

**ROSTERS:**

**LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):**

**This Week** (September 23)

**Readers:** Kate Vance/Jenny Murphy

**Procession of Gifts:** Betty Amarant/Kate Vance

**Ext Minister:** Kate Vance

**Next Week** (September 30)

**Readers:** Connie Browne/Maureen Browne

**Procession of Gifts:** J & C Browne

**Ext Minister:** Betty Amarant

**Church Care:** September 22 M Browne

**Church Grounds—** SEPTEMBER—VOLUNTEER

**STAWELL:**

**This Week** (September 22) 6.00PM

**Welcomer:** D McIntosh

**Readers:** D Jones/L McIntyre

**Ext. Ministers:** J Obi/P Price

**Procession of Gifts:** M Smith Family

(September 23) 10.30AM

**Readers:** T Wait/K Dallinger

**Ext. Ministers:** M Rowe/V Enriquez/K Ashton

**Procession of Gifts:** P Gooden

**Next Week** (September 29) 6.00PM

**Welcomer:** M Rogers

**Readers:** J Raeburn/N Rathgeber

**Ext. Ministers:** M Maestros/ A Ellis

**Procession of Gifts:** I Robinson

(September 30) 10.30AM

**Readers:** M R Thomas/K Dalton

**Ext Ministers:** T Wait/G Comitti/L Morgan

**Procession of Gifts:** Cain/Rutter Family

**Counters: Today:** L & M Habben

**Next Week:** Terry and Anne Ellis

**ALTAR SOCIETY:** Gabrielle and Pat

**MARY'S STATUE:** Sept 16-22 J Launder; 23-29 M R Thomas

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

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year B

September 23, 2018

**SUNDAY MISSAL Pg. 695**

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Lorraine Preuss

Frances De Goede

Hugh Thompson

**FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:**

Presbytery Collection \$  
384.40

Parish Collection: \$ 393.00

Loose Collection: \$ 99.90

*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.*

**"A MISSION FOR LIFE" PRESENTED BY FR RICHARD LEONARD SJ**

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Wendouree is hosting "A Mission for Life" presented by Fr Richard

Leonard SJ from October 29 -31, 2008. **Topics are:**

**Monday, October 29**

"Going out into the world we need all the help we can get"

**Tuesday, October 30**

"Nine steps to making better choices for my life"

**Wednesday, October 31**

"Where the hell is God"  
Holding on to Faith through

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

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

the tough times  
**(Hourly Sessions at 9.00am  
or 7.00pm each day)**  
**See the poster on the Notice  
Board.**

### **SCHOOL HOLIDAYS:**

We pray that the children,  
Staff and parents/carers  
have a great holiday, and  
return refreshed and ready  
for the fourth term.

#### **THIS WEEK:**

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

**Monday—St Vincent de Paul  
Meeting 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 Er-  
ic.) ; 10.00am 1st & 3rd Satur-  
days;  
Landsborough—before Sunday  
Mass.  
Any other time contact Fr Eric  
0419 597 063**

#### **HUMOUR:**

The preacher, in his Sunday sermon, used "Forgive Your Enemies" as his subject. After a long sermon, he asked how many were willing to forgive their enemies. About half held up their hands. Not satisfied he harangued for another twenty minutes and repeated his question. This time he received a response of about 80 per cent. Still unsatisfied, he lectured for another 15 minutes and repeated his question. With all thoughts now on Sunday dinner, all responded except one elderly lady in the rear.

"Mrs. Jones, are you not willing to forgive your enemies?"

"I don't have any."

"Mrs. Jones, that is very unusual. How old are you?"

"Ninety three."

"Mrs. Jones, please come down in front and tell the congregation how a person can live to be ninety-three, and not have an enemy in the world."

The little sweetheart of a lady tottered down the aisle, very slowly turned around and said:

"It's easy, I just outlived the mongrels."

**NEWS:**  
**FORMER GOVERNOR-GENERAL BILL HAYDEN  
BAPTISED**

*Published: 19 September 2018*



At the age of 85, and after a lifetime as a declared atheist, former Labor leader and governor-general Bill Hayden has been baptised as a

Catholic. Source: The Catholic Leader.

"There's been a gnawing pain in my heart and soul about what is the meaning of life. What's my role in it?" Mr Hayden said.

Now in declining health, the former federal opposition leader and foreign minister said he hoped his new-found faith might encourage others as the Church passes through difficult times.

"This took too long, and now I am going to be devoted.

"From this day forward I'm going to vouch for God," Mr Hayden told The Catholic Leader as he prepared to be welcomed into the Church at St Mary's Church, Ipswich, west of Brisbane, on September 9.

Fr Peter Dillon said he felt a "real closeness" Mr Hayden as he baptised him.

"It was a big thing for him ... an act of submission to the fact that there was no denying for him that God is real and he had come to discover that," he said

Mr Hayden attributed his conversion to the influence of his own mother, who was Catholic, and of the Ursuline Sisters, who taught him at primary school.

However, it was a recent hospital visit to see Sister of Mercy Angela Mary Doyle that proved the pivotal moment in Mr Hayden's faith journey.

"I have always felt embraced and loved by her Christian example," Mr Hayden said of the 93-year-old who has been a lifelong inspiration of service to him, and who was among the congregation at the baptism.

The morning after visiting Sr Angela Mary, Mr Hayden said he woke with "the strong sense that I had been in the presence of a holy woman. So after dwelling on these things I found my way back to the core of those beliefs – the Church."

#### **SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:**

Jesus opens our eyes to the reality of God's presence in our midst, in the goodness of people and in the tenderness of life, even in its vulnerability. He opens our ears to hear the word of God spoken to us by others, revealed to us through the created world.

There is an eschatological dimension to being open to the word of God, because we are opened to hear something from the future. The prophets always speak about this future in the present tense. They see it happening already. Isaiah proclaims, 'Here is your God!' and the world is transformed. Jesus says 'Be open.' The good news always opens us to future possibilities, to personal and communal transformation, to a new creation. With the word of God, the future invades our present.

Although the eschatological future is already present to us, it is only unfolding, it has not yet opened completely. We still judge each other by appearances. We still miss the presence of God in the poor and the dispossessed, in those who suffer from disease or war or loneliness. We still shun those of another race, or those who have been shaped by another culture, or those who worship God in a different way. Although the eschatological future is already present, we have not yet put aside all of the biases of the past, we have not yet been fully transformed. But God has spoken, God has come to save us. God is trustworthy; God keeps faith forever.

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