold, he is coming!

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Confirmation



*Wisdom
Understanding
Council*

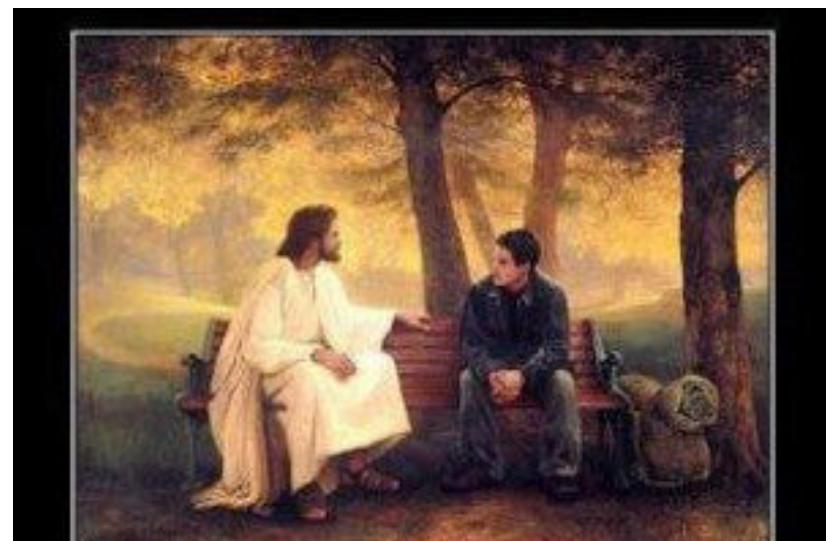


*Knowledge
Strength of Spirit
Holiness*



Wonder and Awe in God's Presence

Let us continue to pray for our young parishioners who have today completed their initiation into the Church. May they grow to be dedicated and faithful followers of Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.



NO, I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT TWITTER.
I LITERALLY WANT YOU TO FOLLOW ME.

--JESUS