

**ROSTERS:**

**LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):**

**This Week** (August 26)

**Readers:** M Browne/J Browne

**Procession of Gifts:** BG & W Browne

**Ext Minister:** J Murphy

**Next Week** (September 2)

**Readers:** C Browne/B G Browne

**Procession of Gifts:** B & C Brown

**Ext Minister:** C Browne

**Church Care:** September 1 C Browne

**Church Grounds—** SEPTEMBER—VOLUNTEER PLEASE

**STAWELL:**

**This Week** (August 25) 6.00PM

**Welcomer:** D McIntosh

**Readers:** J Raeburn/L McIntyre

**Ext. Ministers:** C Barker/L Moloney

**Procession of Gifts:** M, H, J, A Smith

(August 26) 10.30AM

**Readers:** T Wait/K Dalton

**Ext. Ministers:** H Potter/S Enriquez/G Little

**Procession of Gifts:** P Gooden

**Next Week** (September 1) 6.00PM

**Welcomer:** M Rogers

**Readers:** T Brady/A Ellis

**Ext. Ministers:** N Rathgeber/E McIntyre

**Procession of Gifts:** I Robinson

(September 2) 10.30AM

**Readers:** L Morgan/J Van Diesen

**Ext Ministers:** V Enriquez/M Rowe/M R Thomas

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

**Counters: Today:** G Pickering/E Driscoll

**Next Week:** T & A Ellis

**ALTAR SOCIETY:** G Pickering/MarieCray

**MARY'S STATUE:** Aug 26—Sept 1 E T Driscoll; 2-8

D McIntosh; 9-15 H Proud; 16-22 J Launder; 23-29 M

R Thomas

**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-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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**Any queries relating to rosters and volunteers please contact June Raeburn on 53583506.**

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

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year B

August 26, 2018

**SUNDAY MISSAL Pg. 678**

**RECENT DEATHS:**

Kath Reordan, Barry McArthur

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING MONDAY 2.20PM,**

**FR ERIC'S HOLIDAYS:**

Fr John has been marooned in Kerela, India, due to the disastrous floods there. I will delay my holidays until he gets home.

**FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:**

Presbytery Collection \$ 386.90

Parish Collection: \$ 676.00

Loose Collection: \$ 78.75

*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.*

**Social Justice Support Survey**

This very short survey will collect valuable information about the support people need to enable them to action social justice initiatives within their communities. The information gathered will inform the design of an

online resource accessible to all. The purpose of the survey is to find out what you want and need for learning about and living out social justice. There are only 12 statements to answer yes or no to. To complete the survey go to <https://goo.gl/forms/LSaONqXBRCCmLjwv1>

**BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND**

**Collection for Sick and Retired Priests – next weekend**



Creating a secure retirement future for the priests the diocese is a duty and care in which we can all participate. Fifteen retired priests are currently supported by this Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation.

The funding required for these commitments is ongoing. Thanks to your generosity, this collection has raised nearly 1.8 million dollars since its inception in 1991, including nearly \$48,000 last year. Along with the priests' own contribution of approximately

**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 Gerriksen; Margaret Walker; Jordan Young; Steven Oates

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

\$37,000 per year, this annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy.

**A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.**

**CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US – THE CHURCH COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY**

**Plenary Preparation in Ballarat Diocese**

Plenary Council 2020 wants to hear from people around Australia. As part of the Plenary preparation process we are asked to consider and respond to three questions. You are asked to initiate this process in parish communities and other groups or as individuals. Your voice is important to shaping the future of the Church. Ballarat Diocese leaflet about this *Listening and Dialogue* process is available on the Plenary page of the Diocese website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) or ph. 5337 7125.

**THIS WEEK:**

**WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:**

Tues, Wed, Thurs, 10.00am

Fri: Barry McArthur's Funeral—  
11.30am

St V De Paul Meeting Monday 2.30pm

**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:**

A man, down on his luck, went into a church which catered to the "uppity". Spotting the man's dirty clothes a deacon, worried about the churches image, went to the man and asked him if he needed help. The man said, "I was praying and the Lord told me to come to this church."

The deacon suggested that the man go pray some more and possibly he might get a different answer. The next Sunday the man returned. The deacon asked, "Did you get a different answer?"

The man replied, "Yes I did. I told the Lord that they don't want me in that church and the Lord said, 'Don't worry about it son; I've been trying to get into that church for years and haven't made it yet.'"

**NEWS:**

**Flooding in Kerala, India**

There have been significant earthquakes and hundreds of aftershocks in Lombok since an initial earthquake on July 29, 6.4 M<sub>w</sub> on the north coast of Lombok Island in West Tenggara province. On August 5 there was a 7.0 M<sub>w</sub> earthquake followed by a 6.2 M<sub>w</sub> quake on August 9. All four districts in Lombok (West, Central, East and North) and its capital Mataram city have been affected, as well as six districts in Bali and the capital Denpasar city. Official death toll in excess of 300, the recent flooding in Kerala state have rendered an estimated 800,000 people homeless and seeking refuge in approximately 4,000

camps. Caritas Australia's sister organisations in-country, Caritas India and Catholic Relief Services (CRS) are already working with partners to distribute basic household supplies, shelter and hygiene kits to the most affected families. Emergency water and sanitation (WASH) activities are currently being developed to address immediate needs and reduce the potential for disease outbreaks. Report has been received of urgent needs including clean water, food, blankets, mats, tents, fast food, and trauma healing services. Caritas Australia has 2 staff members on ground assessing needs both immediate and long term. If your parish wish to make a donation there is opportunity for parishioners to contribute online [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au) alternatively if you wish to receive emergency appeal envelopes, please do not hesitate to make contact with me on 0 4 0 3 9 0 2 9 2 1 or [sue.searls@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:sue.searls@ballarat.catholic.org.au). Sue Searls, Ballarat Diocesan Director, Caritas Australia.

**Keep Fr John in your prayers. He is stranded on Kerela.**

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:**

When I was a boy (is it so long ago?) it was still the rule at Mass that only the priest drank from the chalice. One of the great actions of the Church over the last fifty years has been the recovery of the ancient practice of offering Holy Communion under the appearance of both bread and wine.

The reception of both the consecrated bread and the consecrated wine is in perfect harmony with today's Gospel: 'Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life.' Note the present tense: 'has' – right now! This is because, as St John Paul II put it: 'We digest, as it were, the secret of the Resurrection.'

Of course, Our Risen Lord is really present under the appearance of either the bread or the wine. For a Jew, (unlike the Greeks) the body was absolutely core to being the person one is. For a Jew, blood was identified as the life-force of any animal. So, for the Jewish Jesus, to say 'This is my body... this is my blood' was to gift us his core identity, his deepest vitality. Either the consecrated bread or consecrated wine gives us His whole life.

But to receive both the Heavenly Bread and the Spiritual Drink does enable us to more fully respond to Our Lord at the Last Supper: 'Take, eat ... take, drink'. Then the words of today's Gospel can more physically resonate in our own bodies: 'He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I in him.'

We could take a moment to pray in thanksgiving that we are able to join in the tradition starting with the Apostles at the Last Supper and, in doing so, to enter into Holy Communion with the only One who can embody in us the secret of His resurrection.

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