

ROSTERS:

LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

This Week (November 4)
Readers: M Browne/J Browne
Procession of Gifts: R & C Brown
Ext Minister: E Amarant

Next Week (November 11)
Readers: C Browne/J Murphy
Procession of the gifts: J & C Browne
Ext. Minister: Ben McEvoy

Church Care: November 3 - M Browne

Church Grounds— OCTOBER—R Brown

STAWELL:

This Week (October 27) 6.00PM
Welcomer: N Rathgeber
Readers: L McIntyre/M Maestros
Ext. Ministers: D Jones/L Moloney
Procession of Gifts: P Price

(October 28) 10.30AM

Welcomer: K Ashton
Readers: K Dalton/M R Thomas
Ext Ministers: L Morgan/T Wait/F Harney
Procession of Gifts: L & M Habben

Next Week (November 3) 6.00PM
Welcomer: M Cray
Readers: D Jones/N Rathgeber
Ext. Ministers: M Howard/S Howard
Procession of Gifts: M, H, J, A Smith

(November 4) 10.30AM
Welcomer: R, S, M Farrell
Readers: T Wait/L Morgan
Ext Ministers: S Enriquez/K Ashton/
M R Thomas

Procession of Gifts: G & G Pickering

Counters: Today: G Pickering/E Driscoll
Next Week: T & A Ellis

ALTAR SOCIETY:

Next week: Liz & Kay

MARY'S STATUE:

November 4—10 D Duffy; 11-17 P & H Rathgeber; 18-24 G & G Pickering; 25—Dec 1 D McIntosh; 2-8n N Rathgeber; 9-15 bH ProOwd; 10-22 J Launder; 23-29 Fr Eric

*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.*



You must love the Lord you God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.



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

31st Sunday of Ordinary Time B—November 4, 2018

THIS WEEK:

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**WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:
TUES, WED, THURS, FRI 10.00AM IN CHURCH**

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

NB MASS AT LANDBOROUGH NEXT WEEKEND, NOVEMBER 11, WILL BE AT 12.30PM

RECENT DEATHS:

Alf Evans

I Have been asked if it would be possible to celebrate Mass at Landsborough on November 11 at 12.30pm and to baptize Moira McEvoy during that Mass. Any problems with that for Landsborough people, let me know.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY .

We are trialling meeting on the **second Monday** of each month at **2pm**. Our next meeting will be on Monday 12th November in the church hall at 2pm.

One of the most positive ways of helping families in need throughout Asia and the Pacific to become self sufficient is through education. **THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL ASSIST A STUDENT** program supports students who will not be able to attend schools without education funds. As no administration cost is deducted, 100% of funds donated goes towards students' educational needs for one year. To sponsor one child costs \$70. Pamphlets are available at the back of the church. Or if you would like to donate a few coins towards this St Vincent de Paul program there is a tin at the back of the church.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:

I WOULD LIKE TO CELEBRATE A Children's Liturgy of the Word in the Hall at 10.30am Mass on Sundays. Volunteers would be needed to lead the children in this.. Two adults per week. If interested in helping please contact Fr Eric.

FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection \$ 655.25
Parish Collection: \$ 741.00
Loose Collection: \$ 123.10
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.

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION (RECONCILIATION)



Children in Year 2 and above will have the opportunity to celebrate their First Confession/Reconciliation in a few weeks time. Please contact Fr Eric by Friday, November 9 if you wish your child to take part. Materials will be provided to help with the children's preparation.

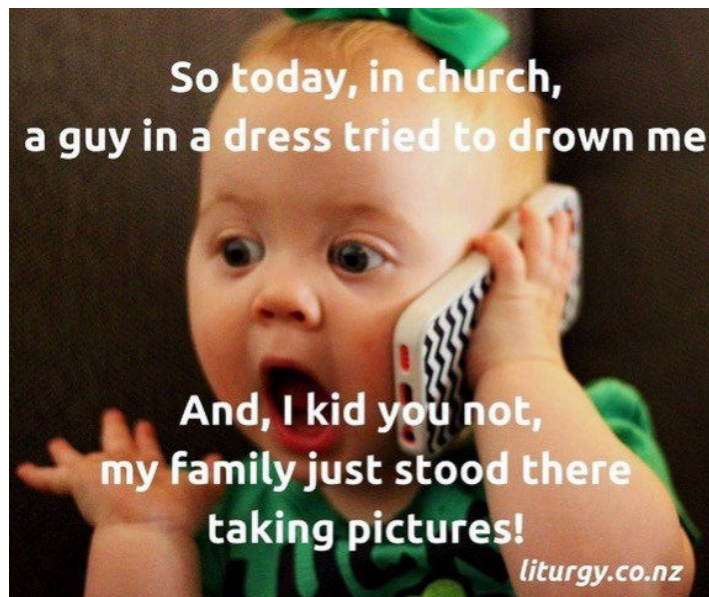
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SICK LIST

