

## ROSTERS:

### LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):

**This Week** (November 25)  
**Readers:** M Browne/C Browne  
**Procession of the gifts:** K & G Blake  
**Ext. Minister:** C Browne

**Next Week** (December 2)  
**Readers:** J Murphy/J Browne  
**Procession of Gifts:** D & M Browne  
**Ext Minister:** B Amarant

**Church Care:** December 1 - M Browne

**Church Grounds—** December—B & P Browne

### STAWELL:

**This Week** (November 24) 6.00PM  
**Welcomer:** N Rathgeber  
**Readers:** T Brady/D Jones  
**Ext. Ministers:** B Walsh/P Price  
**Procession of Gifts:** J Croton

(November 25) 10.30AM  
**Welcomer:** P Gooden  
**Readers:** S Little/T Wait  
**Ext Ministers:** H Potter/S Enriquez/G Little  
**Procession of Gifts:** L & M Habben

**Next Week** (December 1) 6.00PM  
**Welcomer:** M Cray  
**Readers:** L McIntyre/A Ellis  
**Ext. Ministers:** C Barker/J Obi  
**Procession of Gifts:** P Price

(December 2) 10.30AM  
**Welcomer:** M Rowe  
**Readers:** J Van Dienen/H Potter  
**Ext Ministers:** T Wait/M Maestros/V Enriquez  
**Procession of Gifts:** G & G Pickering

**Counters: Today:** M & L Habben  
**Next Week:** E Driscoll/G Pickering

### ALTAR SOCIETY:

Next week: Gloria & Marie

### MARY'S STATUE:

November 25—Dec 1 D McIntosh; Dec 2-8 N Rathgeber; 9-15 H Prowd; 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.*

Heaven  
and  
earth  
will  
pass  
away,  
but  
my  
Word  
will  
not  
pass  
away.

### 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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Our diocesan website:

[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 Stawell Newsletter

## Feast Of Christ the King Year B—November 25, 2018

### THIS WEEK:

#### St Pauls Sunday Missal Page 730

**WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:**  
**TUES, THURS, FRI 10.00AM IN CHURCH**  
**WED, EVENTIDE MASS 10.30AM**

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

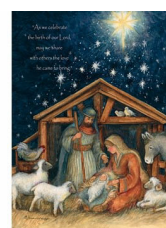
**CONFESSIONS —Before or after 10.00am weekday Masses by request (i.e. – just ask Fr Eric.) ; 10.00am 1st & 3rd Saturdays; Landsborough—before Sunday Mass.**

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

**RECENT DEATHS:** Margaret Giles; Edna O'Halloran (Swan Hill)

### ROSTERS:

New Liturgy Rosters are due to be done in the next few weeks. Still looking for readers, extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and individuals or families take part in the Procession of the Gifts. If you would be interested in being part of any of these Ministries please see Fr Eric or June Raeburn. Thank you.



### COLUMBAN CALENDARS:

Available for sale. \$9.00 each. Get yours now.

### CHRISTMAS CARDS:

Some cards are available for sale. More have been ordered—hopefully they will be here by next weekend. Most \$5.00 per pack of 8 cards.

### FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:

Presbytery Collection \$ 471.10  
Parish Collection: \$ 489.00  
Loose Collection: \$ 239.80  
*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.*

### OUR DIOCESAN COMMUNITY MAGAZINE:

These are available (free). Take your home today.

**FREE E-BOOK** (with church imprimatur) for your computer/tablet/phone:

#### **Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year C-1**

This e-book, which may be downloaded **free of charge** to a computer/tablet/ phone, offers the Gospel for every day of the coming Liturgical Year C-1 beginning with the First Sunday of Advent (Dec 2, 2018). Each daily Gospel has with it a reflection of some 750 words. The e-book may be passed on for downloading to friends or acquaintances as desired. It carries the Imprimatur of Archbishop Anthony Fisher given when he was Bishop of Parramatta.

**Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year C-1** may be accessed at the following:

**[www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/](http://www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/)**

### SICK LIST

Noah Amarant; Kathryn Young; Glenis Leddin; Val Seear; 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 Dienen; 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; Marg Rowe, Doreen Duffy

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

## HUMOUR:

A Jewish father was troubled by the way his son turned out, and went to see his Rabbi about it. "I brought him up in the faith, gave him a very expensive barmitzvah, cost me a fortune to educate him. Then he tells me last week he has decided to be a Christian! Rabbi, where did I go wrong?"

"Funny you should come to me," said the Rabbi. "Like you I, too, brought my boy up in the faith, put him through University, cost me a fortune, then one day he, too, tells me he has decided to become a Christian."

"What did you do?" asked the father.

"I turned to God for the answer" replied the Rabbi.

"And what did he say?" pressed the father.

"God said, 'Funny you should come to me...'"

## NEWS:

### CATHOLICS URGED TO HELP ERADICATE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Published: 22 November 2018



Today, Sunday, is The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

Australian Church leaders are backing Pope Francis' condemnation of domestic violence and are encouraging Catholics to help eradicate violence against women – which has claimed dozens of lives this year. Source: ACBC Media Blog.

The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women will be marked on Sunday, and the Church is joining other parts of the community to highlight the need for action.

"I am appalled by the impact of domestic violence on so many women's lives and on the lives of their families," said Dr Patricia Madigan OP, chair of the Council

for Australian Catholic Women (CACW).

"I grieve the loss of life and call on all Australians, especially Catholic men, to take the lead in creating a culture of nonviolence."

Australian statistics show that, on average, at least one woman dies a violent death at the hands of a current or former partner each week.

Geraldton Bishop Michael Morrissey attended a recent meeting of the CACW and added his voice to those sickened by the epidemic of violence against women.

"Domestic violence is a blight on our society and there are signs it's getting worse," Bishop Morrissey said.

"Police respond to approximately 5000 domestic violence matters every week. Everyone needs to stand up and hold disrespect, abuse and violence against women and children in all its forms to account, without exception."

The CACW has been sharing the words of Pope Francis to underline the Church's strong stance: "Violence against women cannot be treated as 'normal'. It is not right for us to look the other way and let the dignity of so many women, especially young women, be trampled upon."

Women who have been exposed to violence have a greater risk of developing a range of health problems. They experience poorer overall physical health overall and are more likely to engage in practices that are harmful to their health and experience difficulties in accessing health services.

Homelessness is another major issue for women escaping family violence.

The CACW pointed to a number of resources that have been created by Catholic agencies related to domestic violence, including A Catholic Response to Domestic Violence from the Diocese of Broken Bay and the resources developed by Catholic Social Service Victoria.

## NEXT WEEKS READINGS:

### (A chance to prepare ahead)

Sunday, 2 Dec 2018: First Sunday of Advent - Year C

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16

*A reading from the prophet Jeremiah  
I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.*

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

'In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'  
The Word of The Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-5. 8-9. 10. 14. R. v.1

(R.) To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. (R.)

2. The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

3. His ways are faithfulness and love  
for those who keep his covenant and will.  
The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him;  
to them he reveals his covenant. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2

A reading from first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians  
*When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.*  
May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Psalm 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.  
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 21:25-28. 34-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
*Your redemption is near at hand.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

The Gospel of The Lord.

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## LEARNING MOMENTS

Imagine you knew that the world would end in ten years time. How would that affect the way you live your life? What would you want to accomplish before the end? What would be most important? What would suddenly become unimportant or much less important? Would this be a positive way to approach life?

The traditional Advent wreath with its four candles is an excellent reminder of the passing of the four weeks as one additional candle is lit in each of the four weeks. Identify four actions that you can undertake during Advent that are focused on living out the message of Jesus and helping to realise the reign of God. You could write your actions on an illustration of an Advent wreath or wrap each action around a votive candle and create your own Advent wreath.

