

ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (September 30)
Readers: Connie Browne/Maureen Browne
Procession of Gifts: J & C Browne
Ext Minister: Betty Amarant

Next Week (October 7)
Readers: C Browne/J Murphy
Procession of Gifts: E Amarant/J Murphy
Ext Minister: J Murphy

Church Care: October 6 - E Amarant/
J Murphy
Church Grounds— OCTOBER—R BROWN

STAWELL:

This 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

Next Week (October 6) 6.00PM
Welcomer: M Cray
Readers: T Brady/J Raeburn
Ext. Ministers: N Rathgeber/B Walsh
Procession of Gifts: J Allan

(October 7) 10.30AM
Welcomer: E. Driscoll
Readers: L Morgan/J Van Diesen
Ext. Ministers: G Comitti/V Enriquez/
H Potter
Procession of Gifts: L & M Habben

Counters: Today: Terry and Anne Ellis
Next Week: G Pickering/E Driscoll

ALTAR SOCIETY: Marie & Gloria

MARY'S STATUE: Sept 30—October 6 N &
E Musumeci; 7-13 G Comitti

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: 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 Stawell Newsletter

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time B—September 30, 2018



ANNIVERSARIES:
Arch McSparron
Mary Cameron, Tony Pickering



Daylight saving commences NEXT Sunday, October 7. Wind your clocks forward.

Ecumenical Service—this evening, Sunday—5.00pm - Uniting Church - Scallan Street

THIS WEEK:

WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:

Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 10.00am

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 Eric.) ; 10.00am 1st & 3rd Saturdays; Landsborough—before Sunday Mass.

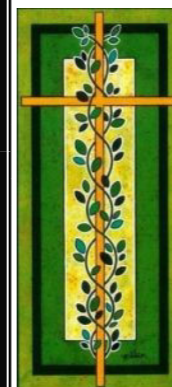
Any other time contact Fr Eric 0419 597 063

Australian Catholic Social Justice Statement 2018-2019: "A Place to Call Home"

Social Justice Sunday will be celebrated on September 30. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is entitled: *A Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land.* This is a response to the growing problem of homelessness in Australia. For further details, a copy of the statement and relevant resources, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/publications/social-justice-statements#SJS2018 or call (02) 8306 3499.

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

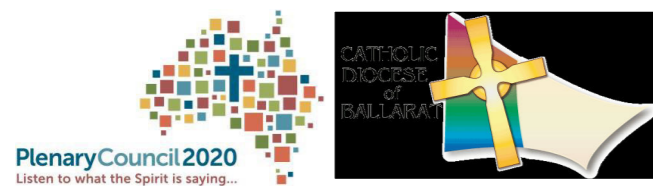
Presbytery Collection \$ 423.35
Parish Collection: \$ 330.00
Loose Collection: \$ 149.50
Collection is for the clergy stipend, presbytery costs and support of the bishop and sick and retired priests. The 2nd collection is for the upkeep of the parish.



SICK LIST

Noah Amarant; Kathryn Young; Glenis Leddin; Val Seary; 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; Margaret Walker; Jordan Young;

NEWS



Plenary Council 2020 Preparations Gatherings around the Ballarat Diocese with Lana Turvey-Collins, October 2018

Representatives from Parishes, school communities, Catholic organisations, and all others who might be interested, are invited to attend one of the Gatherings at four regional centres around Ballarat Diocese in October 2018.

The Gatherings will be an opportunity to hear from and meet Ms Lana Turvey-Collins, Facilitator of the Australian Plenary Council 2020 Preparation Team. She will give insights into the process of *Listening and Dialogue* that is now open to hear the voices of all who wish to respond. Lana will also talk about the overall 3-year process of preparing for the Plenary Council 2020 and answer any questions.

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| Thursday 11 October | 7pm | Horsham | St Michael & John's Parish Hall |
| Friday 12 October | 10am | Horsham | St Michael & John's Parish Hall |

Humor:

LAUGHTER AS MEDICINE

It is said that young children laugh as much as 100 to 200 times a day, compared to a large majority of adults who only get zero to several daily laughs. Yet laughter is good not only for the body but also for the soul and Spirit.

Catholic theologian G.K. Chesterton once stated: "Angels can fly because they take themselves lightly" --while devils and demons, we surmise, fell from Grace into the hell-states due to the "heaviness" of their pride, greed and anger.

Thus, as my dear Sufi-Zen poet friend Thomas Burns says: "May you be ridiculously happy!" --or, if you prefer, happily ridiculous!

HOW ENLIGHTENED ARE YOU?

IF....

If you can live without caffeine,
If you can be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,
If you can resist complaining,
If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,
If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,
If you can ignore a friend's limited education and never correct him or her,
If you can resist treating a rich friend better than a poor friend,
If you can face the world without lies and deceit,
If you can conquer tension without medical help,
If you can relax without liquor,
If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,
If you can honestly say that deep in your heart you have no prejudice against creed, color, religion, gender preference, or politics,
--Then you have almost reached the same level of spiritual development as your dog!



Prayer to Saint Michael

Saint Michael the
Archangel, de-
fend us in battle,
be our protec-
tion against the

malice and snares of the devil.

May God

rebuke him we humbly pray; and
do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly
host, by the power of God, thrust
into hell Satan and all evil spirits
who wander through the world for
the ruin of souls. Amen.

NEXT WEEKS READINGS:

Sunday, 7 Oct 2018: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time -
Year B

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Gen 2:18-24

A reading from the book of Genesis

They were two in one flesh.

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones,
and flesh from my flesh!

This is to be called woman,
for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 127. R. v.5

(R.) May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. (R.)

2. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. (R.)

3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life!
May you see your children's children.
On Israel, peace! (R.)

Second Reading Hebrews 2:9-11

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

He who sanctifies, and those who are sanctified have one origin.

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through

whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.
The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation cf. 1 Jn 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

If we love one another,
God will live in us in perfect love.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 10:2-16

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark

What God has joined together, no one must divide.

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing. The Gospel of the Lord.

Questions for Adults

Q. How does this passage help explain the Church's position on divorce?

Q. Is the clash between the church's position on divorce and society standards helpful or harmful?

Q. Why does the gospel writer include this passage in a section about what it means to be a disciple?

Q. In what ways does the teaching about children challenge us today?