Noah Amarant; Kathryn Young; Glenis Leddin; Val Seary; Lourdes de la Cerna; Kath Hayes (Ballarat); John Delaney; Lynn Wright; John Jess; Simon Monas; Angela Moore; Jeff O'Donnell; Peter Duffy (Canada); Kate Sargent; Yvonne Evans; Margaret Boag; Nigel James (Canberra); Ian Kindred; Sharron Pickering; Andrew Van Diesen; Benjamin Wolfson; Bernie O'Callaghan; Patty Fenwick; Robbie Loxton; Nicole Lee (Horsham); Dominic Browne; Brian O'Loughlin; Beryl Walsh; Shirley Gerritsen; Margaret Walker; Jordan Young; Steven Oates; Fr Eric; Marg Rowe, Doreen Duffy

NB: A Family member of the sick person must contact the Parish Office to have names added.

HUMOUR:



Pray for Me!

One Sunday in a Midwest City, a young child was "acting up" during the morning worship hour. The parents did their best to maintain some sense of order in the pew but were losing the battle. Finally, the father picked the little fellow up and walked sternly up the aisle on his way out. Just before reaching the safety of the foyer, the little one called loudly to the congregation, "Pray for me! Pray for me!"

NEWS:

ASIA BIBI'S DEATH SENTENCE OVERTURNED

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Asia Bibi, the Catholic woman condemned to death under Pakistan's blasphemy laws, has had her conviction overturned by the Supreme Court in Pakistan. Source: The Tablet.

The court in the capital, Islamabad, came to a decision on Ms Bibi's case on Monday, 8 October, but only announced the judgment yesterday. She was told by the judge she was free to go immediately.

Ms Bibi herself responded from prison in Lahore: "I can't believe what I am hearing, will I go out now? Will they let me out, really?" She was speaking to a journalist from AFP who reached her by phone.

John Pontifex of Aid to the Church in Need (UK), said: "I spoke [yesterday] to Asia's daughter, Eisham, who is just 18, and she was so happy; it was almost as if she was crying tears of joy down the phone."

He told The Tablet: "We have to salute the courage of the justices in reaching this decision in the face of huge opposition from powerful extremist mobs. This really is a victory for justice, a triumph of honesty and truth over tyranny and oppression."

"For so many thousands of people who have prayed for Asia, this is a long-awaited day. We need to continue praying because now is the most delicate time. So many extremists want her dead and as the process towards her release gets under way, security concerns will be acute. Her family – indeed everyone associated with her – is in danger."

In 2009 Bibi, who worked as a farmhand in Pakistan, was charged with blasphemy against Islam after she brought water from a well reserved for Muslims to a co-worker, who said Bibi had rendered the well "impure" because she was a Christian.

She was sentenced to death in 2010 during a trial at which the Muslim co-worker and her sister were the only direct witnesses.

The judgment of the three-man bench was read out by Chief Justice Saqib Nisarm.

It quotes the Prophet Muhammed: "Beware! Whoever is cruel and hard on a non-Muslim minority, or curtails their rights, or burdens them with more than they can bear, or takes anything from them against their free will; I, Prophet Muhammed, will complain against the person on the day of judgment."



NEXT WEEKS READINGS:

(A chance to prepare ahead)

Sunday, 4 Nov 2018: Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B
Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Deuteronomy 6:2-6

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy
Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R.v.2

(R.) I love you Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. (R)

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be to the God that saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown love for his anointed. (R)

Second Reading Hebrews 7:23-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
This one, because he remains for ever, has an eternal priesthood.

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.
The Word of The Lord.

Gospel Acclamation John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mk 12:28-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it.
One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.
The Gospel of The Lord.

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Questions for Adolescents

Q. How do you think Jesus would have felt when he first saw the scribe approach him?

Q. Of all the commandments, why does Jesus name these two as first and second?

Q. What does it mean to love your neighbour as yourself?

Q. How might we better define 'neighbour'?

Q. Who is a 'neighbour' you need to show more love towards?

Questions for Adults

Q. What is significant about a scribe asking Jesus about the Law?

Q. What does it mean to love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength?

Q. Why is the qualifier of 'as yourself' important in the commandment to love your neighbour?

Q. How would our world be different if people genuinely loved their neighbours?

Q. Which aspect/s of the commandments Jesus named do you need to work on at the moment?